

MINUTES

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

Call to Order: Acting Chairman Joe Balyeat, on February 9, 2009
at 3:30 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Jim Shockley, Chairman (R)

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

Executive Action: SB 267, SB 293, SB 299, SB 124

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 267

00:02:30 **Motion:** Sen. Cooney moved that **SB 267 DO PASS.**
[EXHIBIT\(sts30a01\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(sts30a02\)](#)

Discussion:

00:03:13 **Motion:** Sen. Cooney moved that **SB 267 BE AMENDED**
(Exhibit 1).

00:03:32 Chairman Balyeat

00:03:53 Sen. Cooney

00:04:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:04:48 Dave Bohyer

00:05:34 Sen. Cooney

00:06:24 **Motion:** Sen. Cooney moved that **SB 267 BE AMENDED**
(Exhibit 2).

00:06:32 Sen. Bales

00:07:03 Dave Bohyer

00:07:25 Chairman Balyeat

00:08:13 Sen. Cooney

00:09:20 Chairman Balyeat

00:09:26 Sen. Bales

00:10:01 Sen. Cooney

00:11:11 Chairman Balyeat

00:13:14 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-2 by roll call vote with Sen.
Balyeat and Sen. Black voting no. Sen. Brenden, Sen.
Jent, Sen. Squires, and Sen. Shockley voted by proxy.

00:14:32 **Motion:** Sen. Cooney moved that **SB 267 DO PASS AS**
AMENDED.

00:15:45 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-6 by roll call vote with Sen.
Cooney, Sen. Jent, Sen. Squires, Sen. Tropila, and Sen.
Windy Boy voting aye. Sen. Brenden, Sen. Jent, Sen.
Squires, and Sen. Shockley voted by proxy.

00:15:57 Chairman Balyeat, without objection from the committee,
tabled the bill and reversed the vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 293

00:16:37 **Motion:** Sen. Cooney moved that **SB 293 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:16:55 Sen. Cooney

00:17:20 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

00:18:19 Sen. Balyeat, without objection from the committee, tabled the bill and reversed the vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 299

00:18:41 **Motion:** Sen. Tropila moved that **SB 299 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:18:47 **Motion:** Sen. Tropila moved that **SB 299 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED** (Page 2, Section 3, Lines 12 and 13, add 'or black' ink).

00:19:57 Sen. Cooney

00:20:22 Sen. Balyeat

00:20:41 Sen. Tropila

00:20:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:21:04 **Motion:** Sen. Tropila moved that **SB 299 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

00:21:47 Sen. Bales

00:22:29 Sen. Cooney

00:24:35 Sen. Tropila

00:25:29 Chairman Balyeat

00:27:00 Sen. Black

00:28:15 Chairman Balyeat

00:28:19 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Bales, Sen. Balyeat, Sen. Black, and Sen. Brenden voting no. Sen. Brenden, Sen. Squires, and Sen. Shockley voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 124

00:31:45 **Motion:** Sen. Cooney moved that **SB 124 DO PASS.**
EXHIBIT (sts30a03)

00:32:05 **Motion:** Sen. Cooney moved that **SB 124 BE AMENDED**
(Exhibit 3).

Discussion:

00:32:20 Sen. Cooney
00:34:03 Chairman Balyeat
00:34:09 Sen. Cooney
00:34:17 Sen. Tropila
00:34:32 Sen. Cooney
00:35:33 Chairman Balyeat
00:36:00 Sen. Cooney
00:36:04 Chairman Balyeat
00:36:24 Sen. Brueggeman
00:38:22 Sen. Black
00:39:31 Sen. Cooney
00:40:46 Chairman Balyeat
00:41:11 Sen. Bales
00:42:43 Sen. Brueggeman

00:44:30 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Bales, Sen. Black, Sen. Brenden, Sen. Cooney, and Sen. Squires voting aye. Sen. Brenden, Sen. Squires, and Sen. Shockley voted by proxy.

00:44:43 Sen. Brueggeman
00:45:08 Sen. Bales
00:45:42 Sen. Tropila
00:46:11 Dave Bohyer

00:47:06 Sen. Squires arrived.

00:47:13 Sen. Bales
00:47:49 Dave Bohyer
00:48:28 Sen. Squires

00:48:43 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Bales, Sen. Black, and Sen. Brenden voting no. Sen. Brenden and Sen. Shockley voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:20 P.M.

Libby Goodwin, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([sts30aad.pdf](#))