

MINUTES
MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (H) LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Caleb Hinkle-R, on March 27, 2023 at 12:00 PM, in 455

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Caleb Hinkle, Chair (R)
Rep. Lee Deming, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Paul Green (R)
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Tony Brockman (R)
Rep. Terry Falk (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Amy Regier (R)

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Research Analyst
Katie Reeves, Secretary

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:

HB 855 03/22/2023

HB 856 03/24/2023

Executive Action:

HB 855 DO PASS

HEARING ON HB 856 - Generally revise capitol complex administration laws

Opening Statement:

12:01:45 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 856, Generally revise capitol complex administration laws.

Discussion:

12:02:32 Rep. Marilyn Marler joined the meeting.

12:03:00 Rep. Tony Brockman joined the meeting.

12:04:11 Rep. Terry Falk joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

12:05:04 Misty Ann Giles, Department of Administration

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12:08:01 Eric Burke, Montana Federation of Public Employees

12:09:38 Austin James, Secretary of States Office

Informational Witness Testimony:

12:10:41 Steve Biamonte, General Services Administrator

Questions from Committee:

12:11:16 Vice Chair Ed Stafman

12:11:20 Rep. Terry Falk joined the meeting.

12:11:25 Rep. Matt Regier-R

12:11:47 Rep. Gary Parry

12:11:59 Rep. Matt Regier-R

12:13:10 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald
12:13:22 Misty Ann Giles
12:16:06 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
12:16:32 Misty Ann Giles
12:17:37 Rep. Gary Parry
12:17:50 Misty Ann Giles

Closing Statement:

12:18:40 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, closed the hearing on HB 856.

HEARING ON HB 855 - Provide for plaque or tribute commemorating Chuck Johnson

Opening Statement:

12:20:47 Rep. Laura Smith (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 855, Provide for plaque or tribute commemorating Chuck Johnson.

Proponent Testimony:

12:22:25 Bob Brown, Self
12:23:41 Phil Drake, Independent Newspapers
12:24:13 Mark Roscoe, Self
12:25:05 Jim Strauss, Montana Newspapers Association
12:26:44 Mike Dennison, Self
12:27:43 Jim Hunt, Self
12:28:22 Pat Hunt, Self
12:30:57 John Adams, Montana Free Press
12:32:51 Peter Johnson, Self
12:34:11 Molly Kruckenberg, Montana Historical Society
12:35:11 Susan Byorth Fox, Montana Free Press

12:36:04 Eric Burke, Self
12:36:35 Mary Ann Dunwell, Senator
12:37:55 Richie Melby, Secretary of State Office
12:38:31 Johyn Brueggeman, Self
12:39:57 Evan Barrett, Self
12:41:28 Ray Ekness, Montana Public Radio

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

12:43:49 Rep. Laura Smith (D), HD 79, closed the hearing on HB 855.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 855 - Provide for plaque or tribute commemorating Chuck Johnson

12:47:17 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 855 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

12:47:35 Rep. Steve Gist

12:47:49 Rep. Paul Tuss

12:47:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:49:18

Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230327LEHaad\)](#)