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FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DAY**

Helena, Montana  
January 05, 2023

House Chambers  
State Capitol

House convened at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Speaker presiding. Invocation by Representative Brewster.  
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call. All members present, except Representatives Flament and Weatherwax, excused.

**BILLS** (C. Hinkle, Chair): 01/05/2023  
Correctly printed: **HB 39, HB 53, HB 73, HB 86.**  
Correctly engrossed: **HB 43, HB 71.**

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**AGRICULTURE** (Kassmier, Chair): 01/03/2023  
**HB 44**, do pass. Report adopted.  
**HB 153**, do pass. Report adopted.

**BUSINESS AND LABOR** (Buttrey, Chair): 01/05/2023  
**HB 43**, introduced bill, be amended with [HB0043.001.001](#) and as amended, do pass. Report adopted.  
**HB 50**, do pass. Report adopted.  
**HB 67**, do pass. Report adopted.  
**HB 71**, introduced bill, be amended with [HB0071.001.001](#) and as amended, do pass. Report adopted.  
**HB 98**, do pass. Report adopted.  
**HB 120**, do pass. Report adopted.

**TAXATION** (Fielder, Chair): 01/05/2023  
**HB 24**, do pass. Report adopted.  
**HB 25**, do pass. Report adopted.

**FIRST READING AND COMMITMENT OF BILLS**

The following House bills were introduced, read first time, and referred to committees:

**HB 104**, introduced by B. Beard (by request of the Department of Livestock), referred to Agriculture.  
**HB 169**, introduced by T. Brockman, referred to Judiciary.  
**HB 170**, introduced by S. Gunderson, referred to Energy, Technology and Federal Relations.  
**HB 171**, introduced by D. Bedey, referred to Education.  
**HB 172**, introduced by D. Bedey, referred to State Administration.

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**SECOND READING OF BILLS  
(COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)**

Majority Leader Vinton moved the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of business on second reading. Motion carried. Representative Ler in the chair.

Mr. Speaker: We, your Committee of the Whole, having had under consideration business on second reading, recommend as follows:

**HB 39** - Representative A. Regier moved **HB 39** do pass. Motion carried as follows:

Yeas: Abbott, Anderson, Barker, Baum, Bedey, Bergstrom, Bertoglio, Binkley, Bishop, Brewster, Brockman, Buckley, Buttrey, Caferro, Carlson, Carter, Cohenour, Deming, Dooling, Duram, Essmann, Etchart, Falk, Fern, Fielder, Fitzgerald, Fitzpatrick, Flament, France, Frazer, Galloway, Gillette, Gist, Green, Gunderson, Hamilton, Harvey, Hawk, Hellegaard, Hinkle C, Hinkle J, Hopkins, Howell, Jones, Karlen, Kassmier, Keenan, Keogh, Kerns, Kerr-Carpenter, Kmetz, Knudsen C, Knudsen R, Kortum, Ler, Loge, Lynch, Malone, Marler, Marshall, Matthews, Mercer, Miner, Mitchell, Moore T, Nave, Nicol, Nikolakakos, Oblander, Parry, Phalen, Read, Regier A, Reksten, Romano, Running Wolf, Rusk, Schillinger, Seekins-Crowe, Sheldon-Galloway, Smith F, Smith L, Smith T, Sprunger, Stafman, Stewart Peregoy, Stromswold, Sullivan, Thane, Tuss, Vinton, Walsh, Weatherwax, Welch, Windy Boy, Wirth, Yakawich, Zephyr, Zolnikov, Mr. Speaker.  
Total 100

Nays: None.  
Total 0

Voted absentee: Flament, Weatherwax, Aye.

Excused: Flament, Weatherwax.  
Total 2

Absent or not voting: None.  
Total 0

**HB 53** - Representative Parry moved **HB 53** do pass. Motion carried as follows:

Yeas: Abbott, Anderson, Barker, Baum, Bedey, Bergstrom, Bertoglio, Binkley, Bishop, Brewster, Brockman, Buckley, Buttrey, Caferro, Carlson, Carter, Cohenour, Deming, Dooling, Duram, Essmann, Etchart, Falk, Fern, Fielder, Fitzgerald, Fitzpatrick, Flament, France, Frazer, Galloway, Gillette, Gist, Green, Gunderson, Hamilton, Harvey, Hawk, Hellegaard, Hinkle C, Hinkle J, Hopkins, Howell, Jones, Karlen, Kassmier, Keenan, Keogh, Kerns, Kerr-Carpenter, Kmetz, Knudsen C, Knudsen R, Kortum, Ler, Loge, Lynch, Malone, Marler, Marshall, Matthews, Mercer, Miner, Mitchell, Moore T, Nave, Nicol, Nikolakakos, Oblander, Parry, Phalen, Read, Regier A, Reksten, Romano, Running Wolf, Rusk, Schillinger, Seekins-Crowe, Sheldon-Galloway, Smith F, Smith L, Smith T, Sprunger, Stafman, Stewart Peregoy, Stromswold, Sullivan, Thane, Tuss, Vinton, Walsh, Weatherwax, Welch, Windy Boy, Wirth, Yakawich, Zephyr, Zolnikov, Mr. Speaker.  
Total 100

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Nays: None.  
Total 0

Voted absentee: Flament, Weatherwax, Aye.

