

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Pat Ingraham, on March 10, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Pat Ingraham, 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. Dan Kennedy (R)
Rep. James Knox (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Douglas (Doug) Kary (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: HB 597, 3/10/2011; SB 3, 3/10/2011; SB 55, 3/10/2011
Executive Action: HB 597

HEARING ON SB 3**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:32 Sen. Bob Hawks (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 3, Require state agencies to report on heritage properties.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:09 Cher Jiusto, Montana Preservation Alliance
EXHIBIT(sth54a01)

00:17:41 Denise King, Montana Historical Society
00:18:19 Sheila Stearns, Montana Higher Education
00:19:14 Chaz VanGenderen, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
00:20:05 Patti Dean, Montana Preservation Alliance

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:23:09 Joe Triem, Department of Administration (DOA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:43 Rep. Gordon Hendrick
00:24:11 Sen. Bob Hawks
00:25:14 Rep. Gordon Hendrick
00:25:58 Denise King
00:26:13 Rep. Gordon Hendrick
00:26:52 Cher Jiusto
00:29:51 Rep. Gordon Hendrick
00:30:14 Cher Jiusto
00:31:25 Rep. Betsy Hands
00:32:12 Sen. Bob Hawks
00:33:38 Rep. Betsy Hands
00:34:16 Sen. Bob Hawks
00:35:08 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:35:23 Cher Jiusto
00:37:02 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:37:20 Cher Jiusto
00:37:59 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:38:36 Joe Triem
00:39:37 Rep. Derek Skees
00:41:06 Cher Jiusto
00:43:14 Rep. Derek Skees
00:43:33 Sen. Bob Hawks
00:44:13 Rep. Derek Skees
00:45:00 Joe Triem
00:47:06 Rep. Derek Skees

00:47:24 Joe Triem
00:48:13 Rep. Pat Connell
00:49:24 Sen. Bob Hawks
00:50:12 Rep. Pat Ingraham
00:50:37 Sen. Bob Hawks

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:57 Sen. Bob Hawks

HEARING ON HB 597

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:52:50 Rep. Scott Reichner (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 597, Revise state public employee retirement systems.

00:54:07 Rep. Douglas Kary entered the room.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:55:21 Jerry Williams, Montana Protective Police Association
00:55:40 Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association and Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)
00:56:01 George Golie, Montana Game Wardens Association
00:56:24 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employee Retirement Association (MPERA)
00:56:47 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs & Peace Officers Association
00:57:29 John Forkan, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:57:55 Rep. Derek Skees

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:45 Scott Reichner

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 597

00:59:01 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. B. Bennett moved that **HB 597 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 16-2 by voice vote with Rep. Skees and Rep. Smith voting no. Rep. Knox, Rep. MacLaren, Rep. McGillvray, Rep. Hands, Rep. J. Bennett and Rep. Swanson voted by proxy.

HEARING ON SB 55

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:11:23 Sen. Larry Jent (D), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB 55, Implement the federal military and overseas empowerment act.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:15:57 Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State (SOS)
EXHIBIT(sth54a02)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:21:02 Rep. Joanne Blyton
01:21:15 Linda McCulloch
01:23:13 Rep. Betsy Hands
01:23:23 Linda McCulloch
01:23:46 Rep. Pat Ingraham
01:24:15 Linda McCulloch
01:26:02 Rep. Pat Ingraham
01:26:14 Linda McCulloch
01:26:19 Rep. Pat Ingraham
01:26:56 Linda McCulloch
01:28:09 Rep. Pat Ingraham
01:28:17 Linda McCulloch
01:28:36 Rep. Gordon Hendrick
01:29:35 Linda McCulloch

Closing by Sponsor:

01:30:06 Sen. Larry Jent

Committee Business:

01:32:58 Rep. Gordon Hendrick
01:33:54 Rep. Pat Connell
01:34:01 Rep. Jerry Bennett entered the room.
01:34:23 Rep. Pat Ingraham
01:35:17 Rep. Jean Price
01:35:27 Rep. Pat Ingraham

ADJOURNMENT

01:35:50 Adjournment

Tim Stark, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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