

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA SENATE**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (S) FINANCE AND CLAIMS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Carl Glimm-R, on March 23, 2023 at 9:04 AM, in 317

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Sen. John Esp, Chair (R)  
Sen. Janet Ellis, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)  
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)  
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)  
Sen. John Fuller (R)  
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)  
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)  
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)  
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)  
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Sen. Carl Glimm (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)  
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)

**Staff Present:** Julie Johnson, Research Analyst  
Joe Triem, Fiscal Analyst  
Cy Walsh, 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:

Executive Action:

HB 81 TO TABLE  
HB 375 TO TABLE  
SB 402 DO PASS AS AMENDED

09:05:12 Sen. Morigeau has left

09:05:19 Sen. Lang has arrived

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 81 - Create new state veterans' cemetery**

09:10:18 **Motion:** Sen. Daniel Salomon moved that **HB 81 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

09:10:27 Chair John Esp

09:11:04 Sen. John Fuller

09:11:54 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

09:10:18 **Vote:** Motion failed 10 - 9 by roll call vote with Sen. Bartel, Sen. Bogner, Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Fuller, Sen. Lang, Sen. Mandeville, Sen. McGillvray, Sen. Salomon, Sen. Vance, voting yes.  
Sen. McGillvray, By Proxy

09:14:47 **Motion:** Sen. Daniel Salomon moved that **HB 81 TO TABLE.**

09:14:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 375 - Appropriate funds to pave road providing access to  
Lost Creek State Park**

09:15:45 **Motion:** Sen. Daniel Salomon moved that **HB 375 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

09:15:53 Chair John Esp

09:16:25 Sen. Dennis Lenz

09:17:59 Sen. Dan Bartel

09:19:55 Chair John Esp

09:20:05 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

09:21:52 Sen. Dan Bartel

09:22:29 Sen. Daniel Salomon

09:15:45 **Vote:** Motion failed 10 - 9 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Lang, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, Sen. Salomon, Sen. Welborn, voting yes.  
Sen. Boldman, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, By Proxy

09:23:56 **Motion:** Sen. Daniel Salomon moved that **HB 375 TO TABLE.**

09:23:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 402 - Allow for firefighter hazard pay**

09:24:26 **Motion:** Sen. Daniel Salomon moved that **SB 402 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

09:24:49 Vice Chair Janet Ellis

09:24:56 **Motion:** Sen. Janet Ellis moved that **SB 402 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

09:25:59 Sen. Mike Lang

09:26:39 Vice Chair Janet Ellis

09:27:09 Sen. Mike Lang

09:27:35 Sen. Pat Flowers

09:29:08 Chair John Esp

09:29:15 Sen. Dennis Lenz

09:24:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:30:24 **Motion:** Sen. Daniel Salomon moved that **SB 402 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

09:30:33 Sen. Mike Cuffe left the meeting.

09:30:34 Sen. Pat Flowers

09:31:18 Chair John Esp

09:31:59 Sen. Pat Flowers

09:33:38 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

09:35:35 Vice Chair Janet Ellis

09:36:35 Chair John Esp

09:37:14 Sen. Dennis Lenz

09:30:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 5 by roll call vote with Sen. Esp, Sen. Glimm, Sen. Lenz, Sen. McGillvray, Sen. Vance, voting no.  
Sen. Glimm, Sen. McGillvray, By Proxy

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:43:34

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Cy Walsh, Secretary

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