

## MINUTES

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

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Dee Brown, on March 20, 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. Scott Sales (R)  
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Anders Blewett (D)  
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: SR 22, 3/12/2013; HB 411, 3/12/2013; HB 329, 3/12/2013; HB 448, 3/12/2013; HB 457, 3/12/2013

**HEARING ON SR 22**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:18:03 Sen. Ron Arthun (R), SD 31, opened the hearing on SR 22, Confirm Governor's appointees to public employee retirement board.

[EXHIBIT\(sts60a01\)](#)

00:19:25 Bob Bugni, appointee

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:20:18 Melanie Symons, Chief Legal Counsel, Montana Public Employees Retirement Board (MPERA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:21:02 Sen. Arthun

**HEARING ON HB 411**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:21:42 Rep. Bill Harris (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 411, Recognize and commemorate Ed McGivern.

[EXHIBIT\(sts60a02\)](#)

00:23:20 Sen. Van Dyk and Sen. Blewett entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:27:35 Roger Lloyd, self

[EXHIBIT\(sts60a03\)](#)

00:33:22 Jim Fisher, Director, Smith and Wesson Collectors Association

[EXHIBIT\(sts60a04\)](#)

00:37:22 Toni Gies, Central Montana Museum, Lewistown, Montana

00:38:03 Shirley Barrick, President, Central Montana Museum, Lewistown, Montana

[EXHIBIT\(sts60a05\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:41:07 Molly Kruckenber, Manager, Research Center, Montana Historical Society

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:41:44 Sen. Arthun

00:42:07 Rep. Harris

00:42:39 Jim Smith, representing Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA) (speaking as a proponent)

00:44:01 Sen. Arthun

00:45:04 Rep. Harris

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:45:31 Rep. Harris

00:46:33 Sen. Brown

00:47:12 Rep. Harris

**HEARING ON HB 457****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:49:04 Rep. Jean Price (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 457, Providing for school district recount boards for school elections.

[EXHIBIT\(sts60a06\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:54:54 Linda McCulloch, Montana Secretary of State (SOS)

[EXHIBIT\(sts60a07\)](#)

00:55:47 Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI), speaking on behalf of Superintendent Denise Juneau

00:56:57 Denise Ulberg, Executive Director, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)

00:57:40 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:59:00 Sen. Arthun

01:00:18 Linda McCulloch, SOS  
01:00:25 Sen. Webb  
01:00:55 Linda McCulloch  
01:01:07 Vice Chair Brown  
01:01:20 Linda McCulloch  
01:01:29 Vice Chair Brown  
01:02:27 Dennis Parman, OPI  
01:02:48 Bob Vogel, MTSBA  
01:03:22 Vice Chair Brown  
01:03:30 Bob Vogel  
01:04:49 Vice Chair Brown  
01:07:51 Denise Ulberg, MASBO  
01:08:00 Vice Chair Brown  
01:08:11 Bob Vogel

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:09:11 Rep. Price  
01:09:43 Chairman Arthun resumed the role of chair.

**HEARING ON HB 448**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:10:27 Rep. Randy Brodehl (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 448, Revise filing dates for community college trustees.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:12:03 Jane Karas, President, Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC), representing all three of Montana's community colleges

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:13:15 Sen. Brown  
01:14:38 Jane Karas, FVCC  
01:14:57 Chairman Arthun  
01:15:08 Jane Karas  
01:16:19 Sen. Brown  
01:16:52 Jane Karas

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:17:39 Rep Brodehl

**HEARING ON HB 329****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:18:33 Rep. Randy Brodehl (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 329, Prohibit state employees from being lobbyists.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:21:28 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 45  
01:26:03 Rep. Roger Hagan (R), HD 19  
01:28:16 Becky Stockton, self, Helena, Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:31:29 Linda McCulloch, Montana Secretary of State (SOS)  
**EXHIBIT(sts60a08)**

01:32:47 Nick Gevock, representing Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)  
01:35:35 Terry Minow, MEA-MFT  
01:37:10 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon  
01:40:04 Clayton Elliott, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)  
01:41:35 Melanie Symons, Chief Legal Council, Montana Public Employee Retirement Board (MPERA)  
01:43:23 Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI), speaking on behalf of Superintendent Denise Juneau

**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:48:26 Sen. Jent

01:48:52 Chairman Arthun left the hearing and Vice Chair Brown assumed the role as Chair.

01:54:35 Rep. Brodehl  
01:55:01 Vice Chair Brown  
01:55:59 Rep. Brodehl  
01:56:07 Sen. Van Dyk  
01:57:23 Rep. Brodehl  
01:57:50 Sen. Van Dyk  
01:58:30 Vice Chair Brown  
01:58:52 Sen. Jent  
02:00:55 Linda McCulloch, SOS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:01:09 Rep. Brodehl

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:45 P.M.

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Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sts60aad.pdf](#))**