

RINOs Run Wild

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Chairman Kaldschmidt,

In response to Executive Director Tyler Newcombe stating there is nothing the MT GOP can do about the Out of Line Nine, I want to reply there are things the MT GOP can do.

First, the Montana Republican Party (MTGOP) is a private organization MCA 13-38-203(b)(4). As such it can accept or reject members and also ban people from the republican party as was the case in the Arkansas Republican Party (ARP) where in December of 2024, the ARP Executive Committee met and voted to expel Republican Jennifer Lancaster from the Arkansas Republican Party for 20 years.

I also want to note what Texas has proposed. The Republican Party of Texas implied it would censure any GOP Texas House member who does not vote for Rep. David Cook as speaker. Under new party rules, any Republicans who do not vote for the Republican Party's chosen speaker, the TX GOP would bar those lawmakers from running in Republican primaries for two years. As you may now know, enough "self-proclaimed" Republican house members voted with the democrats to elect their Texas House Speaker. See article on it here: <https://www.texastribune.org/2024/12/13/texas-republican-party-house-speaker-primary-censure/>

I, Bob Phalen, propose that the MT GOP expel, for life, the Out of Line Nine from the Republican Party. They can join another party or become independents, but they shall be barred for life from running as a Republican for any office in the State of Montana.

This is what I sent to the Chair Don and the executive board and I would appreciate it if other republicans in Montana would do the same, God bless you all and thank you.

Senator Bob Phalen SD17

Montana Sen. Phalen's letter to MT GOP Chairman, Don Kaldschmidt, reflects a profound recognition of the weakness of the current leadership of the MT GOP which does not enforce its platform, or rebuke or expel republicans who do not advocate for republican ideals. For too long now the MTGOP has refused to confront the fact that politicians within the republican party are violating the rule and the platform. They even conceal their true colors by "identifying" as conservative republican. But all they do as politicians is make Montana more dependent on federal funding while abusing the principles in the U.S. Constitution that protect American's freedoms.

Sen. Phalen's steadfast dedication to our state, our nation and his unwavering commitment to safeguarding the principles and platform of the Republican Party in Montana, as well as, his commitment to supporting the hard working American people, deserves praise and recognition. His constituents should be proud of his service and I laud the courage of his convictions and the efforts of others like him.

It's a shame Don K. hasn't stepped up to the plate to deal with the deception within our party. We need real leadership who isn't afraid to confront the truth and dish out discipline as needed. I ask that the State Central Committee members of the State of Montana remain steadfast in their convictions and vote their Biblical faith, come this June, at the MTGOP Convention and support Tanner Smith for State Chair of the Montana Republican Party.

In God we trust,
Jerry Singleton
Custer County 🇺🇸

Sen. Phalen sponsored several bills which Montanans should be pleased with:

Bill 1. SB 114

Description: Provide for display of Ten Commandments in public schools.

Status: Failed to pass out of the Judiciary Committee

Voted Against: Cuffe, Mike (R-1)

Ellis, Janet (D-41)
Galt, Wylie (R-39)
Harvey, Derek (D-37)
Hayman, Denise (D-12)
Hunter, Gregg (R-15)
Kerr-Carpenter, Emma (D-23)
Lammers, Gayle (R-21)
Pope, Christopher (D-33)
Zolnikov, Daniel (R-22)

Voted in Favor: Bogner, Kenneth (R-18)

Regier, Matt (R-5)
Usher, Barry (R-19)

Bill 2. SB 160

Description: Revise alternative energy project laws to require that just like on federal land, a bond be issued on private land for decommissioning (disposing of the wind turbine at end of life) prior to construction of the wind turbine.

Status: Failed to pass out of the Senate Energy Committee

Voted Against: Cuffe, Mike (R-1)

Ellis, Janet (D-41)
Galt, Wylie (R-39)
Harvey, Derek (D-37)
Hayman, Denise (D-12)
Hunter, Gregg (R-15)
Kerr-Carpenter, Emma (D-23)
Lammers, Gayle (R-21)
Pope, Christopher (D-33)
Zolnikov, Daniel (R-22)

Voted in Favor: Bogner, Kenneth (R-18)

Regier, Matt (R-5)
Usher, Barry (R-19)

Bill 3. SB 283

Description: REVISING WIND GENERATION FACILITY LAWS; ESTABLISHING WIND TURBINE TOWER HEIGHT LIMITS

Status: Failed to pass out of the Senate Energy Committee

Voted Against: Cuffe, Mike (R-1)

Ellis, Janet (D-41)
Galt, Wylie (R-39)
Harvey, Derek (D-37)
Hayman, Denise (D-12)
Hunter, Gregg (R-15)
Kerr-Carpenter, Emma (D-23)
Lammers, Gayle (R-21)
Pope, Christopher (D-33)
Zolnikov, Daniel (R-22)

