

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Pat Ingraham, on January 31, 2011 at 9:00 A.M., 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. 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. Pat Connell (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 256, 1/27/2011; HB 257, 1/27/2011; HB 255, 1/27/2011

**HEARING ON HB 257****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:59 Rep. Franke Wilmer (D), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 257, Enter into interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:34 Jackie Harriman, Department of Defense (DOD)

[EXHIBIT\(sth24a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth24a02\)](#)

00:13:20 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association (MSBA)

00:15:58 Marsha Cotton, Military Family

00:18:04 Brianna Cotton, Military Family

00:20:22 Audrey Rudy, Military Family

00:23:07 Steve York, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:23:31 Rep. Ted Washburn  
00:23:50 Bob Vogel  
00:25:04 Rep. Ted Washburn  
00:25:34 Bob Vogel  
00:26:51 Rep. Joanne Blyton  
00:27:28 Bob Vogel  
00:28:38 Rep. Joanne Blyton  
00:29:40 Bob Vogel  
00:30:37 Rep. Joanne Blyton  
00:30:48 Steve York  
00:33:34 Rep. Betsy Hands  
00:34:15 Jackie Harriman  
00:35:10 Rep. Betsy Hands  
00:35:38 Rep. Gordon Hendrick  
00:36:56 Steve York  
00:39:56 Rep. Dan Kennedy  
00:40:09 Jackie Harriman  
00:40:23 Rep. Derek Skees  
00:41:05 Steve York  
00:42:34 Rep. Derek Skees  
00:43:17 Rep. Franke Wilmer  
00:44:16 Rep. Pat Ingraham  
00:44:39 Rep. Franke Wilmer  
00:45:13 Jackie Harriman

00:45:32 Rep. Pat Ingraham  
00:46:25 Rep. Franke Wilmer  
00:46:56 Rep. Pat Ingraham  
00:47:25 Rep. Franke Wilmer

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:48:11 Rep. Franke Wilmer

**HEARING ON HB 255**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:04:30 Rep. Franke Wilmer (D), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 255, Provide that every March 30 is Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:09:38 Mike Wheat, Bozeman Montana  
01:13:10 Beverly Stewart, Vietnam Veterans of America (V.V.A.)  
01:16:45 Paul Harmon, Veterans Affairs (VA)  
01:17:41 Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State (SOS)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:19:20 Cindy Swank, Poplar, Montana  
[EXHIBIT\(sth24a03\)](#)

01:23:08 Roger Nummerdor, Helena, Montana  
[EXHIBIT\(sth24a04\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:26:04 Rep. Franke Wilmer

**HEARING ON HB 256**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:27:14 Rep. Franke Wilmer (D), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 256, Provide for disposition of remains of military personnel.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:31:03 Jackie Harriman, Department of Defense (DOD)

[EXHIBIT\(sth24a05\)](#)

01:33:42 Steve Yeakel, Montana Funeral Directors Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:36:50 Rep. Franke Wilmer

**Committee Business:**

01:39:27 Rep. Pat Ingraham

01:42:14 Rep. Betsy Hands

01:43:05 Rep. Pat Ingraham

01:46:13 Rep. Dan Kennedy

01:46:52 Rep. Ted Washburn

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:47:14      Adjournment

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Tim Stark, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sth24aad.pdf](#))**