

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CAROLYN SQUIRES**, on March 16, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Carolyn Squires, Chairman (D)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Steven Gallus (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch
Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 177, 3/5/2007; HB 206, 3/5/2007;
HB 207, 3/5/2007; HB 209, 3/5/2007;
HB 105, 3/5/2007
Executive Action: HB 177, HB 206, HB 207, HB 105

00:00:56

HEARING ON HB 177

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:16 **REP. SCOTT BOGGIO (R), HD 59**, opened the hearing on **HB 177**, Repeal the Montana Electronic Transactions With State Agencies... Act.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:32 Mark Simonich, Office of the Honorable Secretary of State Brad Johnson, (SOS)

00:03:42 Steve Bender, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Montana Department of Administration (DOA)

EXHIBIT(sts56a01)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:45 Sen. Dave Lewis

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:03 Rep. Boggio

HEARING ON HB 206

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:47 **REP. PAT INGRAHAM (R), HD 13**, opened the hearing on **HB 206**, Revise county mill levy elections.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:33 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

EXHIBIT(sts56a02)

00:12:07 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:49 Rep. Ingraham

HEARING ON HB 207

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:07 **REP. PAT INGRAHAM (R), HD 13**, opened the hearing on **HB 207**, Revise time of oath of office for county officials.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:40 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:17:38 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:10 Sen. Rick Laible to Rep. Ingraham

Closing by Sponsor:

00:19:15 Rep. Ingraham

HEARING ON HB 209

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:13 **REP. KEN PETERSON (R), HD 46**, opened the hearing on **HB 209**, Revise requirements for administrative rules.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:26:25 Dal Smilie, Chief Legal Counsel, Montana Department of Administration (DOA)

00:33:12 Mark Cadwallader, Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

EXHIBIT(sts56a03)

00:37:56 John North, Chief Legal Counsel, Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

00:43:11 Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:20 Rep. Peterson

HEARING ON HB 105

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:49:06 **REP. JONATHAN WINDY BOY (D), HD 32**, opened the hearing on **HB 105**, Revise training of state agency personnel on tribal issues.

EXHIBIT(sts56a04)

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:52:00 Sen. Carolyn Squires to Rep. Windy Boy

00:52:18 Sen. Jeff Essmann to Rep. Windy Boy

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:14 Rep. Windy Boy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 177

00:56:08 Motion/Vote: SEN. LEWIS moved that HB 177 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. GALLUS was excused. SEN. ESSMANN will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 206

00:56:44 Motion/Vote: SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that HB 206 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. GALLUS was excused. SEN. ESSMANN will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 207

00:57:15 Motion/Vote: SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that HB 207 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. GALLUS was excused. SEN. LAIBLE will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 105

00:57:52 Motion/Vote: SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that HB 105 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. GALLUS was excused. SEN. JENT will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:10 P.M.

SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([sts56aad.pdf](#))