

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Pat Ingraham, on January 26, 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. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Dan Kennedy (R)
Rep. James Knox (R)
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)

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 197, 1/24/2011; HB 279, 1/24/2011; HB 266, 1/24/2011

HEARING ON HB 197**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:45 Rep. Brian Hoven (R), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 197, Constitutional amendment allowing legislature to change retirement plans.

[EXHIBIT\(sth20a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth20a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth20a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:19:25 Melanie Symons, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA)

[EXHIBIT\(sth20a04\)](#)

00:24:20 Denise Pizzini, Montana Teacher Retirement System (TRS)

00:26:16 Rep Gary MacLaren entered the room.

00:28:34 John Schaffer, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)

00:31:41 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employee Association

00:36:50 Russell Wrigg, Association of Retired Public Employees

00:39:47 Truman Tolson, MPPA

00:45:07 Stacey Lear, Missoula Police Department

00:47:51 Mark Murphy, Montana County Attorney's Association

00:53:25 Matt Norby, Montana State Fireman Association

00:55:35 Eric Burke, Montana Education Association & Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:58:11 Bill Palmer, Helena, Montana

[EXHIBIT\(sth20a05\)](#)

00:59:47 John Mundinger, Helena, Montana

01:00:18 Mary Phippen, Helena, Montana

01:01:29 Jesse Luther, Montana Judges Association

01:02:09 Leo Berry, Helena, Montana

01:03:16 Ursala Hatfield, Helena, Montana

01:03:32 Tim Twardoski, Public Employee Retirement System

01:04:08 David Pac, Helena, Montana

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:12 Rep. Gordon Hendrick

01:06:11 Tom Schneider

01:06:53 Rep. Franke Wilmer

01:07:32 Rep. Brian Hoven

01:08:03 Rep. Franke Wilmer

01:08:22 Rep. Brian Hoven

01:08:58 Rep. Derek Skees
01:09:31 Rep. Brian Hoven
01:10:14 Rep. Derek Skees
01:11:30 Denise Pizzini
01:13:15 Rep. Derek Skees
01:13:29 Denise Pizzini
01:14:18 Leo Berry
01:15:15 Rep. Frank Smith
01:15:48 Rep. Brian Hoven
01:16:01 Rep. Pat Ingraham
01:16:46 Melanie Symons
01:17:03 Rep. Pat Ingraham
01:17:16 Melanie Symons
01:17:48 Leo Berry

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:40 Rep. Brian Hoven

HEARING ON HB 266

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:39:45 Rep. Diane Sands (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HB 266, Increase state contributions for certain employees in optional retirement.

[EXHIBIT\(sth20a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth20a07\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:46:32 Eric Burke, MEA-MFT

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:49:45 Rep. Jerry Bennett
01:50:16 Rep. Diane Sands
01:50:22 Rep. Gordon Hendrick
01:51:03 Eric Burke
01:52:02 Rep. Gordon Hendrick
01:52:31 Eric Burke
01:54:16 Rep. Franke Wilmer
01:54:42 Rep. Derek Skees
01:55:05 Eric Burke
01:56:17 Rep. Dan Kennedy
01:56:44 Eric Burke

Closing by Sponsor:

01:57:14 Rep. Diane Sands

HEARING ON HB 279

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:59:18 Rep. Frank Smith (D), HD 31, opened the hearing on HB 279, Providing disaster and emergency services to tribal governments.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:03:10 Rubin Mathias

Opponents' Testimony:

02:08:06 Cindy Swank
[EXHIBIT\(sth20a08\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

02:13:25 Ed Tinsley, Montana Disaster & Emergency Services (MTDES)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:14:10 Rep. Ted Washburn
02:14:30 Rep. Frank Smith
02:15:10 Ed Tinsley
02:15:53 Rep. Franke Wilmer
02:16:29 Rep. Dan Kennedy
02:17:17 Rep. Frank Smith
02:17:38 Rep. Dan Kennedy
02:18:06 Rep. Frank Smith
02:18:27 Ed Tinsley
02:19:22 Rep. Derek Skees
02:19:38 Ed Tinsley
02:20:19 Rep. Franke Wilmer
02:20:35 Rep. Dan Kennedy
02:21:01 Rep. Pat Connell
02:21:52 Rep. Pat Ingraham
02:22:10 Ed Tinsley
02:22:34 Steve Knecht, Montana Disaster & Emergency Services
02:22:59 Rep. Pat Ingraham
02:23:43 Steve Knecht
02:25:14 Rep. Pat Ingraham
02:26:20 Rubin Mathias
02:28:07 Rep. Pat Ingraham
02:28:35 Rubin Mathias
02:29:37 Rep. Gordon Hendrick

02:29:59 Rep. Pat Connell left the room.
02:30:17 Ed Tinsley
02:32:41 Gordon Hendrick
02:33:09 Ed Tinsley
02:35:26 Rep. MacLaren
02:35:44 Ed Tinsley
02:36:17 Rep. Gary MacLaren
02:36:45 Steve Knecht

Closing by Sponsor:

02:38:31 Rep. Frank Smith

Committee Business:

02:39:55 Rep. Pat Ingraham

ADJOURNMENT

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02:40:34

Tim Stark, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth20aad.pdf](#))