

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Pat Ingraham, on January 14, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 455
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Pat Ingraham, Chairman (R)
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. Douglas (Doug) Kary (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. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)

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: HB 70, 1/12/2011; HB 85, 1/12/2011; HB 119, 1/12/2011
Executive Action: HB77

Chairwoman Welcome:

00:00:16 Rep. Pat Ingraham

HEARING ON HB 70**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:14 Rep.(D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 70, Revise laws related to public employees retirement system.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:16 Melanie Symons, Montana Public Employee Retirement Association (MPERA)

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[EXHIBIT\(sth11a02\)](#)

00:15:05 Rep. Betsy Hands left the room.

00:26:36 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:36 Rep. James Knox

00:28:14 Melanie Symons

00:28:40 Rep. Dan Kennedy

00:29:02 Melanie Symons

00:30:06 Rep. Dan Kennedy

00:30:14 Melanie Symons

00:30:42 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services

00:31:41 Rep. Ted Washburn

00:32:26 Melanie Symons

00:35:21 Rep. Ted Washburn

00:35:31 Melanie Symons

00:36:08 Rep. Joanne Blyton

00:36:40 Rep. Betsy Hands entered the room.

00:37:08 Rep. Franke Wilmer left the room.

00:37:23 Rep. Betsy Hands 4left the room.

00:38:00 Rep. Pat Ingraham

00:38:24 Rep. Mike Menahan

00:38:30 Rep. Betsy Hands & Franke Wilmer entered the room.

00:38:41 Rep. Gary MacLaren

00:38:10 Melanie Symons

00:40:16 Rep. Gary MacLaren

00:40:42 Melanie Symons

00:41:05 Rep. Gary MacLaren

00:41:13 Melanie Symons
00:41:40 Rep. Pat Connell
00:42:58 Melanie Symons
00:43:49 Rep. Douglas Kary
00:44:30 Melanie Symons
00:45:04 Rep. Douglas Kary
00:45:07 Melanie Symons
00:45:43 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:45:50 Melanie Symons
00:47:23 Rep. Frank Smith
00:47:30 Melanie Symons
00:47:49 Rep. Pat Ingraham
00:48:09 Melanie Symons

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:33 Rep. Mike Menahan

HEARING ON HB 85

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:50:25 Rep. Franke Wilmer (D), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 85, Require employer contributions on working retirees in PERS, SRS, FURS.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:59:38 Roxanne Minnehan, Montana Public Employee Retirement Association (MPERA)
01:00:24 Rep. Dan Kennedy & Rep. Derek Skees left the room.
01:01:50 Rep. Dan Kennedy entered the room.
01:03:04 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employee Association (MPEA)
01:04:19 Rep. Derek Skees entered the room.
01:05:20 Eric Feavor, Montana Education Association & Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:07:51 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:09:53 Rep. James Knox
01:10:41 Roxanne Minnehan
01:11:03 Rep. James Knox
01:11:28 Roxanne Minnehan
01:12:21 Rep. Dan Kennedy
01:12:33 Roxanne Minnehan

01:12:45 Rep. James Knox left the room.
01:12:56 Rep. Derek Skees
01:13:42 Eric Feavor
01:14:04 Rep. Derek Skees
01:14:11 Eric Feavor
01:14:25 Rep. Dan Kennedy
01:14:36 Eric Feavor
01:14:44 Rep. Dan Kennedy
01:14:47 Eric Feavor
01:15:00 Rep. Dan Kennedy
01:15:07 Eric Feavor
01:15:13 Rep. Joanne Blyton
01:16:41 Roxanne Minnehan
01:16:52 Rep. James Knox entered the room.
01:17:32 Rep. Joanne Blyton
01:18:30 Roxanne Minnehan
01:18:56 Rep. James Knox
01:19:23 Roxanne Minnehan
01:20:19 Rep. Derek Skees
01:20:46 Rep. Franke Wilmer
01:21:25 Rep. Dan Kennedy
01:21:43 Rep. Franke Wilmer
01:21:59 Rep. Frank Smith
01:22:21 Melanie Symons

Closing by Sponsor:

01:22:43 Rep. Franke Wilmer

HEARING ON HB 119

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:43:50 Rep. Gordon Hendrick (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 119, Revise laws related to volunteer firefighters compensation.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:47:01 Mike O'Connor, Former Director Montana Public Employees Retirement Association (MPERA)
01:58:33 Leonard Lundby, Montana State Volunteer Firefighters Association (MSVFA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:00:28 Rep. Pat Connell
02:01:41 Mike O'Connor

02:02:31 Rep. Pat Connell
02:03:13 Mike O'Connor
02:04:08 Rep. Pat Connell
02:05:17 Mike O'Connor
02:05:44 Rep. Dan Kennedy
02:06:31 Mike O'Connor
02:07:14 Rep. Dan Kennedy
02:07:20 Mike O'Connor
02:07:32 Rep. Joanne Blyton
02:08:19 Mike O'Connor
02:08:46 Rep. Pat Ingraham
02:10:01 Mike O'Connor
02:10:39 Rep. Pat Ingraham
02:10:58 Mike O'Connor
02:11:21 Rep. Pat Ingraham
02:11:34 Mike O'Connor
02:12:09 Rep. Pat Ingraham
02:12:40 Mike O'Connor

Closing by Sponsor:

02:13:24 Rep. Gordon Hendrick

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 77

_____ **Motion:** Rep. F. Smith moved that **HB 77 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:23:24 Sheri Scurr

_____ **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. McGillvray and Rep. Wilmer voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:

02:27:17

Tim Stark, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth11aad.pdf](#))