

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Jim Shockley, on March 11, 2011 at 3:15 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jim Shockley, Chair (R)
Sen. Ron Arthun, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Anders Blewett (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Carmine Mowbray (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

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 325, 2/23/2011

Executive Action: SB 325, Do Pass; HB 99, Be Concurred In; HB 40, Be Tabled;
SB 321, Be Tabled

HEARING ON SB 325

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:15 Sen. Joe Balyeat (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 325, Referendum to require majority vote in general elections.

[EXHIBIT\(sts55a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:07:02 Linda McCulloch, Montana Secretary of State

[EXHIBIT\(sts55a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sts55a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00:18:10 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:39 Sen. Blewett
00:27:13 Linda McCulloch
00:27:41 Chairman Shockley
00:27:50 Sen. Blewett
00:28:04 Linda McCulloch
00:28:21 Sen. Mowbray
00:29:47 Linda McCulloch
00:30:00 Sen. Arthun
00:30:16 Sen. Balyeat
00:30:25 Chairman Shockley

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:55 Sen. Balyeat

[EXHIBIT\(sts55a04\)](#)

Additional Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:21 Sen. Windy Boy
00:41:15 Linda McCulloch
00:43:20 Chairman Shockley
00:43:31 Sen. Mowbray
00:45:34 Sen. Balyeat
[EXHIBIT\(sts55a05\)](#)
00:45:51 Sen. Mowbray

00:46:57 Sen. Blewett
 00:47:15 Sen. Balyeat
 00:47:27 Chairman Shockley

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 325

00:47:34 **Motion:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **SB 325 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:47:46 Sen. Balyeat
 00:48:23 Chairman Shockley
 00:48:53 Sen. Arthun
 00:49:04 Sen. Balyeat
 00:49:09 Sen. Jent left the hearing.
 00:53:07 Sen. Windy Boy
 00:53:26 Sen. Balyeat
 00:54:13 Sen. Blewett
 00:55:34 Sen. Balyeat

00:56:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Blewett, Sen. Jent and Sen. Windy Boy voting no. Sen. Jent voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 99

00:57:23 **Motion:** Sen. Blewett moved that **HB 99 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:57:51 Rachel Weiss, LSD
 00:58:23 Sen. Balyeat
 00:58:41 Rachel Weiss

00:59:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Jent voted by proxy. Sen. Blewett will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 40

Discussion:

01:00:39 Rachel Weiss
 01:01:00 Sen. Windy Boy
 01:01:10 Sen. Balyeat left the hearing.
 01:01:12 Rachel Weiss
 01:01:25 Chairman Shockley
 01:01:30 Sen. Windy Boy
 01:02:12 Chairman Shockley

01:02:27 **Motion:** Sen. Arthun moved that **HB 40 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:02:43 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Windy Boy moved that **HB 40 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Balyeat and Sen. Jent voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(sts55a06)

01:03:17 **Motion:** Sen. Blewett moved that **HB 40 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

01:03:24 Sen. Windy Boy
01:04:32 Chairman Shockley
01:04:34 Sen. Arthun
01:04:41 Sen. Windy Boy
01:05:25 Sen. Blewett
01:07:24 Chairman Shockley
01:08:01 Sen. Jones
01:08:44 Chairman Shockley

01:09:02 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Arthun moved that **HB 40 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Balyeat and Sen. Jent voted by proxy.

01:09:50 Sen. Balyeat entered the hearing.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 321

01:11:40 **Motion:** Sen. Arthun moved that **SB 321 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:11:47 Sen. Balyeat
01:12:53 Chairman Shockley
01:12:59 Rachel Weiss
01:13:30 Sen. Balyeat
01:15:03 Sen. Blewett
01:15:24 Sen. Balyeat
01:15:49 Sen. Windy Boy
01:15:55 Sen. Blewett
01:15:58 Sen. Balyeat
01:18:26 Sen. Mowbray
01:18:32 Chairman Shockley
01:18:37 Sen. Windy Boy
01:18:54 Rachel Weiss
01:19:11 Sen. Windy Boy
01:19:44 Sen. Blewett
01:20:45 Sen. Balyeat
01:21:55 Chairman Shockley
01:22:36 Sen. Blewett

01:23:03 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Arthun, Sen. Balyeat, Sen. Jones and Sen. Shockley voting aye. Sen. Jent voted by proxy.

Discussion:

01:23:55 Chairman Shockley

01:24:36 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Blewett moved that **SB 321 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 6-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Arthun and Sen. Balyeat voting no. Sen. Jent voted by proxy.

Discussion:

01:25:17 Sen. Balyeat

01:26:19 Sen. Blewett

01:26:34 Chairman Shockley

01:26:53 Sen. Balyeat

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:45 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

ns

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts55aad.pdf](#))