

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

Call to Order: Chair Caleb Hinkle-R, on March 28, 2023 at 12:02 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. Tony Brockman (R)
Rep. Terry Falk (R)
Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Paul Green (R)
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Amy Regier (R)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)

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 845 03/20/2023

HB 920 03/28/2023

Executive Action:

HB 856 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HB 920 TO TABLE

HB 845 DO PASS

HEARING ON HB 920 - Revise capitol complex laws recognizing US senator Thomas Carter

Opening Statement:

12:03:24 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 920, Revise capitol complex laws recognizing US senator Thomas Carter.

Proponent Testimony:

12:05:09 Shannon O'Brien, SD 46

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

12:07:48 Chair Caleb Hinkle

12:07:57 Rep. David Bedey-R

12:08:29 Rep. Tony Brockman

12:08:43 Rep. Gary Parry joined the meeting.

12:08:54 Chair Caleb Hinkle

12:08:57 Rep. David Bedey-R

Closing Statement:

12:09:20 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, closed the hearing on HB 920.

HEARING ON HB 845 - Provide electronic Montana code annotated to state employees at cost

Opening Statement:

12:09:47 Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 845, Provide electronic Montana code annotated to state employees at cost.

Proponent Testimony:

12:12:51 James Reavis, Office of Public Defender

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Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

12:19:39 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
12:20:14 James Reavis
12:22:43 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
12:22:46 Todd Everts, LSD
12:24:43 Rep. Gary Parry
12:24:53 Todd Everts
12:26:06 Rep. Paul Tuss joined the meeting.
12:27:19 Rep. Tony Brockman
12:27:33 Todd Everts

Closing Statement:

12:28:28 Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D), HD 96, closed the hearing on HB 845.

12:38:59 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 856 - Generally revise capitol complex administration laws

12:39:12 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 856 DO PASS.**
12:40:23 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 856 BE AMENDED.**
12:40:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
12:43:10 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 856 BE AMENDED.**

12:43:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

12:44:18 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 856 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

12:44:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 920 - Revise capitol complex laws recognizing US senator
Thomas Carter**

12:44:56 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 920 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

12:45:15 Rep. Steve Gist

12:45:22 Joe Kolman

12:46:04 Rep. Gary Parry joined the meeting.

12:46:10 Rep. Gary Parry

12:46:15 Joe Kolman

12:46:37 Rep. Steve Gist

12:46:52 Rep. Terry Falk

12:44:56 **Vote:** Motion failed 10 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Hinkle, Rep. Marler, Rep. Regier, Rep. Romano, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Walsh, voting yes.
Rep. Regier, By Proxy

12:48:25 **Motion:** Rep. Gary Parry moved that **HB 920 TO TABLE.**

12:48:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 845 - Provide electronic Montana code annotated to state
employees at cost**

12:48:39 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 845 DO PASS.**

12:48:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:50:19

Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230328LEHaad\)](#)