

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Dee Brown, on January 28, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)  
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)  
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)  
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Sue Malek (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 64, 1/ /2015; SB 168, 1/22/2015

Executive Action: SB 42 Do Pass As Amended; SB 64 Do Pass; SB 74 Do Pass;  
SB 89 Do Pass; SB 130 Be Tabled; SB 144 Do Pass; SB 151 Do Pass

**HEARING ON HB 64**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:40 Rep. Susan Webber (D), HD 16, opened the hearing on HB 64, Adopting the most recent federal laws applicable to the National Guard.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:01:50 Major General Matt Quinn, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:03:03 Captain Mike Talia, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:04 Sen. Kary  
00:08:42 Chair Brown  
00:09:14 Captain Talia, DMA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:09:29 Rep. Webber

**HEARING ON SB 168**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:10:19 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 168, Providing academic protections for students called to active duty.

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**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:13:13 Major General Matt Quinn, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)  
00:13:47 Ron Muffick, Montana University System  
00:14:33 Braden Fitzgerald, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)  
00:15:13 Jim Higgins, Montana National Guard Enlisted and Officers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:16:20 Chair Brown

00:16:58 Sen. Buttrey  
00:18:00 Sen. Driscoll  
00:18:25 Sen. Buttrey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:19:04 Sen. Buttrey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 42**

00:21:17 **Motion:** Sen. Driscoll moved that **SB 42 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**  
(*Note: SB 42 was amended in Executive Action on January 19, 2015.*)

**Discussion:**

00:22:18 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:25:17 Chair Brown  
00:25:32 Ms. Weiss, LSD  
00:27:03 Chair Brown

00:28:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Malek voted by proxy.

00:30:01 Recess (Sen. Driscoll left the meeting.)  
00:44:05 Reconvene

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 64**

00:44:31 **Motion:** Sen. Whitford moved that **SB 64 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:44:44 Chair Brown  
00:45:28 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:45:51 Chair Brown

00:46:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Driscoll and Sen. Malek voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 74**

00:47:37 **Motion:** Sen. Webb moved that **SB 74 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:47:51 Chair Brown  
00:48:22 Sen. Hinkle  
00:48:30 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:49:46 Chair Brown

00:50:14 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Driscoll and Sen. Malek voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 89**

00:50:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 89 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Driscoll and Sen. Malek voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 130**

00:52:02 **Motion:** Sen. Webb moved that **SB 130 DO PASS**.

00:52:04 Sen. Driscoll joined the meeting.

**Discussion:**

00:52:14 Sen. Hinkle  
00:53:40 Sen. Webb  
00:54:27 Sen. Kary  
00:54:52 Chair Brown

00:55:34 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Driscoll moved that **SB 130 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 5-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Hinkle and Sen. Webb voting no. Sen. Malek voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 144**

00:56:46 **Motion:** Sen. Webb moved that **SB 144 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

00:57:26 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:58:06 Chair Brown

00:58:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Malek voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 151**

00:58:51 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 151 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

00:58:58 Sen. Kary

00:59:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Malek voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:02 p.m.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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