Excused: Flament, Weatherwax.  
Total 2

Absent or not voting: None.  
Total 0

**HB 73** - Representative Loge moved **HB 73** do pass. Motion carried as follows:

Yeas: Abbott, Anderson, Barker, Baum, Bedey, Bergstrom, Bertoglio, Binkley, Bishop, Brewster, Brockman, Buckley, Buttrey, Caferro, Carlson, Carter, Cohenour, Deming, Dooling, Duram, Essmann, Etchart, Falk, Fern, Fielder, Fitzgerald, Fitzpatrick, Flament, France, Frazer, Galloway, Gillette, Gist, Green, Gunderson, Hamilton, Harvey, Hawk, Hellegaard, Hinkle C, Hinkle J, Hopkins, Howell, Jones, Karlen, Kassmier, Keenan, Keogh, Kerns, Kerr-Carpenter, Kmetz, Knudsen C, Knudsen R, Kortum, Ler, Loge, Lynch, Malone, Marler, Marshall, Matthews, Mercer, Miner, Mitchell, Moore T, Nave, Nicol, Nikolakakos, Oblander, Parry, Phalen, Read, Regier A, Reksten, Romano, Running Wolf, Rusk, Schillinger, Seekins-Crowe, Sheldon-Galloway, Smith F, Smith L, Smith T, Sprunger, Stafman, Stewart Peregoy, Stromswold, Sullivan, Thane, Tuss, Vinton, Walsh, Weatherwax, Welch, Windy Boy, Wirth, Yakawich, Zephyr, Zolnikov, Mr. Speaker.  
Total 100

Nays: None.  
Total 0

Voted absentee: Flament, Weatherwax, Aye.

Excused: Flament, Weatherwax.  
Total 2

Absent or not voting: None.  
Total 0

Majority Leader Vinton moved the Committee rise and report. Motion carried. Committee arose. House resumed. Mr. Speaker presiding. Chair Ler moved the Committee of the Whole report be adopted. Report adopted as follows:

Yeas: Abbott, Anderson, Barker, Baum, Bedey, Bergstrom, Bertoglio, Binkley, Bishop, Brewster, Brockman, Buckley, Buttrey, Caferro, Carlson, Carter, Cohenour, Deming, Dooling, Duram, Essmann, Etchart, Falk, Fern, Fielder, Fitzgerald, Fitzpatrick, France, Frazer, Galloway, Gillette, Gist, Green, Gunderson, Hamilton, Harvey, Hawk, Hellegaard, Hinkle C, Hinkle J, Hopkins, Howell, Jones, Karlen, Kassmier, Keenan, Keogh, Kerns, Kerr-Carpenter, Kmetz, Knudsen C, Knudsen R, Kortum, Loge, Lynch, Malone, Marler, Marshall, Matthews, Mercer, Miner, Mitchell, Moore T, Nave, Nicol, Nikolakakos, Oblander, Parry, Phalen, Read, Regier A, Reksten, Romano, Running Wolf, Rusk, Schillinger, Seekins-Crowe, Sheldon-Galloway, Smith F, Smith L, Smith T,

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Sprunger, Stafman, Stewart Peregoy, Stromswold, Sullivan, Thane, Tuss, Vinton, Walsh, Welch, Yakawich, Zephyr, Zolnikov, Mr. Speaker.

Total 95

Nays: None.

Total 0

Voted absentee: None.

Excused: Flament, Weatherwax.

Total 2

Absent or not voting: Ler, Windy Boy, Wirth.

Total 3

**MOTIONS**

Majority Leader Vinton moved the House accept the 2023 Standing Committee appointments. Without objection, so ordered.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Speaker, I move that the following undersigned name be **ADDED** as sponsor to **HB 104**. Motion carried.

**HB 104** (B. Beard, Chief Sponsor)

B. Ler

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Committee meetings were announced by the committee chairs.

Majority Leader Vinton moved the House adjourn until 1:00 p.m., Friday, January 06, 2023. Motion carried.

House adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

CAROLYN TSCHIDA  
Chief Clerk of the House

MATT REGIER  
Speaker of the House