

## MINUTES

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Ron Arthun, on March 6, 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. Larry Jent (D)  
Sen. Scott Sales (R)  
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

**Members Absent:** None

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

**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 38, 2/21/2013; HB 54, 2/21/2013; HB 251, 2/21/2013; HB 296, 2/21/2013

**HEARING ON HB 38**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:16:16 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 38, Transfer GIS duties to state library.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:18:02 Ron Baldwin, Chief Information Officer, Montana Department of Administration (DOA)

00:20:06 Jennie Stapp, State Librarian, Montana State Library (MSL)  
[EXHIBIT\(sts48a01\)](#)

00:23:50 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:24:52 Sen. Brown  
00:30:29 Jennie Stapp, MSL  
00:31:28 Chairman Arthun  
00:31:54 Ron Baldwin, DOA  
00:33:09 Jennie Stapp

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:34:04 Rep. Ingraham

**HEARING ON HB 54**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:35:14 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 54, Revise teacher's retirement system administrative and tax qualification laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:37:57 David Senn, Executive Director, Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)  
[EXHIBIT\(sts48a02\)](#)

00:43:12 Diane Fladmo, Director of Research, MEA-MFT

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:43:47 Sen. Brown  
00:45:56 David Senn, TRS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:46:19 Rep. Ingraham

**HEARING ON HB 251**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:47:24 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 251, Revise date absentee ballots are available.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:50:24 Vickie Zeier, Missoula County Clerk and Recorder Treasurer (MCCRT) also representing Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders (MACR) and Missoula County  
00:53:11 Linda Gryczan, League of Women Voters of Montana (LWVMT)  
00:53:45 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
00:54:18 Lisa Kimmet, Elections and Government Services Deputy for Secretary of State  
Linda McCulloch

[EXHIBIT\(sts48a03\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:55:59 Sen. Brown  
00:56:17 Rep. Ingraham

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:56:53 Rep. Ingraham

**HEARING ON HB 296**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:58:36 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 296, Revise when ballots may be prepared for counting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:02:41 Vickie Zeier, Missoula County Clerk and Recorder Treasurer (MCCRT)

01:06:04 Linda Gryczan, League of Women Voters of Montana (LWVMT)  
01:06:39 Sheryl Wood, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
01:07:48 Lisa Kimmet, Elections and Government Services Deputy for Secretary of State  
Linda McCulloch (SOS)

**EXHIBIT(sts48a04)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:09:02 Sen. Brown  
01:10:56 Lisa Kimmet, SOS  
01:11:12 Chairman Arthun  
01:13:27 Lisa Kimmet  
01:14:14 Sen. Brown  
01:17:01 Rep. Ingraham  
01:17:32 Chairman Arthun  
01:17:37 Sheryl Wood, MACo  
01:17:59 Sen. Webb  
01:18:34 Vickie Zeier, MCCRT  
01:20:42 Sen. Jent  
01:21:07 Vickie Zeier  
01:21:21 Chairman Arthun  
01:21:44 Vickie Zeier

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:23:04 Rep. Ingraham

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:10 P.M.

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Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sts48aad.pdf](#))**