

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON (H) STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Julie Dooling-R, on April 17, 2023 at 9:09 AM, in 455

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Julie Dooling, Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly Kortum, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bob Phalen, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Denise Baum (D)
Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R)
Rep. Tony Brockman (R)
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Paul Green (R)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

Staff Present: Heather Kellum, Secretary
Rebecca Power, 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:

HR 7 04/14/2023

Executive Action:

SB 565 TO TABLE
HR 7 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

HEARING ON HR 7 - Resolution on Colstrip's 100th anniversary

Opening Statement:

09:10:12 Rep. Gary Parry (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HR 7, Resolution on Colstrip's 100th anniversary.

Proponent Testimony:

09:10:54 George Harris, Montana Coal Counsel

09:16:42 Bob Gilbert, City of Colstrip

09:17:45 Amanda Frickle, Montana American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:19:36 Rep. Linda Reksten

09:22:25 Rep. Paul Green

09:23:14 Rep. Michael Yakawich

09:24:46 Rep. Frank Smith

Closing Statement:

09:25:36 Rep. Gary Parry (R), HD 39, closed the hearing on HR 7.

09:28:02 **Recessed**

10:01:39 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 565 - Generally revise primary election and nomination laws

10:01:54 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Phalen moved that **SB 565 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:02:13 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Phalen moved that **SB 565 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:03:00 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

10:03:34 Rebecca Power

10:02:13 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 6 by voice vote with Rep. Baum, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. Smith, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Weatherwax, voting no. Rep. Weatherwax, By Proxy

10:06:47 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Phalen moved that **SB 565 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:07:00 Vice Chair Kelly Kortum

10:07:46 Rep. Ed Stafman

10:08:16 Rep. Linda Reksten

10:08:41 Rebecca Power

10:09:05 Chair Julie Dooling

10:06:47 **Vote:** Motion failed 10 - 8 by voice vote with Rep. Bertoglio, Rep. Dooling, Rep. Green, Rep. Phalen, Rep. Reksten, Rep. Walsh, Rep. Wirth, Rep. Yakawich, voting yes.

10:10:22 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Phalen moved that **SB 565 TO TABLE.**

10:10:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HR 7 - Resolution on Colstrip's 100th anniversary

10:10:54 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Phalen moved that **HR 7 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

10:11:07 Rep. Michael Yakawich

10:11:58 Rep. Gregory Frazer

10:12:42 Rep. Gary Parry

10:12:48 Rep. Gregory Frazer

10:12:53 Rep. Gary Parry

10:10:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:14:37

Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230417STHaad\)](#)