

## MINUTES

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Ron Arthun, on March 18, 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. Larry Jent (D)  
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Anders Blewett (D)  
Sen. Scott Sales (R)  
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sheri Scurr, 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 554, 3/13/2013; HB 120, 3/12/2013; HB 265, 3/11/2013; HB 560, 3/11/2013

Executive Action:	HB 38:	Be Concurred In
	SJ 21:	Do Pass As Amended
	HJ 7:	Be Tabled
	HJ 3:	Be Concurred In
	HB 283:	Be Concurred In
	HB 277:	Be Concurred In As Amended

**HEARING ON HB 120**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:14:52 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 120, Generally revise election laws.

[EXHIBIT\(sts58a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sts58a02\)](#)

00:17:41 Sen Sales entered the hearing.

00:17:53 Sen. Van Dyk entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:21:06 Lisa Kimmet, Elections and Government Services Deputy for Secretary of State  
Linda McCulloch (SOS)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:26:36 Jean Ruppert, Election Judge, Butte, Montana

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:28:10 Sen. Brown

00:33:25 Lisa Kimmet, SOS

00:34:42 Sen. Van Dyk

00:34:59 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:35:30 Lisa Kimmet

00:36:38 Sen. Brown

00:37:49 Lisa Kimmett

00:38:05 Sen. Webb

00:39:32 Lisa Kimmet

00:40:42 Chairman Arthun

00:41:18 Sen. Jent

00:41:33 Lisa Kimmet

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:42:06 Rep. Ingraham

**HEARING ON HB 265**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:45:01 Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 265, Revise campaign finance laws.

00:47:43 Sen. Blewett entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:50:17 Sean McQuillan, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:52:28 Mary Baker, Program Supervisor, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:53:09 Sen. Blewett  
00:59:17 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
00:59:59 Chairman Arthun  
01:00:25 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
01:00:58 Sen. Blewett  
01:01:44 Rep. Fitzpatrick

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:02:43 Rep. Fitzpatrick

**HEARING ON HB 560**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:03:34 Rep. Gordon Pierson (D), HD 85, opened the hearing on HB 560, Revise duties & change name of Legislative Computer Systems Planning Council.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:04:52 Rep. Nancy Ballance (R), HD 89,

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:07:11 Susan Byorth Fox, Executive Director, Legislative Services Division (LSD) and Chair of Computer Systems Planning Council

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:07:34 Sen. Brown  
01:10:18 Susan Fox, LSD

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:10:45 Rep. Pierson  
[EXHIBIT\(sts58a03\)](#)

**HEARING ON HB 554**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:11:44 Rep. Bridget Smith (D), HD 31, opened the hearing on HB 554, Revise legislator compensation & benefit processing.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:14:48 Susan Byorth Fox, Executive Director, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
[EXHIBIT\(sts58a04\)](#)

01:15:25 Russ Hill, Administrator, Health and Benefits Division, Department of Administration (DOA)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:15:54 Sen. Blewett  
01:17:52 Susan Fox, LSD  
01:18:12 Russ Hill, DOA  
01:19:04 Sen. Blewett  
01:19:48 Russ Hill  
01:19:58 Sen. Blewett  
01:20:16 Chairman Arthun  
01:20:27 Russ Hill  
01:20:41 Susan Fox  
01:22:23 Sen. Van Dyk  
01:23:03 Susan Fox

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:23:34 Rep. Smith

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 38**

01:24:31 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 38 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:24:39 Sen. Brown  
01:25:27 Sen. Webb

01:25:53 Sen. Brown  
01:26:04 Jennie Stapp, State Librarian, Montana State Library (MSL)  
01:26:24 Sen. Webb  
01:26:32 Jennie Stapp, MSL  
01:26:41 Sen. Van Dyk  
01:27:02 Sen. Webb  
01:27:16 Sen. Brown  
01:27:43 Sen. Van Dyk  
01:27:54 Sen. Webb  
01:28:02 Jennie Stapp

01:28:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Sesso will carry the bill.

#### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 21**

01:29:17 **Motion:** Sen. Blewett moved that **SJ 21 DO PASS.**

#### **Discussion:**

01:29:39 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:30:16 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Blewett moved that **SJ 21 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

#### **EXHIBIT(sts58a05)**

01:30:42 **Motion:** Sen. Van Dyk moved that **SJ 21 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

#### **Discussion:**

01:30:54 Sen. Jent

01:32:45 Sen. Brown

01:33:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

#### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 7**

01:33:59 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HJ 7 BE CONCURRED IN.**

#### **Discussion:**

01:34:21 Sen. Jent

01:35:17 Sen. Blewett

01:35:47 Sen. Brown

01:36:28 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Arthun and Sen. Brown voting aye.

01:37:11 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Van Dyk moved that **HJ 7 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 3**

01:37:45 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HJ 3 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:38:01 Sen. Jent

01:39:26 Sen. Sales

01:40:09 Sen. Blewett

01:41:17 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Blewett, Sen. Jent and Sen. Van Dyk voting no. Sen. Verdell Jackson will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 283**

01:42:24 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 283 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:42:49 Sen. Van Dyk

01:43:37 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-1 by voice vote with Sen. Blewett voting no. Sen. Peterson will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 277**

01:44:14 **Motion:** Sen. Van Dyk moved that **HB 277 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:44:29 Sen. Van Dyk

01:45:59 **Motion:** Sen. Sales moved that **HB 277 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(sts58a06)**

**Discussion:**

01:46:10 Sen. Sales

01:46:36 Sen. Van Dyk left the hearing.

01:47:10 Sen. Brown

01:47:53 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Sen. Van Dyk was excused.

01:48:05 **Motion:** Sen. Sales moved that **HB 277 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:48:20 Sheri Scurr, LSD

01:48:52 **Motion:** Sen. Webb moved that **HB 277 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(sts58a07)**

**Discussion:**

01:49:06 Sen. Blewett

01:49:18 Sheri Scurr

01:50:36 Sen. Blewett

01:52:00 Chairman Arthun

01:52:20 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-1 by voice vote with Sen. Brown voting no. Sen. Van Dyk was excused.

01:52:35 **Motion:** Sen. Sales moved that **HB 277 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:52:42 Sen. Blewett

01:54:10 Sheri Scurr

01:54:44 Sen. Sales

02:01:24 Sen. Blewett

02:02:13 Chairman Arthun

02:02:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Jent voting no. Sen. Van Dyk voted by proxy. Sen. Sales will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:50 P.M.

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Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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**Additional Documents:**

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**EXHIBIT([sts58aad.pdf](#))**