

2023 DEMOCRACY

AT THE MONTANA LEGISLATURE



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTING SCORECARD

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Motion to Censure Rep. Zephyr* - Banned Rep. Zephyr from the House floor

Motion Introduced By: Sue Vitton (R) HD 56 - Billings

***House Only**

Issue: Democracy

FMT Position: Oppose

The House voted to censure Rep. Zephyr following her honest remarks on the impacts of anti-trans legislation and her peaceful support of protesting constituents. This censure disenfranchised the 11,000 Montanans living in her district who elected Rep. Zephyr to speak and debate on their behalf. The House gallery was also closed to the public for the remainder of the session, and press freedom was limited.

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	Score	SB77	SB93	Motion	HB915	HB712
Abbott, Kim	100%	Y	N	N	N	N
Anderson, Fred	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Barker, Brad	40%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Baum, Denise	100%	Y	N	N	N	N
Bedey, David	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bergstrom, James	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bertoglio, Marta	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Binkley, Michele	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bishop, Laurie	80%	Y	N	N	Y	N
Brewster, Larry	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Brockman, Tony	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Buckley, Alice	100%	Y	N	N	N	N
Butcher, Edward	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Buttrey, Edward	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cafferro, Mary	100%	Y	N	N	N	N
Carlson, Jennifer	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Carter, Bob	100%	Y	N	N	N	N
Cohenour, Jill	100%	Y	N	N	N	N
Deming, Lee	0%	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dooling, Julie	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Duram, Neil	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Essmann, Sherry	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Etchart, Jodee	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Falk, Terry	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fern, Dave	80%	Y	N	N	N	Y
Fielder, Paul	0%	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fitzgerald, Ross	40%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Fitzpatrick, John	40%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
France, Tom	100%	Y	N	N	N	N
Frazer, Gregory	40%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Galloway, Steven	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gillette, Jane	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gist, Steve	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Green, Paul	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gunderson, Steve	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hamilton, Jim	100%	Y	N	N	N	N
Harvey, Derek	100%	Y	N	N	N	N
Hastings, Naarah	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hawk, Donavon	100%	Y	N	N	N	N
Hellegaard, Lyn	0%	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hinkle, Caleb	0%	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hinkle, Jedediah	0%	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hopkins, Mike	25%	Y	E	Y	Y	Y
Howell, SJ	100%	Y	N	N	N	N
Jones, Llew	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Karlen, Jonathan	100%	Y	N	N	N	N
Kassmier, Joshua	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Keenan, Bob	0%	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Keogh, Connie	100%	Y	N	N	N	N
Kerns, Scot	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kerr-Carpenter, Emma	100%	Y	N	N	N	N
Kmetz, Greg	0%	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
Knudsen, Casey	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Knudsen, Rhonda	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kortum, Kelly	100%	Y	N	N	N	N

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Ler, Brandon	0%	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Loge, Denley	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lynch, Jennifer	100%	Y	N	N	N	N
Malone, Marty	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Marler, Marilyn	80%	Y	Y	N	N	N
Marshall, Ron	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Matthews, Eric	100%	Y	N	N	N	N
Mercer, Bill	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Miner, Russel	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mitchell, Braxton	0%	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Moore, Terry	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nave, Fiona	0%	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nicol, Nelly	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nikolakakos, George	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Oblander, Greg	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Parry, Gary	40%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Phalen, Bob	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Read, Joe	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Regier, Matt	0%	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Regier, Amy	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Reksten, Linda	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Romano, Melissa	100%	Y	N	N	N	N
Running Wolf, Tyson	100%	E	N	N	N	N
Rusk, Wayne	40%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Schillinger, Jerry	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Seekins-Crowe, Kerri	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sheldon-Galloway, Lola	0%	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Smith, Laura	100%	Y	N	N	N	N
Smith, Tanner	0%	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Smith, Frank	100%	Y	N	N	N	N
Sprunger, Courtenay	40%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Stafman, Ed	100%	Y	N	N	N	N
Stewart Peregoy, Sharon	100%	Y	N	N	N	N
Sullivan, Katie	100%	Y	N	N	N	N
Thane, Mark	100%	Y	N	N	N	N
Tuss, Paul	80%	Y	N	N	N	Y
Vinton, Sue	25%	Y	A	Y	Y	Y
Walsh, Kenneth	40%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Weatherwax, Marvin	100%	Y	E	E	E	E
Welch, Tom	40%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Windy Boy, Jonathan	100%	Y	N	N	N	N
Wirth, Zack	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Yakawich, Michael	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Zephyr, Zooley	100%	A	N	N	N	N
Zolnikov, Katie	20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

KEY:

Y: YES

N: NO

E: EXCUSED

A: ABSENT

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Bogner, Kenneth	25%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Boldman, Ellie	100%	Y	N	N	N
Brown, Bob	25%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cuffe, Mike	50%	Y	Y	N	Y
Curdy, Willis	100%	Y	N	N	N
Dunwell, Mary Ann	100%	Y	N	N	N
Ellis, Janet	100%	Y	N	N	N
Ellsworth, Jason	25%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Emrich, Daniel	0%	N	Y	Y	Y
Esp, John	25%	N	Y	N	Y
Fitzpatrick, Steve	25%	N	Y	N	Y
Flowers, Pat	100%	Y	N	N	N
Fox, Mike	100%	Y	N	N	N
Friedel, Chris	25%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fuller, John	0%	N	Y	Y	Y
Gillespie, Bruce	25%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Glimm, Carl	25%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gross, Jen	100%	Y	N	N	N
Hayman, Denise	100%	Y	N	N	N
Hertz, Greg	25%	N	Y	Y	Y
Hinebauch, Steve	25%	N	Y	Y	Y
Kelker, Kathy	100%	Y	N	N	N
Lang, Mike	25%	N	Y	N	Y
Lenz, Dennis	0%	N	Y	Y	Y
Lynch, Ryan	100%	Y	N	N	N
Mandeville, Forrest	25%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Manzella, Theresa	25%	Y	Y	Y	Y
McClafferty, Edith (Edie)	100%	Y	N	N	N
McGillvray, Tom	25%	Y	Y	Y	Y
McKamey, Wendy	25%	N	Y	N	Y
Molnar, Brad	50%	Y	Y	N	Y
Morigeau, Shane	100%	Y	N	N	N
Noland, Mark	25%	Y	Y	Y	Y
O'Brien, Shannon	100%	Y	N	N	N
Olsen, Andrea	100%	Y	N	N	N
Pope, Christopher	100%	Y	N	N	N
Regier, Keith	25%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sales, Walt	50%	Y	Y	N	Y
Salomon, Daniel	50%	Y	Y	N	Y
Small, Jason	50%	Y	Y	N	Y
Tempel, Russel (Russ)	50%	Y	Y	N	Y
Trebas, Jeremy	25%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Usher, Barry	0%	N	Y	Y	Y
Vance, Shelley	25%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Vermeire, Terry	25%	Y	Y	Y	Y
Webber, Susan	100%	Y	E	N	N
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