

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### 68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON (H) ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Katie Sullivan-D, on March 15, 2023 at 3:01 PM, in 472

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:** Rep. Katie Zolnikov, Chair (R)  
Rep. Steven Galloway, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Larry Brewster (R)  
Rep. Paul Green (R)  
Rep. Derek Harvey (D)  
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)  
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)  
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Paul Fielder (R)  
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

**Staff Present:** Brigitte Bellefleur, Secretary  
Trevor Graff, Research Analyst

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

#### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted:

SJ 5 03/11/2023

SJ 6 03/11/2023

SJ 7 03/11/2023

Executive Action:

SJ 7

15:03:23            **Recessed**

15:05:07            **Reconvened**

**HEARING ON SJ 5 - Resolution urging Congress to fully fund law enforcement in Indian Country**

**Opening Statement:**

15:05:19            Sen. Bob Brown (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SJ 5, Resolution urging Congress to fully fund law enforcement in Indian Country.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:06:58            Dana Toole, Department of Justice

15:08:27            Allen Doane, Department of Justice

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15:09:10            Lance Fourstar, Montana American Indian Caucus

15:11:09            Jason Small, Senator

15:12:28            Susan Webber, Senator/State Tribal Relations Committee

15:14:08            Tyson Running Wolf, House Representative

15:16:29            Ellie Bundy, Tribal Council Representative, SKC Tribes

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:18:37            Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:19:37            Rep. Casey Knudsen

15:19:45            Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe

**Closing Statement:**

15:20:42 Sen. Bob Brown (R), SD 13, closed the hearing on SJ 5.

**HEARING ON SJ 6 - Joint resolution to recognize the Indian boarding school experience**

**Opening Statement:**

15:23:34 Sen. Susan Webber (D), SD 8, opened the hearing on SJ 6, Joint resolution to recognize the Indian boarding school experience.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:28:28 Lance Fourstar, Montana American Indian Caucus  
15:30:25 Jason Small, Senator  
15:31:26 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe  
15:33:36 Ta'jin Perez, Western Native Voice  
15:35:56 Kiegan Medrano, ACLU Montana  
15:39:48 Jade Bahr, Montana Budget and Policy Center  
15:41:06 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence  
15:42:35 Alyssa Kelly, ACLU Montana  
15:45:32 Cherilyn DeVries, Montana Human Rights Network  
15:47:15 Tom Mexicancheyenne, Board Member, Northern Cheyenne  
15:50:23 Martin Charlo, Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribe

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

15:52:10 Sen. Susan Webber (D), SD 8, closed the hearing on SJ 6.

**HEARING ON SJ 7 - Joint resolution recognizing Ireland on St. Patrick's Day**

**Opening Statement:**

15:59:17 Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SJ 7, Joint resolution recognizing Ireland on St. Patrick's Day.

**Proponent Testimony:**

16:03:14 Ross Fitzgerald, Representative

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:12:34 Vice Chair Katie Sullivan joined the meeting.

**Closing Statement:**

16:06:47 Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D), SD 46, closed the hearing on SJ 7.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 7 - Joint resolution recognizing Ireland on St. Patrick's Day**

16:08:36 **Motion:** Rep. Paul Green moved that **SJ 7 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:08:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:08:36 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Ross Fitzgerald

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:11:36

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Brigitte Bellefleur, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230315FEHaad\)](#)