

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Walt Sales-R, on April 13, 2023 at 3:56 PM, in 317

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Walt Sales, Chair (R)
Sen. Jason Small, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Denise Hayman (D)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)
Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)

Staff Present: Hunter Camac, Attorney
Jason Mohr, OBPP Staffer
Jack Racicot, Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

Executive Action:

HB 804
HB 220

15:57:07 Sen. Fitzpatrick has left
15:57:58 **Committee Discussion:** HB 804 Amendments
15:58:04 Jason Mohr

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 804 - Providing broadband funding review requirements

15:58:59 **Motion:** Vice Chair Jason Small moved that **HB 804 BE CONCURRED IN.**
15:57:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
15:59:23 **Motion:** Vice Chair Jason Small moved that **HB 804 BE AMENDED.**
15:59:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
16:00:36 **Motion:** Vice Chair Jason Small moved that **HB 804 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**
16:00:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. Regier, voting no.
16:00:36 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Jason Small

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 220 - Create select committee on energy resource planning and acquisition

16:01:50 **Motion:** Vice Chair Jason Small moved that **HB 220 BE CONCURRED IN.**
Discussion:
16:02:25 Sen. Denise Hayman
16:02:50 Jason Mohr
16:03:42 Chair Walt Sales
16:03:51 Jason Mohr
16:04:02 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov
16:05:49 Sen. Christopher Pope
16:01:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 5 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Hayman, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Molnar, Sen. Pope, voting no.
Sen. Ellis, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Molnar, By Proxy
16:01:50 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Mike Cuffe

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:09:21

Jack Racicot, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230413ENSaad\)](#)