

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Pat Ingraham, on February 3, 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. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch
Tim Stark, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 328, 2/1/2011; HB 330, 2/1/2011
Executive Action: HB 255, HB 256, HB 257, HB 279, HB 297

HEARING ON HB 328**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

- 00:03:06 Rep. Franke Wilmer (D), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 328, Include dispatchers in sheriffs' retirement system.
- 00:04:03 Rep. Gary MacLaren entered the room.

Proponents' Testimony:

- 00:07:20 Susan Bomstad, Bozeman, Montana
[EXHIBIT\(sth27a01\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(sth27a02\)](#)
- 00:20:16 Jim Smith, Sheriffs & Pease Officer Association
- 00:22:11 Larry Epstein, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)
- 00:23:29 Col Mike Tooley, Montana Highway Patrol
- 00:26:11 Linda Stoll, Missoula County, Montana
- 00:27:12 John Forkan, American Federation of County & Municipal Employees
- 00:27:46 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employee Association (MPEA)
- 00:28:39 Jason Miller, Teamster #190
- 00:29:24 Terry Minow, Montana Education Association & Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)
- 00:30:06 Tammy Ellis, Montana Highway Patrol
- 00:34:52 Kurt Bushnell, Montana State Fireman Association
- 00:35:16 Roxanne Minnehan, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA)
- 00:44:57 Forrest Merrill, Missoula County 911
- 00:49:27 Kimberly Burdick, Choteau, Montana
- 00:57:54 Melanie Symons, Helena, Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

- 01:01:09 Rep. Dan Kennedy
- 01:01:35 Susan Bomstad
- 01:02:03 Rep. Dan Kennedy
- 01:02:14 Susan Bomstad
- 01:02:55 Rep. Dan Kennedy
- 01:03:06 Rep. James Knox
- 01:03:42 Susan Bomstad
- 01:03:50 Rep. James Knox
- 01:04:31 Roxanne Minnehan

01:05:21 Rep. James Knox
01:05:36 Rep. Franke Wilmer
01:06:33 Rep. Ted Washburn
01:07:01 Susan Bomstad
01:07:43 Rep. Ted Washburn
01:08:25 Col Mike Tooley
01:08:29 Rep. Ted Washburn
01:08:52 Roxanne Minnehan
01:10:26 Rep. Gordon Hendrick
01:11:03 Forest Merrill
01:11:55 Rep. Gordon Hendrick
01:13:16 Forest Merrill
01:14:08 Rep. Jerry Bennett
01:15:29 Roxanne Minnehan
01:16:11 Rep. Jerry Bennett
01:16:20 Rep. Betsy Hands
01:17:09 Linda Stoll
01:18:48 Rep. Betsy Hands
01:19:21 Col Mike Tooley
01:20:01 Rep. Betsy Hands
01:20:22 Larry Epstein
01:22:41 Rep. Joanne Blyton
01:23:23 Susan Bomstad
01:23:35 Rep. Joanne Blyton
01:23:43 Susan Bomstad
01:24:22 Jacob Boltz, Montana Highway Patrol
01:24:56 Rep. Joanne Blyton
01:25:42 Roxanne Minnehan
01:26:32 Rep. Dan Kennedy
01:27:13 Kimberly Burdack
01:27:34 Rep. Dan Kennedy
01:27:42 Roxanne Minnehan
01:28:03 Rep. James Knox
01:28:30 Susan Bomstad
01:29:41 Roxanne Minnehan
01:30:25 Rep. Douglas Kary
01:30:56 Col Mike Tooley
01:31:02 Rep. Douglas Kary
01:31:07 Col Mike Tooley
01:31:46 Rep. Douglas Kary
01:32:03 Col Mike Tooley
01:32:51 Rep. Pat Connell
01:33:51 Jim Smith
01:35:32 Rep. Pat Connell
01:35:54 Jim Smith
01:36:28 Rep. Gary MacLaren
01:36:52 Rep. Franke Wilmer
01:38:33 Rep. Gary MacLaren
01:38:47 Rep. Franke Wilmer
01:40:11 Rep. Dan Kennedy

01:40:31 Rep. Franke Wilmer
01:41:11 Rep. Pat Ingraham
01:41:39 Jim Smith
01:41:57 Rep. Pat Ingraham
01:43:12 Kimberly Burdick

Closing by Sponsor:

01:44:21 Rep. Franke Wilmer

HEARING ON HB 330

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:04:12 Rep. Bryce Bennett (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 330, Require voter registration forms to provide option for permanent absentee ballot.