Voted in Favor: Bogner, Kenneth (R-18)

Regier, Matt (R-5)
Usher, Barry (R-19)

Bill 4. SB 407

Description: Revise education laws to prohibit certain flags and banners in school and require phrase "In God we trust" displayed in each classroom of a public school

Status: Failed to pass out of the Education Committee

Voted Against: Beard, Becky (R-38)

Emrich, Daniel (R-11)
Esp, John (R-29)
Fuller, John (R-4)
Mandeville, Forrest (R-28)
Manzella, Theresa (R-44)
Morigeau, Jacinda (D-46)
Novak, Sara (D-36)
Olsen, Andrea (D-48)
Tempel, Russ (R-14)
Vinton, Sue (R-20)
Webber, Susan (D-8)
Windy Boy, Jonathan (D-16)

Voted in Favor: Trebas, Jeremy (R-10)

Bill 5. SB 473

Description: Weather Modification (Chem Trails)

Current Version of Bill: <https://docs.legmt.gov/download-ticket?ticketId=fa305bcb-8f39-4eaf-b3bb-47414a385852>

Status: With Bipartisan Support, Passed both the Natural Resources Committee and the Senate-Transmittal to House

Voted Against:

Natural Resources Committee:
Cuffe, Mike (R-1)

Galt, Wylie (R-39)
Gillespie, Bruce (R-9)
Harvey, Derek (D-37)
Morigeau, Shane (D-50)
Noland, Mark (R-6)
Usher, Barry (R-19)
Vinton, Sue (R-20)
Zolnikov, Daniel (R-22)

Senate Vote:

Beard, Becky (R-38)
Bogner, Kenneth (R-18)
Boldman, Ellie (D-47)
Cuffe, Mike (R-1)
Ellsworth, Jason (R-43)
Emrich, Daniel (R-11)
Esp, John (R-29)
Fern, Dave (D-2)
Galt, Wylie (R-39)
Gillespie, Bruce (R-9)
Glimm, Carl (R-3)
Hertz, Greg (R-7)
Hunter, Gregg (R-15)
Kassmier, Josh (R-13)
Kerr-Carpenter, Emma (D-23)
Lammers, Gayle (R-21)
Lenz, Dennis (R-25)
Loge, Denley (R-45)
Mandeville, Forrest (R-28)
Manzella, Theresa (R-44)
McGillvray, Tom (R-26)
Noland, Mark (R-6)
Novak, Sara (D-36)
Olsen, Andrea (D-48)
Phalen, Bob (R-17)
Regier, Matt (R-5)
Ricci, Vince (R-27)
Tezak, Tony (R-35)
Usher, Barry (R-19)
Vance, Shelley (R-34)
Vinton, Sue (R-20)
Windy Boy, Jonathan (D-16)
Yakawich, Mike (R-24)
Zolnikov, Daniel (R-22)

Voted in Favor: Natural Resources Committee:

Curdy, Willis (D-49)
Flowers, Pat (D-31)

Senate Vote:

Curdy, Willis (D-49)
Dunwell, Mary Ann (D-42)
Ellis, Janet (D-41)

Flowers, Pat (D-31)
Fuller, John (R-4)
Harvey, Derek (D-37)
Hayman, Denise (D-32)
McKamey, Wendy (R-12)
Morigeau, Shane (D-50)
Morigeau, Jacinda (D-46)
Neumann, Cora (D-30)
Pope, Christopher (D-33)
Smith, Laura (D-40)
Tempel, Russ (R-14)
Trebas, Jeremy (R-10)

Bill 6. SB 505

Description: REVISING ZONING LAWS; ALLOWING FOR A PROHIBITION ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF WIND GENERATION FACILITIES

Status: Failed to pass out of the Senate Energy Committee

Voted Against:

Voted in Favor: Bogner, Kenneth (R-18)

Cuffe, Mike (R-1)
Ellis, Janet (D-41)
Galt, Wylie (R-39)
Harvey, Derek (D-37)
Hayman, Denise (D-32)
Hunter, Gregg (R-15)
Kerr-Carpenter, Emma (D-23)
Lammers, Gayle (R-21)
Pope, Christopher (D-33)
Regier, Matt (R-5)
Usher, Barry (R-19)

Bill 7. SJ 15

Description: Marriage as an institution is recognized as the union of one man and one woman.

Status: Failed in Judiciary Committee

Voted Against: Emrich, Daniel (R-11)

Manzella, Theresa (R-44)

Voted in Favor: Neumann, Cora (D-30)

Olsen, Andrea (D-48)
Ricci, Vince (R-27)
Smith, Laura (D-40)
Usher, Barry (R-19)
Vinton, Sue (R-20)