

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Pat Ingraham, on January 30, 2013 at 8:00 AM, in Room 455
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Pat Ingraham, Chair (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Liz Bangerter (R)
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)
Rep. Forrestina (Frosty) Calf Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Pat Connell (R)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. David Howard (R)
Rep. Doug Kary (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Clarena Brockie (D)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Patty Hartman, Committee Secretary
Sheri Scurr, 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: HB 79, 1/15/2013; HB 217, 01/18/2013; HB 220, 1/21/2013; HB
221, 1/18/2013; HB 222, 1/18/2013
Executive Action: HB 221

00:08:31 Rep. Brockie entered the room.

HEARING ON HB 79

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:11 Rep. Tom Berry (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 79, Constitutional referendum to rename the State Auditor.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:51 Adam Schafer, Deputy Commissioner, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

00:17:58 Frank Cote, Chief Sales Officer, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBS)

00:18:57 Julie Steab, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:03 Rep. Berry

HEARING ON HB 217

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:21:22 Rep. David Howard (R), HD 60, opened the hearing on HB 217, Revise campaign finance regulation of churches.

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Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:05 Lawrence VanDyke, Solicitor General, Department of Justice (DOJ)

00:26:36 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation

00:29:42 B. G. Stumberg, Pastor, Canyon Ferry Road Baptist Church

00:30:15 Terry Paske, Canyon Ferry Road Baptist Church

00:31:06 Dave Wood, Self

00:31:34 Garnet Rope, Self

00:32:11 Patricia Wood, Self

00:32:29 Bob Leach, Self

00:33:28 Kevin Walth, Self

00:33:46 Virginia Geier, Canyon Ferry Road Baptist Church

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:34:25 Julie Steab, Investigator, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

00:34:44 Mary Baker, Program Supervisor, COPP

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:33 Rep. Connell

00:36:01 Rep. Howard

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:14 Rep. Howard

HEARING ON HB 220

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:41:30 Rep. Mike Miller (R), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 220, Revise election laws for county commissioners.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:43:11 Dave Wood, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:44:21 Mike Murray, Chairman, Lewis and Clark County Commission (BOCC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:24 Rep. Washburn

00:47:50 Mike Murray, BOCC

Opponents' Testimony:

00:48:12 Leonard Wortman, Chair, Jefferson County Commission

00:50:13 Gordon Morris, Self

00:53:38 Ed Bartlett, Yellowstone County Commissioners

00:55:59 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders (MACR) and Missoula County

01:01:41 Andy Hunthausen, County Commissioner, BOCC and Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

01:05:29 Amy Fisher, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

01:06:15 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, MACo

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:11:16 Rep. Connell

01:12:40 Rep. Miller

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:04 Rep. Miller

HEARING ON HB 221

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:14:16 Rep. Mike Miller (R), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 221, Revise campaign finance laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:15:55 Dave Wood, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:16:34 Mary Baker, Program Supervisor, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

01:17:57 Julie Steab, Investigator, COPP

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:18:50 Rep. Connell

01:19:21 Mary Baker, COPP

01:19:44 Rep. Harris

01:20:14 Mary Baker, COPP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:21:15 Rep. Miller

HEARING ON HB 222

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:21:56 Rep. Mike Miller (R), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 222, Authorize Secretary of State to remove ineligible candidates from ballot.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:24:43 Julie Steab, Investigator, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:25:38 Rep. Brockie

01:26:08 Julie Steab, COPP

01:26:47 Mary Baker, Program Supervisor, COPP

01:27:48 Rep. Wilmer

01:28:06 Mary Baker, COPP

01:28:12 Rep. Harris

01:28:44 Mary Baker, COPP

01:29:34 Rep. Harris

01:29:53 Mary Baker, COPP

01:30:27 Rep. Harris

01:30:37 Mary Baker, COPP

01:30:45 Rep. Kary

01:31:20 Mary Baker, COPP

01:32:19 Rep. Ingraham

01:33:19 Rep. Miller

Closing by Sponsor:

01:33:36 Rep. Miller

01:35:04 Rep. Ingraham

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 221

01:35:23 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kary moved that **HB 221 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bennett, Rep. O'Hara and Rep. Vance voted aye by proxy.

01:36:06 Rep. Ingraham

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:38:01

Patty Hartman, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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