

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA SENATE**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (S) LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Lang-R, on April 18, 2023 at 11:32 AM, in 335

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Sen. Mike Lang, Chair (R)  
Sen. Jen Gross (D)  
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)  
Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. John Esp (R)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)

**Staff Present:** Joe Kolman, Research Analyst  
Lynnette Sena, 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 929 04/14/2023

SR 53 04/14/2023

SR 58 04/14/2023

Executive Action:

SR 58 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

SR 53 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

HB 929 TO TABLE

**HEARING ON SR 53 - Senate resolution recognizing the service of Mike Dennison**

**Opening Statement:**

11:32:52 Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SR 53, Senate resolution recognizing the service of Mike Dennison.

**Proponent Testimony:**

11:33:31 Jasmine Krotkov, Montana Farmers Union

11:34:50 Jim Stauss, Montana Newspaper Association (MNA)

11:36:00 Mary Ann Dunwell, Senator, Senate District 42

**Opponent Testimony:**

11:37:57 Dee Brown, self

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

11:39:37 Sen. Jen Gross

11:39:52 Sen. Jason Ellsworth

**Closing Statement:**

11:40:45 Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R), SD 43, closed the hearing on SR 53.

**HEARING ON SR 58 - Resolution honoring Chuck Johnson**

**Opening Statement:**

11:41:49 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SR 58, Resolution honoring Chuck Johnson.

**Proponent Testimony:**

11:44:39 Jim Strauss, Montana Newspaper Association (MNA)

11:45:54 Pat Hunt, self

11:49:17 Molly Kruckenberg, Director, Montana Historical Society

11:49:57 Jasmine Krotkov, Montana Farmers Union

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

11:50:40 Chair Mike Lang

**Closing Statement:**

11:51:12 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), SD 42, closed the hearing on SR 58.

**HEARING ON HB 929 - Study bill on the impeachment process**

**Opening Statement:**

11:51:58 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 929, Study bill on the impeachment process.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

11:54:37 Sen. Jen Gross

11:55:55 Vice Chair John Esp joined the meeting.

11:58:23 Rep. Steve Gunderson

11:59:09 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

11:59:40 Joe Kolman

12:00:20 Chair Mike Lang

12:00:33 Rep. Steve Gunderson

12:01:52 Sen. Jen Gross

**Closing Statement:**

12:02:38 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, closed the hearing on HB 929.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 58 - Resolution honoring Chuck Johnson**

12:04:35 **Motion:** Vice Chair John Esp moved that **SR 58 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

12:04:51 Sen. John Esp

12:05:04 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

12:05:07 Sen. John Esp

12:05:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 5 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. Esp, voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 53 - Senate resolution recognizing the service of Mike  
Dennison**

12:05:51 **Motion:** Vice Chair John Esp moved that **SR 53 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

12:06:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 5 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. Esp, voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 929 - Study bill on the impeachment process**

12:06:28 **Motion:** Vice Chair John Esp moved that **HB 929 BE CONCURRED IN.**

12:06:34 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Shannon O'Brien moved that **HB 929 TO TABLE.**

12:07:43 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:08:38

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Lynnette Sena, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230418LESaad\)](#)