

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Pat Ingraham, on March 23, 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. Ted Washburn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch
0Tim Stark, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 632, 3/18/2011; SB 325, 3/18/2011
Executive Action on: SB 608

HEARING ON HB 632

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:25 Rep. Janna Taylor (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 632, Use spendable portion of coal sev. tax to pay down UAL in PERS, TRS, SRS, GWPORS.

[EXHIBIT\(sth65a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:33 Leo Barry, Montana Association of Retired Public Employees

[EXHIBIT\(sth65a02\)](#)

00:11:33 Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association and Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:14:01 David Senn, Montana Teacher Retirement System (TRS)

00:15:20 Roxanne Minnehan, Montana Public Employee Retirement System (MPERS)

[EXHIBIT\(sth65a03\)](#)

00:17:00 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

00:19:14 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employee Retirement Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:08 Rep. Derek Skees

00:20:42 Rep. Janna Taylor

00:21:35 Rep. Pat Connell

00:22:01 Rep. Janna Taylor

00:23:00 Rep. Pat Connell

00:23:39 Rep. Bryce Bennett

00:24:06 Roxanne Minnehan

00:24:39 Rep. Pat Ingraham

00:24:57 Rep. Janna Taylor

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:32 Rep. Janna Taylor

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 608

Discussion:

00:40:52 Sheri Scurr
00:41:30 Rep. Pat Ingraham

HEARING ON SB 325

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:41:50 Sen. Joe Balyeat (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 325, Referendum to require majority vote in general elections.

[EXHIBIT\(sth65a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth65a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:56:27 Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State (SOS)

[EXHIBIT\(sth65a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth65a07\)](#)

01:05:25 Leonard Wortman. Townsend, Montana

[EXHIBIT\(sth65a08\)](#)

01:08:44 Terry Minow, Montana Education Association and Montana Federation of Teachers

01:10:21 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:10:57 Rep. Derek Skees

01:11:23 Leonard Wortman

01:11:38 Rep. Derek Skees

01:12:00 Leonard Wortman

01:12:18 Rep. Derek Skees

01:12:32 Leonard Wortman

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:09 Sen. Joe Balyeat

01:17:32 Rep. Gary MacLaren entered the room.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 608

01:18:09 **Motion:** Rep. G. Bennett moved that **HB 608 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:18:25 Sheri Scurr
01:18:37 Rep. Dan Kennedy
01:19:37 Rep. Derek Skees
01:20:38 Rep. Ted Washburn
01:21:25 Rep. Pat Connell
01:23:25 Rep. Betsy Hands
01:24:59 Rep. Gordon Hendrick

01:28:22 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-14 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Kennedy, Rep. Knox and Rep. McGillvray voting aye. Rep. Knox, Rep. McGillvray, Rep. Smith and Rep. Swanson voted by proxy.

01:29:34 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kary moved that **HB 608 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. Kennedy voting no. Rep. Knox, Rep. McGillvray, Rep. Smith and Rep. Swanson voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

01:30:55 Adjournment

Tim Stark, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth65aad.pdf](#))