

HOUSE BILL 162

Introduced by Gervais, et al.

1/13	Introduced
1/13	Referred to State Administration
1/13	First Reading
1/19	Hearing
1/20	Committee Report--Bill Passed
1/22	2nd Reading Passed
1/25	3rd Reading Passed
	Transmitted to Senate
1/27	First Reading
1/27	Referred to Business & Industry
2/03	Hearing
2/09	Committee Report--Bill Concurred
2/10	2nd Reading Concur Motion Failed
2/10	2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed

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 2 INTRODUCED BY Alanna Beckwith Selge Wm. H. H. H. H.  
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14 **Section 2.** Section 1-13-102, MCA, is amended to read:

15 "1-13-102. ~~Montana-western-----Canadian-----provinces~~  
 16 Montana-Alberta boundary advisory committee -- creation.  
 17 There is established a ~~Montana-western-Canadian-provinces~~  
 18 Montana-Alberta boundary advisory committee, which ~~shall--be~~  
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25 **Section 3.** Section 1-13-103, MCA, is amended to read:

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