

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Pat Ingraham, on March 8, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)
Rep. Pat Connell (R)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Dan Kennedy (R)
Rep. James Knox (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Pat Ingraham, Chairman (R)
Rep. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch
Tim Stark, 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: SB 34, 3/7/2011; SB 194, 3/7/2011; SB 247, 3/7/2011; SB 291,
3/7/2011

HEARING ON SB 194

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:16 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 194, Revise electoral laws in Montana.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:52 Mark Baker, Helena, Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:45 Mike Fellows, Missoula, Montana

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:02 Rep. Derek Skees

00:15:34 Mark Baker

00:16:12 Rep. Derek Skees

00:16:18 Mark Baker

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:42 Sen. John Brenden

HEARING ON SB 247

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:06 Sen. Lynda Moss (D), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 247, Clarify appointment of Montana Poet Laureate.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:55 Rep. Derek Skees

00:20:17 Sen. Lynda Moss

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:43 Sen. Lynda Moss

HEARING ON SB 291**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:28:27 Sen. Ryan Zinke (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 291, Disclosure of state publications and media expenses.

00:28:52 Rep. Pat Ingraham entered the room.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:54 Mike Fellows, Missoula, Montana

00:35:54 Sen. Jeff Essmann

Opponents' Testimony:

00:36:52 Riley Johnson, Montana Newspaper Association

Informational Testimony:

00:38:47 Cheryl Olson, Department of Administration

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:30 Rep. Dan Kennedy

00:42:54 Cheryl Olson

00:43:36 Rep. Dan Kennedy

00:44:04 Sen. Ryan Zinke

00:44:44 Rep. Ted Washburn

00:45:10 Sen. Ryan Zinke

00:45:47 Rep. Ted Washburn

00:46:02 Sen. Ryan Zinke

00:46:49 Rep. James Knox

00:47:12 Sen. Ryan Zinke

00:48:27 Rep. Joanne Blyton

00:48:52 Sen. Ryan Zinke

00:49:22 Rep. Franke Wilmer

00:50:11 Sen. Ryan Zinke

00:52:07 Rep. Franke Wilmer

00:52:34 Sen. Ryan Zinke

00:55:27 Rep. Dan Kennedy

00:55:42 Sen. Ryan Zinke

00:56:24 Rep. Derek Skees

00:57:00 Sen. Ryan Zinke

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:53 Sen. Ryan Zinke

HEARING ON SB 34**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:01:54 Sen. Jeff Essmann (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 34, Revise interim committees.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:07:34 Rep. Betsy Hands
01:08:03 Sen. Jeff Essmann
01:08:55 Rep. Betsy Hands
01:09:22 Sen. Jeff Essmann
01:10:47 Rep. Betsy Hands
01:11:30 Sen. Jeff Essmann
01:11:55 Rep. Dan Kennedy
01:12:15 Sen. Jeff Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:13 Sen. Jeff Essmann

Committee Business:

01:14:09 Sheri Scurr
01:14:30 Rep. Pat Ingraham
01:15:02 Rep. Gary MacLaren
01:16:02 Rep. Franke Wilmer
01:16:32 Rep. Douglas Kary entered the room.
01:16:43 Rep. Pat Connell
01:18:00 Rep. Franke Wilmer
01:18:09 Sheri Scurr
01:18:28 Rep. Dan Kennedy
01:19:11 Rep. Pat Ingraham

01:19:47 Rep. Gary MacLaren moved to **APPROVE A REQUEST FOR A COMMITTEE BILL DRAFT FOR AN INTERIM STUDY ON RECORD KEEPING OF STANDING COMMITTEES**, Motion carried 17-0 by roll call vote, with Rep. Kathy Swanson voting proxy. Rep. Tom McGillvray not voting.

01:21:10 Rep. Franke Wilmer
01:21:39 Rep. James Knox
01:22:12 Rep. Derek Skees

01:22:55 Rep. Gary MacLaren
01:23:25 Rep. Pat Ingraham
01:23:50 Rep. Dan Kennedy
01:24:10 Rep. Pat Ingraham
01:25:07 Rep. Dan Kennedy
01:25:28 Rep. Frank Smith

ADJOURNMENT

01:25:58 Adjournment

Tim Stark, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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