

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Pat Ingraham, on January 20, 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. 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. James Knox (R)
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 142, 1/17/2011; HB 180, 1/17/2011; HB 164, 1/17/2011

Executive Action: HB 40, HB 66, HB 89, HB 91

HEARING ON HB 164**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:04 Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 164, Revise term limits through constitutional amendment.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:05:14 Ed Butcher, Winifred, Montana
00:11:53 Rep. Gordon Hendrick left the room.

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:16:08 Rep. Pat Connell
00:16:44 Rep. Roy Hollandsworth
00:18:47 Rep. Franke Wilmer
00:19:37 Rep. Roy Hollandsworth
00:20:24 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:21:12 Rep. Pat Connell
00:22:38 Rep. Roy Hollandsworth
00:23:42 Rep. Gary Maclaren
00:24:20 Rep. Roy Hollandsworth
00:24:54 Rep. Frank Smith
00:25:34 Ed Butcher
00:26:31 Rep. Frank Smith
00:27:08 Rep. Betsy Hands
00:27:46 Ed Butcher
00:29:19 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:29:53 Rep. Roy Hollandsworth
00:29:58 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:30:05 Rep. Roy Hollandsworth
00:30:48 Rep. Pat Ingraham

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:44 Rep. Roy Hollandsworth

HEARING ON HB 142

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:07 Rep. Diane Sands (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HB 142, Require interim committees review of reports and advisory councils for sunset.

[EXHIBIT\(sth15a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth15a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:41 Rep. Derek Skees
00:40:16 Rep. Diane Sands
00:41:36 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:41:49 Rep. Diane Sands
00:42:54 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:43:31 Sheri Scurr
00:45:02 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:45:10 Sheri Scurr
00:45:21 Rep. Jerry Bennett
00:45:45 Rep. Diane Sands
00:46:21 Rep. Pat Connell
00:47:17 Rep. Diane Sands
00:48:33 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:49:03 Rep. Diane Sands
00:49:35 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:49:52 Rep. Diane Sands

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:33 Rep. Diane Sands

HEARING ON HB 180**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:51:25 Rep. Champ Edmunds (R), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 180, Revise close of voter registration.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:52:20 Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State (SOS)

[EXHIBIT\(sth15a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth15a04\)](#)

00:54:59 Jeanne- Marie Souvigney, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

00:57:56 Beth Brennaham, Montana Disability Rights

01:00:33 Olivia Ruitta, Montana Women Vote (MWV)

01:03:29 Claudia Clifford, American Association of Retired People (AARP)

01:04:13 Scott Crichton, American Civil Liberties Union Montana (ACLUMT)

01:05:12 Eric Stern, Governor's Office

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:06:12 Rep. Derek Skees

01:06:55 Linda McCulloch

01:08:45 Rep. Derek Skees

01:08:57 Linda McCulloch

01:09:08 Rep. Dan Kennedy

01:09:28 Linda McCulloch

01:09:39 Rep. Dan Kennedy

01:09:48 Linda McCulloch

01:10:34 Rep. Dan Kennedy

01:10:49 Linda McCulloch

01:11:24 Rep. Pat Connell

01:12:27 Linda McCulloch

01:15:54 Rep. Pat Connell

01:16:17 Linda McCulloch

01:17:01 Rep. Franke Wilmer

01:17:48 Beth Brennaham

01:18:38 Rep. Franke Wilmer

01:18:46 Beth Brennaham

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:02 Rep. Champ Edmunds

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 40

01:39:04 _____ **Motion:** Rep. G. Bennett moved that **HB 40 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:39:11 Sheri Scurr
01:40:55 Rep. Gary MacLaren
01:41:51 Rep. James Knox
01:42:21 Rep. Franke Wilmer
01:44:29 Rep. Ted Washburn
01:45:05 Rep. Pat Connell
01:45:54 Sheri Scurr
01:49:28 Rep. Bryce Bennett

01:49:36 _____ **Motion/Vote:** Rep. B. Bennett moved that **HB 40 BE TABLED**. Motion failed 6-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Hands, Rep. Price, Rep. Smith, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Wilmer voting aye. Rep. Hendrick and Rep. McGillvray voted by proxy.

01:52:21 Rep. Jerry Bennett
01:53:32 Rep Betsy Hands
01:54:00 Sheri Scurr
01:54:36 Rep. Betsy Hands
01:56:08 Rep. James Knox
01:56:24 Sheri Scurr
01:56:55 Rep. Derek Skees
01:58:10 Sheri Scurr
01:58:27 Rep. Gary Maclaren
01:59:44 Sheri Scurr
02:00:48 Rep. Ted Washburn
02:01:25 Rep. Franke Wilmer
02:01:36 Rep Gordon Hendrick entered the room.
02:03:30 Rep. Dan Kennedy
02:04:17 Rep. Douglas Kary
02:04:32 Sheri Scurr
02:05:17 Rep. Pat Ingraham
02:06:16 Rep. Jerry Bennett
02:08:42 Rep. Derek Skees
02:11:40 Rep. Betsy Hands

02:11:55 _____ **Motion/Vote:** Rep. G. Bennett moved that **HB 40 DO PASS**. Motion carried 10-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Hands, Rep. Kary, Rep. MacLaren, Rep. Price, Rep. Smith, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Wilmer voting no. Rep. McGillvray voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 66

02:16:30 _____ **Motion:** Rep. G. Bennett moved that **HB 66 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:16:55 Sheri Scurr

02:17:33 _____ **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Ingraham made a substitute motion that **HB 66 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(sth15a05)

02:19:51 Rep. Franke Willmer

02:20:52 Rep. Betsy Hands

02:21:30 _____ **Vote:** Motion carried 12-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Hands, Rep. Price, Rep. Smith, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Wilmer voting no. Rep. McGillvray voted by proxy.

02:23:25 _____ **Motion /Vote:** Rep. G. Bennett moved that **HB 66 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 13-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Hands, Rep. Price, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Wilmer voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 89

02:25:03 _____ **Motion:** Rep. G. Bennett moved that **HB 89 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:25:40 Rep. Pat Ingraham

02:25:59 Rep. Gordon Hendrick

02:26:56 _____ **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. McGillvray voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 91

02:27:34 _____ **Motion:** Rep. Wilmer moved that **HB 91 DO PASS.**

02:27:45 _____ **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Ingraham made a substitute motion that **BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(sth15a06)

02:31:22 _____ **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. McGillvray voted by proxy.

02:31:48 _____ **Motion:** Rep. G. Bennett moved that **HB 91 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:32:36 Rep. Dan Kennedy

02:33:56 _____ **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. McGillvray voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

02:34:34 Adjournment:

Tim Stark, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth15aad.pdf](#))