[EXHIBIT\(sth27a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:08:15 Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State (SOS)

[EXHIBIT\(sth27a04\)](#)

02:09:45 Linda Stoll, Missoula County, Montana

02:10:09 Jenifer Gursky, University of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:11:10 Rep. Betsy Hands
02:11:55 Rep. Bryce Bennett
02:12:01 Rep. James Knox
02:12:39 Rep. Bryce Bennett
02:13:38 Rep. James Knox
02:14:05 Rep. Bryce Bennett
02:14:40 Rep. Ted Washburn
02:16:13 Rep. Jerry Bennett
02:16:27 Rep. Ted Washburn
02:16:31 Rep. Bryce Bennett
02:16:54 Linda McCulloch
02:18:33 Rep. Joanne Blyton
02:18:50 Rep. Bryce Bennett

02:19:04 Rep. Douglas Kary
02:19:37 Rep. Bryce Bennett
02:19:55 Rep. Gordon Hendrick

Closing by Sponsor:

02:20:18 Rep. Bryce Bennett

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 255

02:23:43 **Motion:** Rep. Wilmer moved that **HB 255 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:24:01 Rep. Franke Wilmer
02:26:29 Rep. Gordon Hendrick
02:28:12 Rep. Ted Washburn
02:28:57 Rep. James Knox
02:29:44 Rep. Pat Connell
02:30:28 Rep. Jerry Bennett
02:30:41 Rep. Franke Wilmer

02:32:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Ingraham, Rep. McGillvray and Rep. Skees voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 256

02:32:58 **Motion:** Rep. Wilmer moved that **HB 256 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:33:36 Rep. James Knox
02:34:02 Rep. Franke Wilmer

02:34:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Ingraham, Rep. McGillvray and Rep. Skees voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 257

02:35:28 **Motion:** Rep. Wilmer moved that **HB 257 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:35:53 Rep. Betsy Hands
02:37:18 Rep. Douglas Kary
02:37:54 Rep. Franke Wilmer
02:39:25 Rep. Gordon Hendrick
02:42:29 Rep. James Knox
02:43:29 Rep. Kathy Swanson

- 02:44:09 Rep. Jean Price
02:44:37 Rep. Franke Wilmer
02:45:20 Rep. Jean Price
02:46:07 Rep. Dan Kennedy
- 02:47:11 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Hands, Rep. Price, Rep. Skees, Rep. Smith and Rep. Wilmer voting aye. Rep. Hands, Rep. Ingraham, Rep. McGillvray and Rep. Skees voted by proxy.
- 02:48:41 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hendrick moved that **HB 257 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 12-6 by voice vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Hands, Rep. Price, Rep. Smith, Rep. Swanson and Rep. Wilmer voting no. Rep. Hands, Rep. Ingraham, Rep. McGillvray and Rep. Skees voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 279

- 02:50:10 **Motion:** Rep. F. Smith moved that **HB 279 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

- 02:51:13 Rep. Frank Smith
02:52:18 Rep. Ted Washburn
02:53:13 Rep. Jerry Bennett
02:53:44 Rep. Frank Smith
02:54:16 Rep. Gordon Hendrick
02:54:44 Rep. Frank Smith
02:54:54 Rep. Gordon Hendrick
02:55:50 Rep. Dan Kennedy
02:56:15 Rep. Frank Smith
02:56:29 Rep. Betsy Hands
02:56:52 Rep. Franke Wilmer
- 02:57:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Ingraham, Rep. McGillvray and Rep. Skees voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 297

- 02:58:00 **Motion:** Rep. Hendrick moved that HB 297 **DO PASS**.

Discussion:

- 02:58:00 Rep. Frank Smith
- 02:59:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Ingraham, Rep. McGillvray and Rep. Skees voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

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03:01:38

Tim Stark, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth27aad.pdf](#))