

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN JIM SHOCKLEY, on January 21, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jim Shockley, Chairman (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch
Libby Goodwin, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 170, 1/21/2009; SB 177,
1/21/2009; SJ 13, 1/21/2009; SJ 14,
1/21/2009
Executive Action: SB 177, SJ 13, SJ 14

HEARING ON SJ 14

00:00:31 **Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. CLIFF LARSEN (D), SD 50**, opened the hearing on **SJ 14**, Study cooperative arrangements between state agriculture labs.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:06 Christian McKay, Montana Board of Livestock

00:05:43 Ken McDonald, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

EXHIBIT (sts14a01)

00:07:42 Ivie English, Montana State University (MSU)

00:08:47 Arthur Layton, Veterinary Diagnostics Lab

00:12:57 Becky Weed, Montana Board of Livestock

Opponents' Testimony:

00:14:44 None

Informational Testimony:

00:14:55 Greg Ames, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)

EXHIBIT (sts14a02)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:49 Sen. Brenden

00:19:02 Greg Ames, AGR

00:19:13 Sen. Windy Boy

00:19:38 Sen. Larsen

00:20:00 Christian McKay, Montana Board of Livestock

00:20:31 Sen. Balyeat

00:20:35 **Closing by Sponsor:** Sen. Larsen

HEARING ON SJ 13

00:22:44 **Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. RYAN ZINKE (R), SD 2**, opened the hearing on **SJ 13**, Commemorate Glacier Park's centennial.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:10 Rep. Shannon Augare, HD 16, Browning

00:27:51 John Wilson, National Parks Conservation Association

00:30:07 Aidan Myhre, Citizen

00:31:57 Casey Perkins, Montana Audubon Society

00:32:43 Stuart Doggett, Montana Innkeepers Association

00:33:18 Mark Baker, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

00:34:49 None

Informational Testimony:

00:34:55 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:02 Sen. Windy Boy

00:35:16 John Wilson

00:36:48 Sen. Cooney

00:37:35 **Closing by Sponsor:** Sen. Zinke

HEARING ON SB 177

00:38:38 **Opening Statement by Sponsor:** SEN. TERRY MURPHY (R), SD
39, opened the hearing on SB 177, Establish standard
time as official time in MT; opt out of daylight
savings time.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:43:51 Keith Allen, Citizen

Opponents' Testimony:

00:44:27 Cindy Swank, Citizen

EXHIBIT(sts14a03)

Informational Testimony:

00:49:40 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:49:46 Sen. J. Tropila

00:50:11 Sen. Murphy

00:50:33 Sen. J. Tropila

00:50:45 Sen. Murphy

00:50:56 Sen. Bales

00:51:35 Sen. Murphy

00:52:38 Sen. Cooney

00:53:09 Sen. Murphy

00:54:21 Sen. Cooney

00:54:40 Sen. Murphy

00:54:51 **Closing by Sponsor:** Sen. Murphy

HEARING ON SB 170

00:55:17 **Opening Statement by Sponsor:** SEN. KELLY GEBHARDT (R),
SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 170, Revise travel
reimbursement for travel to foreign countries.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:56:39 Paul Christofferson, Department of Administration (DOA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:57:29 None

Informational Testimony:

00:57:32 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:57:35 Sen. Bales

00:58:08 Dave Bohyer

00:58:47 Sen. Bales

00:59:05 Dave Bohyer

00:59:21 Sen. Black

00:59:25 Paul Christofferson, DOA

01:00:33 Sen. Black

01:00:36 Paul Christofferson, DOA

01:01:04 Chairman Shockley

01:01:20 Paul Christofferson, DOA

01:01:38 Sen. Balyeat

01:01:56 Dave Bohyer

01:01:59 Sen. Balyeat

01:02:29 Dave Bohyer

01:03:11 Sen. Balyeat

01:03:34 Dave Bohyer

01:03:54 Sen. Bales

01:04:20 Sen. Gebhardt

01:04:54 Chairman Shockley

01:05:01 Sen. Bales
01:05:08 Sen. Gebhardt
01:05:19 **Closing by Sponsor:** Sen. Gebhardt

DISCUSSION ON GOVERNOR'S MEMO APPOINTMENTS

01:07:06 Chairman Shockley
01:07:49 Sen. Balyeat
01:07:53 Chairman Shockley
01:08:06 Sen. Balyeat
01:08:24 Sen. Cooney

DISCUSSION ON LC2095

01:10:06 Chairman Shockley

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 14

01:11:09 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. COONEY moved that **SJ 14 DO PASS.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Squires
voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 13

01:12:16 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. COONEY moved that **SJ 13 DO PASS.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Squires
voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 177

01:13:15 **Motion:** SEN. BALES moved that **SB 177 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:13:42 Sen. Brenden
01:16:01 Sen. Balyeat
01:16:28 Sen. Brenden
01:17:16 Sen. Cooney
01:18:18 Chairman Shockley
01:19:36 Sen. Black

01:20:04 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-7 with Sen. Black, Sen. Brenden,
Sen. Shockley, and Sen. Windy Boy voting aye by roll
call vote. Sen. Squires voted by proxy.

01:21:39 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. COONEY moved that **SB 177 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** The motion carried. Sen. Squires voted by proxy.

DISCUSSION ON SB 123

01:22:33 Chairman Shockley
01:22:39 Dave Bohyer
01:23:49 Chairman Shockley
01:23:54 Sen. Jent

DISCUSSION

01:24:27 Sen. Brenden
01:25:42 Chairman Shockley

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

LIBBY GOODWIN, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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