

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Pat Ingraham, on March 13, 2013 at 8:00 AM, in Room 455 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Pat Ingraham, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Ted Washburn, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Liz Bangerter (R)  
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)  
Rep. Clarena Brockie (D)  
Rep. Forrestina (Frosty) Calf Boss Ribs (D)  
Rep. Pat Connell (R)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. David Howard (R)  
Rep. Doug Kary (R)  
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (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. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Patty Hartman, 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 33, 3/8/2013; SB 63, 3/8/2013; SB 122, 3/8/2013

**HEARING ON SB 63**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:12:30 Sen. Anders Blewett (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 63, Clarify military death benefit.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:15:15 Brigadier General Brad Livingston, Assistant Adjutant General, Montana Air National Guard, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:16:44 Colonel James P. Moran, Staff Judge Advocate, Montana National Guard, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

**EXHIBIT(sth54a01)**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:19:54 Rep. O'Hara  
00:20:19 Brigadier General Livingston, DMA  
00:20:28 Rep. Bangerter  
00:20:45 Colonel Moran, DMA  
00:21:01 Rep. Harris  
00:21:38 Colonel Moran, DMA  
00:22:45 Rep. Harris  
00:23:50 Rep. Ingraham  
00:24:00 Colonel Moran, DMA  
00:25:26 Rep. Harris  
00:25:57 Colonel Moran, DMA  
00:26:16 Rep. Shaw  
00:27:12 Colonel Moran, DMA  
00:27:40 Rep. Blyton  
00:28:09 Colonel Moran, DMA  
00:28:56 Rep. Ingraham  
00:29:05 Colonel Moran, DMA  
00:29:30 Rep. Ingraham  
00:29:37 Colonel Moran, DMA

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:30:33 Dan Antonietti, Legislative Chairman, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:31:01 Sen. Blewett

**HEARING ON SB 33**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:32:12 Sen. Larry Jent (D), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB 33, Revise disaster relief expenditure laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

- 00:34:28 Brigadier General Brad Livingston, Assistant Adjutant General, Montana Air National Guard, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)  
00:35:26 Dan Antonietti, Legislative Chairman, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

- 00:36:12 Steve Knecht, Disaster and Emergency Services, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

**EXHIBIT(sth54a02)****Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

- 00:38:55 Rep. Washburn  
00:39:24 Steve Knecht, DMA  
00:40:00 Rep. Washburn  
00:40:46 Steve Knecht, DMA  
00:41:15 Rep. Washburn  
00:41:47 Rep. Ingraham  
00:42:13 Sen. Jent  
00:44:12 Rep. Kary  
00:44:36 Sen. Jent  
00:45:28 Colonel Moran, DMA  
00:46:00 Rep. Kary  
00:46:20 Colonel Moran, DMA  
00:46:36 Rep. Kary  
00:46:44 Colonel Moran, DMA  
00:46:54 Rep. Wilmer  
00:47:16 Sen. Jent  
00:48:32 Rep. Wilmer  
00:49:11 Sen. Jent  
00:50:00 Rep. Wilmer  
00:50:12 Sen. Jent

**Closing by Sponsor:**

- 00:50:34 Sen. Jent

**HEARING ON SB 122****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

- 00:52:19 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on SB 122, Generally revise election laws regarding local nonpartisan elections.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

- 00:56:57 Kate Cholewa, City of Missoula  
00:57:41 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Clerks and Records and Elections Administrators (MACR)  
00:57:55 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:58:32 Rep. B. Bennett  
00:59:00 Linda Stoll, MACR  
00:59:38 Rep. Harris  
01:00:18 Shantil Siaperas, MACo  
01:00:30 Rep. Washburn  
01:01:04 Linda Stoll, MACR  
01:02:03 Rep. Ingraham  
01:04:29 Linda Stoll, MACR  
01:05:16 Rep. Ingraham  
01:05:41 Linda Stoll, MACR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:05:56 Sen. Facey  
  
01:06:42 Rep. Ingraham

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:08:34

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Patty Hartman, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sth54aad.pdf](#))**