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MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Ron Arthun, on January 21, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Ron Arthun, Chair (R)
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Anders Blewett (D)
Sen. Scott Sales (R)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Larry Jent (D)

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 68, 1/17/2013; SB 124, 1/17/2013; SB 142, 1/17/2013

HEARING ON SB 68

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:32 Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 68, Revise ballot return envelope requirements to reflect extra postage required.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:51 Marg Crennen, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
[EXHIBIT\(sts12a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:31:30 Jorge Quintana, Chief Legal Counsel, Secretary of State's Office

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:32:23 Sen. Brown
00:34:55 Mr. Quintana
00:35:27 Chairman Arthun
00:35:35 Mr. Quintana
00:35:55 Sen. Brown
00:36:15 Mr. Quintana
00:36:20 Chairman Arthun
00:36:33 Mr. Quintana

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:58 Sen. Driscoll

HEARING ON SB 124

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:37:27 Sen. Sue Malek (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SB 124, Clarify definition of political committee.

[EXHIBIT\(sts12a02\)](#)

00:41:46 Sen. Jent entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:43:21 Sean McQuillan, Montana Public Research Group (MontPirg)
[EXHIBIT\(sts12a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:44:32 Jim Brown, representing himself

Informational Testimony:

00:54:38 Julie Steab, Investigator, Commissioner of Political Practices, (COPP)

00:55:00 Mary Baker, Program Supervisor, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:24 Sen. Blewett

00:57:02 Ms. Steab

00:57:19 Sen. Blewett

00:57:53 Sen. Malek

00:58:20 Sen. Brown

00:59:33 Sen. Van Dyk

00:59:41 Sen. Brown

01:00:43 Sen. Malek

01:01:58 Sen. Brown

01:02:35 Jim Brown

01:06:15 Sen. Blewett

01:08:40 Jim Brown

01:10:19 Sen. Brown

01:11:08 Sen. Malek

01:11:43 Sen. Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:07 Sen. Malek

HEARING ON SB 142

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:16:20 Sen. David Wanzenried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 142, Clarifying process to fill state senate seat vacancy.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:17:45 Jorge Quintana, Chief Legal Counsel, Secretary of State's Office

01:19:25 Jim Brown, Legal Council, Montana Republican Party (MRP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:20:52 Sen. Van Dyk

01:21:09 Sen. Wanzenried
01:21:28 Chairman Arthun
01:21:43 Sen. Wanzenried
01:22:03 Mr. Quintana

Closing by Sponsor:

01:22:36 Sen. Wanzenried

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:50 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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