

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Terry Murphy, on March 14, 2013 at 9:00 AM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Terry Murphy, Chair (R)
Sen. Scott Sales, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Shannon Augare (D)
Sen. Anders Blewett (D)
Sen. Scott Boulanger (R)
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

Members Excused: Sen. John Brenden (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Branch
Pam Schindler, 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 510, 3/11/2013; SB 375, 3/6/2013

HEARING ON HB 510

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:17:32 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 510, Eliminate requirement for annual absentee forms.

[EXHIBIT\(jus55a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:16 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders (MACR)

[EXHIBIT\(jus55a02\)](#)

00:24:50 Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State (SOS), State of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(jus55a03\)](#)

00:26:04 Maureen Connor, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT\(jus55a04\)](#)

00:26:52 Jeanne Souvigney, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:31 Rep. Ingraham

HEARING ON SB 375

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:42 Sen. Jim Peterson (R), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 375, Generally revise Montana campaign laws.

[EXHIBIT\(jus55a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jus55a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jus55a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jus55a08\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:47:04 Andrew Huff, Chief Legal Counsel, Office of the Governor, State of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(jus55a09\)](#)

00:52:06 Carmine Mowbray, self, former Montana State Senator, SD 6, Polson, Montana
[EXHIBIT\(jus55a10\)](#)

00:55:11 Mac Minard, self
00:57:11 Patrick Tabor, self, Swan Valley, Montana
00:58:18 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, Kalispell, Montana
01:00:46 Lori Hamm, self
01:02:39 Linda Gryczan, Montana League of Women Voters (MLWV)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:03:35 C.B. Pearson, Common Cause of Montana (CCM)
01:12:15 Matt Leow, Campaign Manager, Stand With Montanans (SWM), I-166 Initiative

Informational Testimony:

01:17:50 Anthony Johnstone, Assistant Law Professor/School of Law, University of Montana (UM), Missoula, Montana
01:19:20 Julie Steab, Investigator, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)
01:19:41 Mary Baker, Program Supervisor, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)
[EXHIBIT\(jus55a11\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:20:44 Sen. Blewett
01:21:01 Mr. Johnstone, UM
01:23:43 Sen. Larsen
01:24:19 Sen. Peterson
01:29:50 Sen. Fielder
01:30:16 Ms. Baker, COPP
01:34:01 Sen. Fielder
01:34:57 Sen. Peterson
01:43:23 Sen. Wittich
01:44:04 Ms. Baker
02:01:10 Sen. Wittich
02:01:30 Sen. Peterson
02:10:10 Chairman Murphy
02:10:17 Sen. Wittich
02:13:36 Sen. Peterson
02:14:27 Sen. Wittich
02:14:51 Mr. Huff, Office of the Governor
02:17:37 Sen. Wittich
02:18:07 Mr. Johnstone
02:22:46 Sen. Larsen
02:23:13 Ms. Burkhardt, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
02:23:31 Sen. Larsen
02:23:53 Mr. Johnstone
02:26:04 Sen. Fielder
02:26:36 Mr. Johnstone

02:27:49 Sen. Jent
02:28:59 Sen. Peterson
02:29:49 Sen. Jent
02:30:58 Mr. Johnstone
02:33:47 Sen. Murphy
02:34:26 Mr. Johnstone

Closing by Sponsor:

02:36:52 Sen. Peterson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:28 A.M.

Pam Schindler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jus55aad.pdf](#))