

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

Call to Order: Chair Jason Small-R, on April 25, 2023 at 3:05 PM, in 317

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Walt Sales, Chair (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Jason Small, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)
Sen. Denise Hayman (D)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)
Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

SR 72 04/20/2023

Executive Action:

SR 72 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

15:06:34 Vice Chair Lynch has left
15:06:43 Sen. Ellis has left
15:06:51 Sen. Pope has left
15:07:56 Sen. Regier has arrived
15:09:52 Sen. Molnar has arrived

HEARING ON SR 72 - Confirm governor's appointees for coal board

Opening Statement:

15:07:15 Chair Walt Sales (R), SD 69, opened the hearing on SR 72, Confirm governor's appointees for coal board.

Proponent Testimony:

15:08:09 Rachel Young, Departments of Commerce (DOC)
15:08:53 Mandy Rambo, Department of Commerce (DOC)
15:09:18 Sen. Usher, Senate District 20

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:10:35 Sen. Denise Hayman
15:10:59 Rachel Young, DOC

Closing Statement:

15:11:37 Chair Walt Sales (R), SD 69, closed the hearing on SR 72.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 72 - Confirm governor's appointees for coal board

15:12:09 **Motion:** Sen. Daniel Zolnikov moved that **SR 72 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

15:12:33 Sen. Brad Molnar

15:12:54 Rachel Young, DOC

15:13:46 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov

15:12:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:15:27

Jack Racicot, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230425ENSaad\)](#)