HOUSE BILL NO. 534

INTRODUCED BY COCCHIARELLA

IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 9, 1993

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON WORKERS' COMP SELECT COMMITTEE.

FIRST READING.

- FEBRUARY 18, 1993 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
- FEBRUARY 19, 1993 PRINTING REPORT.
- FEBRUARY 20, 1993 SECOND READING, DO PASS.
- FEBRUARY 22, 1993 ENGROSSING REPORT.
- FEBRUARY 23, 1993 THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 95; NOES, 5.
- FEBRUARY 24, 1993 TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

MARCH 1, 1993 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR & EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS.

FIRST READING.

- MARCH 12, 1993 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
- MARCH 13, 1993 SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
- MARCH 15, 1993 THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 49; NOES, 0.

RETURNED TO HOUSE.

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MARCH 16, 1993 RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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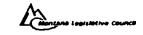
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