

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Pat Ingraham, on March 9, 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. 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. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Franke Wilmer, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Pat Connell (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)

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: SB 182, 3/7/2011; SB 198, 3/7/2011; SB 204, 3/7/2011; SB 227, 3/7/2011; SB 307, 3/7/2011

HEARING ON SB 182

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:39 Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D), SD 25, opened the hearing on SB 182, Eliminate 2 advisory units for board of regents.

00:05:33 Rep. Tom McGillvray entered the room.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:27 Dan Villa, Governor's Office

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:52 Rep. Derek Skees
00:10:23 Sen. Kendall Van Dyk
00:10:41 Dan Villa
00:12:05 Rep. Derek Skees
00:12:28 Dan Villa
00:13:30 Rep. Derek Skees
00:13:38 Rep. Franke Wilmer entered the room.
00:13:59 Sen. Kendall Van Dyk
00:14:34 Dan Villa

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:32 Sen. Kendall Van Dyk

HEARING ON SB 204

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:17:58 Sen. Anders Blewett (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 204, Increase minimum number of signatures to qualify Constitutional initiative.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:22:24 Becky Stockton, Helena, Montana
EXHIBIT(sth53a01)

00:25:50 Mark Mackin, Helena, Montana
[EXHIBIT\(sth53a02\)](#)

00:32:49 Carol Mackin, Helena, Montana

[EXHIBIT\(sth53a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:34:42 Rep. James Knox
00:35:17 Sen. Anders Blewett
00:36:20 Rep. James Knox
00:37:19 Sen. Anders Blewett
00:38:31 Rep. Derek Skees
00:39:15 Sen. Anders Blewett
00:40:33 Rep. Derek Skees
00:41:20 Sen. Anders Blewett
00:43:02 Rep. Pat Connell entered the room.
00:43:11 Rep. Franke Wilmer
00:43:57 Sen. Anders Blewett
00:44:17 Rep. Franke Wilmer
00:45:36 Sen. Anders Blewett
00:46:23 Rep. Franke Wilmer
00:46:45 Sen. Anders Blewett
00:46:52 Rep. Tom McGillvray
00:47:19 Sen. Anders Blewett
00:47:47 Rep. Tom McGillvray
00:47:59 Sen. Anders Blewett
00:48:26 Rep. Tom McGillvray
00:48:35 Sen. Anders Blewett
00:48:47 Rep. Tom McGillvray
00:49:05 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:49:23 Sen. Anders Blewett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:49:59 Sen. Anders Blewett

HEARING ON SB 198

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:01:23 Sen. Joe Balyeat (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 198, Revise fiscal note

[EXHIBIT\(sth53a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth53a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:14:43 Mike Fellows, Missoula, Montana
01:16:05 Sen. Jason Priest

Opponents' Testimony:

01:17:45 David Ewer, Budget Director

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:30:42 Rep. Ted Washburn
01:31:35 David Ewer
01:34:53 Rep. Derek Skees
01:36:40 David Ewer
01:38:46 Rep. Dan Kennedy
01:39:05 Sen. Joe Balyeat
01:40:30 Rep. Dan Kennedy
01:40:39 Sen. Joe Balyeat
01:41:30 Rep. Betsy Hands
01:42:00 David Ewer
01:43:38 Rep. Betsy Hands
01:44:13 David Ewer
01:45:11 Rep. James Knox
01:45:50 David Ewer
01:47:22 Rep. Franke Wilmer
01:48:00 David Ewer
01:49:21 Rep. Franke Wilmer
01:49:47 Sen. Joe Balyeat
01:51:42 Rep. Franke Wilmer
01:52:10 Sen. Joe Balyeat
01:53:04 Rep. Dan Kennedy
01:53:23 David Ewer
01:53:28 Rep. Jerry Bennett
01:54:02 David Ewer
01:55:52 Rep. Joanne Blyton
01:56:16 Sen. Joe Balyeat
01:57:24 Rep. Joanne Blyton
01:57:38 Sen. Joe Balyeat

Closing by Sponsor:

01:59:08 Sen. Joe Balyeat

HEARING ON SB 227**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:04:43 Sen. Jason Priest (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 227, Requiring a report on advertising of state government services.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:07:53 Mike Fellows, Missoula, Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

02:08:55 Sheryl Olson, Department of Administration (DOA)

Informational Testimony:

02:15:38 Denise King, Montana Historical Society

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:20:19 Rep. Dan Kennedy
02:20:57 Sheryl Olson
02:21:32 Rep. Dan Kennedy
02:21:42 Denise King
02:22:51 Rep. Dan Kennedy
02:23:03 Sen. Jason Priest
02:24:28 Rep. Dan Kennedy
02:24:40 Sen. Jason Priest
02:24:55 Rep. Betsy Hands
02:25:23 Sen. Jason Priest
02:26:18 Rep. Betsy Hands
02:27:04 Rep. Gary MacLaren entered the room.
02:27:28 Sen. Jason Priest
02:28:22 Rep. James Knox
02:28:53 Sen. Jason Priest
02:29:19 Rep. Franke Wilmer
02:29:55 Sen. Jason Priest
02:31:09 Rep. Franke Wilmer
02:32:23 Sen. Jason Priest
02:34:03 Rep. Joanne Blyton
02:34:28 Sen. Jason Priest
02:34:38 Rep. Dan Kennedy
02:35:23 Sen. Jason Priest
02:35:56 Rep. Gordon Hendrick entered the room.
02:36:28 Rep. Betsy Hands
02:37:08 Sen. Jason Priest
02:38:47 Rep. Douglas Kary
02:39:13 Sen. Jason Priest
02:39:24 Rep. Douglas Kary

02:39:51 Sen. Jason Priest
02:41:15 Rep. Franke Wilmer
02:42:09 Sheryl Olson
02:43:21 Rep. Franke Wilmer
02:43:53 Sheryl Olson
02:44:40 Rep. Frank Smith
02:45:04 Sen. Jason Priest
02:45:19 Rep. Frank Smith
02:45:39 Sen. Jason Priest
02:45:47 Rep. Pat Ingraham
02:46:22 Sen. Jason Priest
02:47:15 Rep. Pat Ingraham
02:48:15 Sen. Jason Priest
02:48:33 Rep. Pat Ingraham
02:48:45 Sen. Jason Priest
02:49:26 Rep. Pat Ingraham
02:49:31 Sen. Jason Priest
02:49:57 Rep. Pat Ingraham
02:50:40 Sen. Jason Priest

Closing by Sponsor:

02:51:21 Sen. Jason Priest

HEARING ON SB 307

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:54:09 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 307, Have leg. interim committees allow public comment on privatizing state programs.

[EXHIBIT\(sth53a06\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:56:30 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association
03:01:39 Bonnie Lorang, Montana Independent Telecommunications Systems
03:02:46 Riley Johnson, Helena, Montana
03:04:47 Mike Fellows, Missoula, Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

03:05:31 Tori Hunthausen, Legislative Audit Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

03:07:06 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt

ADJOURNMENT

03:08:52 Adjournment:

Tim Stark, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth53aad.pdf](#))