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

Call to Order: Vice Chair Dee Brown, on February 13, 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. Roger Webb (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Scott Sales (R)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 46, 2/7/2013; HB 64, 2/7/2013; HB 124, 2/7/2013; HB 125, 2/7/2013; SB 242, 2/6/2013

00:19:44 Chairman Arthun left the hearing.

HEARING ON SB 242

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:40 Sen. Jon Sesso (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB 242, Establish a Montana military service award for Montanans killed in line of duty.

00:21:35 Sen. Van Dyk entered the hearing.

00:21:46 Sen. Sales entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:23 Joe Warren, retired veteran, representing Montana Army Survivor Outreach Services Program (MASOSP)

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00:30:52 Carla Lott, veteran, Montana Army National Guard, representing Montana Army Survivor Outreach Services Program (MASOSP)

00:32:07 John Walsh, Lieutenant Governor State of Montana, retired Adjutant General for the State of Montana, former commander of Montana's 163rd Infantry Battalion in Iraq

00:34:02 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38

00:34:27 Sen. Arthun entered the hearing.

00:34:46 Sen. Cliff Larsen (D), SD 50

00:36:41 Dan Antonietti, WWII Veteran, Veteran of Foreign Wars (VFW)

00:37:24 Jim Higgins, veteran, Montana National Guard

00:42:06 Jack Walsh, retired, Montana National Guard, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:42:58 Gary White, Adjutant, American Legion of Montana

00:47:05 Michael Clouse, Legislative Chairman, Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:29 Sen. Arthun

00:48:50 Sen. Sesso

00:54:21 Sen. Sales

00:54:45 Sen. Sesso

00:54:57 Joe Warren, MASOSP

00:55:12 Sen. Sales

00:55:21 Joe Warren

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:51 Sen. Sesso

HEARING ON HB 46

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:57:11 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 46, Revise contribution limit for candidate exploratory campaign.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:58:30 Mary Baker, Program Supervisor, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:59:32 Sen. Sales
01:00:45 Rep. Ingraham
01:00:56 Sen. Webb
01:01:16 Rep. Ingraham
01:01:44 Sen. Webb
01:02:45 Mary Baker, COPP
01:03:02 Sen. Arthun
01:03:52 Mary Baker

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:30 Rep. Ingraham

HEARING ON HB 64

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:04:55 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 64, Clarify requirements for report filing.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:05:59 Mary Baker, Program Supervisor, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:07:57 Vice Chair Brown
01:08:32 Mary Baker, COPP
01:09:10 Vice Chair Brown
01:09:28 Sen. Arthun
01:09:50 Mary Baker
01:10:21 Sen. Webb
01:10:35 Mary Baker

Closing by Sponsor:

01:11:28 Rep. Ingraham

HEARING ON HB 124

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:11:59 Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 124, Clarify exemption for school districts and special districts in elections.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:13:53 Mary Baker, Program Supervisor, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:15:40 Sen. Arthun
01:18:02 Mary Baker, COPP
01:18:11 Vice Chair Brown
01:18:21 Mary Baker
01:18:42 Sen. Arthun
01:18:55 Mary Baker

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:14 Rep. O'Hara

HEARING ON HB 125

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:19:37 Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 125, Clarify when candidate's name is held off the ballot.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:21:19 Mary Baker, Program Supervisor, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:23:17 Sen. Van Dyk
01:23:53 Mary Baker, COPP
01:24:24 Vice Chair Brown
01:24:36 Mary Baker

Closing by Sponsor:

01:25:01 Rep. O'Hara

Discussion:

01:25:44 Vice Chair Brown
01:25:53 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:26:23 Vice Chair Brown
01:26:28 Rachel Weiss, LSD

Chairman Arthun assumed the role as chair.

Committee Business:

01:26:39 Chairman Arthun
01:27:03 Sen. Van Dyk
01:27:05 Chairman Arthun

ADJOURNMENT

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Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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