

MINUTES

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

Call to Order: Chairman Jim Shockley, on March 16, 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. 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)
Sen. John Brueggeman, Vice Chairman (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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 109, 3/9/2009; HB 193, 3/9/2009;
HB 384, 3/9/2009; HJ 23, 3/9/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 109

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:35 Rep. Chuck Hunter (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 109, Generally revise retirement statutes.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:29 Kim Flatow, Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration

[EXHIBIT \(sts58a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:05:49 None

Informational Testimony:

00:05:53 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:03 None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:06:18 Rep. Hunter

HEARING ON HB 384

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:19 Rep. Dan Villa (D), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 384, Revise volume cap bond procurement laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:59 David Ewer, Budget Director

00:11:56 Mick Robinson, Montana University System

00:12:41 Pat Schlauch, Montana Higher Education Student Assistance Corporation (MHESAC)

[EXHIBIT \(sts58a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:18:56 None

Informational Testimony:

00:19:06 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:24 Sen. Tropila
00:20:00 Mr. Ewer, Budget Director
00:20:13 Rep. Villa
00:20:23 Sen. Balyeat
00:21:12 Tori Hunthausen, Legislative Audit Division
00:22:32 Sen. Balyeat
00:23:54 Mr. Schlauch, MHESAC
00:24:26 Sen. Balyeat
00:25:10 Mr. Schlauch, MHESAC
00:26:08 Sen. Balyeat
00:26:17 Mr. Ewer, Budget Director
00:29:13 Sen. Balyeat
00:29:51 Mr. Ewer, Budget Director
00:31:06 Sen. Balyeat
00:31:39 Ms. Hunthausen, Legislative Audit Division
00:32:33 Sen. Balyeat
00:32:40 Ms. Hunthausen, Legislative Audit Division
00:32:49 Chairman Shockley
00:32:59 Ms. Hunthausen, Legislative Audit Division
00:33:26 Chairman Shockley
00:33:35 Mr. Schlauch, MHESAC
00:33:55 Chairman Shockley
00:33:59 Mr. Schlauch, MHESAC
00:34:18 Chairman Shockley
00:34:22 Mr. Schlauch, MHESAC
00:34:57 Chairman Shockley
00:35:01 Mr. Schlauch, MHESAC
00:35:23 Chairman Shockley
00:35:36 Mr. Ewer, Budget Director
00:36:04 Chairman Shockley
00:36:14 Mr. Ewer, Budget Director
00:37:51 Chairman Shockley
00:37:57 Mr. Ewer, Budget Director
00:40:02 Chairman Shockley
00:40:08 Mr. Ewer, Budget Director
00:40:16 Chairman Shockley
00:40:26 Mr. Ewer, Budget Director
00:41:16 Chairman Shockley
00:41:21 Mr. Ewer, Budget Director
00:42:22 Chairman Shockley
00:42:26 Mr. Ewer, Budget Director
00:42:40 Bruce Marks, Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:03 Rep. Villa

HEARING ON HJ 23

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:45:06 Rep. Shannon Augare (D), HD 16, opened the hearing on HJ 23, Support UN declaration on rights of indigenous people.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:16 Sen. Carol Juneau, SD 8

00:51:52 Robert Coulter, Indian Law Resource Center (ILRC)

[EXHIBIT \(sts58a03\)](#)

01:02:00 Andrew Huff, Governor's Office

01:02:30 Andrea Olson, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:04:26 None

Informational Testimony:

01:04:29 None

01:06:09 Vice-Chairman Brueggeman joined the meeting.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:04:32 Sen. Cooney

01:05:23 Mr. Coulter, ILRC

01:05:43 Chairman Shockley

01:06:37 Mr. Coulter, ILRC

01:07:22 Chairman Shockley

01:07:30 Mr. Coulter, ILRC

01:08:27 Chairman Shockley

01:09:29 Mr. Coulter, ILRC

01:11:18 Chairman Shockley

01:11:22 Mr. Coulter, ILRC

01:12:43 Chairman Shockley

01:12:49 Mr. Coulter, ILRC

01:12:59 Sen. Bales

01:13:11 Mr. Coulter, ILRC

01:13:34 Sen. Bales

01:13:39 Mr. Coulter, ILRC
01:14:50 Sen. Bales
01:15:46 Mr. Coulter, ILRC
01:18:05 Chairman Shockley
01:18:22 Mr. Coulter, ILRC
01:19:05 Sen. Black
01:19:22 Mr. Coulter, ILRC
01:20:21 Sen. Black
01:21:01 Mr. Coulter, ILRC

01:21:20 Vice-Chairman Brueggeman left the meeting.

01:21:42 Sen. Bales
01:23:02 Mr. Coulter, ILRC
01:26:15 Sen. Bales
01:27:13 Mr. Coulter, ILRC
01:27:49 Chairman Shockley
01:28:14 Mr. Coulter, ILRC

Closing by Sponsor:

01:28:40 Rep. Augare

HEARING ON HB 193

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:30:16 Rep. Shannon Augare (D), HD 16, opened the hearing on HB 193, Change name of Coordinator of Indian affairs to Director of Indian affairs.

01:31:01 Vice-Chairman Brueggeman joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:31:26 Andrew Hugg, Governor's Office

Opponents' Testimony:

01:31:45 None

Informational Testimony:

01:31:47 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:31:50 Chairman Shockley
01:32:34 Mr. Huff, Governor's Office
01:33:09 Chairman Shockley
01:33:18 Mr. Huff, Governor's Office
01:33:27 Chairman Shockley
01:33:38 Rep. Augare

Closing by Sponsor:

01:33:46 Rep. Augare

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:36 P.M.

Libby Goodwin, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([sts58aad.pdf](#))