

MINUTES

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

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN JIM SHOCKLEY, on January 26, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Members Excused: Sen. John Brueggeman, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 219, 1/21/2009

Executive Action: SB 219, SB 187, SB 123, SB 49
(withdrawn), SB 170, SB 240, SB 239
(withdrawn)

HEARING ON SB 219

00:00:43 **Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES (D), SD 48**, opened the hearing on **SB 219**, Revise time for calculating adjusted campaign contribution limits.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:27 None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:02:33 None

Informational Testimony:

00:02:38 Dennis Unsworth, Commissioner of Political Practices

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:11 Sen. Balyeat
00:05:46 Dennis Unsworth, Commissioner of Political Practices
00:06:30 Sen. Balyeat
00:06:35 Sen. Squires
00:07:07 Sen. Balyeat
00:07:48 Sen. Black
00:07:58 Sen. Squires
00:08:47 Sen. Bales
00:10:06 Sen. Squires
00:11:05 Sen. Bales
00:12:01 Sen. Squires
00:13:11 Sen. Balyeat
00:14:07 Sen. Squires
00:14:22 Chairman Shockley

00:14:31 **Closing by Sponsor:** Sen. Squires

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 219

00:15:10 **Motion:** SEN. TROPILA moved that **SB 219 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:15:17 Chairman Shockley
00:15:33 Sen. Bales
00:17:06 Sen. Balyeat
00:18:07 Sen. Squires

00:18:35 Dave Bohyer

00:18:52 Sen. Balyeat

00:19:44 **Motion:** SEN. BALYEAT moved that **SB 219 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED** to change Page 2, Line 10, from June 2003 to June 2002.

00:20:03 Sen. Squires

00:20:47 Chairman Shockley

00:21:01 Sen. Squires

00:21:28 Chairman Shockley

00:21:35 Dennis Unsworth, Commissioner of Political Practices

00:23:43 Sen. Balyeat

00:24:38 Sen. Bales

00:25:36 Chairman Shockley

00:26:05 Sen. Jent

00:26:32 Chairman Shockley

00:26:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Brueggeman and Sen. Brenden voted by proxy.

00:27:10 **Motion:** Sen. Squires moved that **SB 219 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

00:27:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Brueggeman and Sen. Brenden voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 187

00:28:32 **Motion:** SEN. BALYEAT moved that **SB 187 DO PASS**.

00:28:42 **Motion:** SEN. BALYEAT moved that **SB 187 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(sts18a01\)](#)

00:29:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Windy Boy, Sen. Brueggeman, and Sen. Brenden voted by proxy.

00:29:56 **Motion:** SEN. BALYEAT moved that **SB 187 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

00:30:17 Sen. Balyeat

00:31:15 Chairman Shockley

00:31:46 Sen. Squires

00:32:36 Sen. Balyeat

00:33:23 Sen. Cooney

00:34:51 Chairman Shockley

00:35:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-5 by roll call vote with SEN. COONEY, SEN. JENT, SEN. SQUIRES, SEN. TROPILA, and SEN. WINDY BOY voting no. Sen. Brueggeman and Sen. Brenden voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 123

Discussion:

00:36:55 Chairman Shockley

EXHIBIT (sts18a02)

00:37:39 Dave Bohyer

00:39:01 Chairman Shockley

00:40:49 Sen. Cooney

00:41:19 Chairman Shockley

00:41:46 Sen. Cooney

00:42:15 Chairman Shockley

00:42:20 Sen. Cooney

00:43:05 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. SHOCKLEY moved that **SB 123 BE AMENDED** (Exhibit 2). Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Brueggeman and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:43:44 **Motion:** SEN. SHOCKLEY moved that **SB 123 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

00:43:50 Sen. Squires

00:44:26 Chairman Shockley

00:44:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Brueggeman and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 49

00:45:54 **Motion:** SEN. COONEY moved that **SB 49 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:45:59 Sen. Cooney

00:47:26 Sen. Brenden

00:49:33 Sen. Cooney

00:50:30 Sen. Bales

00:52:37 Sen. Cooney
00:53:38 Chairman Shockley

00:53:56 Sen. Cooney without objection withdrew the motion.

00:55:02 Sen. Brenden
00:55:04 Chairman Shockley

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 170

Discussion:

00:55:19 Senator Shockley
EXHIBIT (sts18a03)

00:55:45 **Motion:** SEN. BRENDEN moved that **SB 170 DO PASS.**

00:55:56 **Motion:** SEN. BALYEAT moved that **SB 170 BE AMENDED**
(Exhibit 3).

00:56:07 Dave Bohyer
00:57:30 Chairman Shockley

00:57:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen.
Brueggeman and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:58:12 **Motion:** SEN. BALES moved that **SB 170 DO PASS AS**
AMENDED.

00:58:23 Sen. Balyeat
01:00:06 Chairman Shockley

01:00:14 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen.
Brueggeman and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

01:02:47 Sen. Cooney
01:02:51 Chairman Shockley
01:02:59 Sen. Balyeat

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 240

01:03:35 **Motion:** SEN. BRENDEN moved that **SB 240 DO PASS.**
EXHIBIT (sts18a04)

Discussion:

01:04:00 Sen. Cooney
 01:04:43 Dave Bohyer
 01:05:14 Chairman Shockley

01:05:19 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. BRENDEN moved that **SB 240 BE AMENDED** (Exhibit 4). Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Brueggeman and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

01:05:36 **Motion:** SEN. BRENDEN moved that **SB 240 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

01:05:45 Sen. Cooney
 01:07:11 Sen. Brenden
 01:08:55 Chairman Shockley
 01:09:13 Sen. Brenden

01:10:43 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote. Sen. Cooney, Sen. Jent, Sen. Squires, and Sen. Windy Boy voted no. Sen. Brueggeman and Sen. Black voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 239

01:11:30 **Motion:** SEN. BALES moved that **SB 239 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:12:06 Sen. Squires
 01:13:29 Sen. Bales
 01:14:51 Sen. Squires
 01:15:55 Sen. Balyeat
 01:17:37 Sen. Cooney
 01:18:36 Sen. Squires
 01:18:47 Sen. Cooney
 01:19:41 Sen. Jent
 01:20:04 Sen. Brenden

01:21:19 Sen. Bales without objection withdrew the motion.

01:21:32 Chairman Shockley
 01:21:36 Sen. Squires

General Discussion

01:22:52 Chairman Shockley

01:22:46 Dennis Unsworth

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:26 P.M.

LIBBY GOODWIN, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([sts18aad.pdf](#))