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

Call to Order: Chair Ron Arthun, on January 28, 2013 at 3:10 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. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Scott Sales (R)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (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: SR 3, 1/25/2013; HB 23, 1/24/2013; HB 51, 1/24/2013

Executive Action: SB 122 - Do Pass

HEARING ON HB 23

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:12 Rep. Bryce Bennett (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 23, Revising ethics violation laws for commissioner of political practices.

00:03:30 Sen. Sales entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony: none

Opponents' Testimony: none

00:05:27 Sen. Van Dyk entered the hearing.

Informational Testimony:

00:05:35 Julie Steab, Investigator, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

00:05:56 Mary Baker, Program Supervisor, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:20 Sen. Brown

00:06:54 Mary Baker, COPP

00:07:13 Chairman Arthun

00:07:40 Mary Baker

00:08:41 Sen. Brown

00:09:01 Rep. Bennett

00:09:24 Sen. Blewett

00:09:38 Rep. Bennett

00:10:15 Chairman Arthun

00:10:31 Rep. Bennett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:56 Rep. Bennett

HEARING ON HB 51

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:55 Rep. Champ Edmunds (R), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 51, Revise applicability of federal laws and regulations to Montana National Guard.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:35 Major General Matthew Quinn, Adjutant General for the State of Montana and
Director, Montana Department of Military Affairs

[EXHIBIT\(sts18a01\)](#)

00:14:15 Dan Antonietti, National Legislative Committee and State Chairman, Veterans of
Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:15:14 Lieutenant Colonel Beverly D. Schneider, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate,
Montana National Guard (MNG)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:16 Sen. Brown

00:19:04 Lt. Col. Schneider, MNG

00:19:53 Sen. Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:10 Rep. Edmunds

HEARING ON SR 3

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:21:28 Sen. Jeff Essmann (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SR 3, Senate resolution
on redistricting.

[EXHIBIT\(sts18a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sts18a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:50 Leonard Wortman, Chair, Jefferson County Commission

Opponents' Testimony:

00:32:30 Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D), SD 41

00:35:02 Sen. Jon Sesso (D), SD 37

00:38:26 Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D), SD 43

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:57 Sen. Jent

00:41:11 Rep. Vuckovich
00:42:43 Sen. Jent
00:44:24 Sen. Essmann
00:45:44 Sen. Van Dyk
00:46:59 Sen. Essmann
00:48:31 Sen. Van Dyk
00:49:11 Sen. Brown
00:49:19 Chairman Arthun
00:49:24 Sen. Van Dyk
00:50:07 Sen. Essmann
00:50:46 Sen. Brown
00:52:06 Sen. Essmann
00:52:31 Sen. Blewett
00:53:16 Chairman Arthun
00:53:22 Sen. Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

00:56:10 Sen. Essmann

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 122

00:58:39 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 122 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:58:54 Sen. Blewett
00:59:39 Sen. Brown
01:00:07 Chairman Arthun

01:00:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:12 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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