

## MINUTES

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

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Dee Brown, on March 25, 2013 at 5:25 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. Kendall Van Dyk (D)  
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**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 320, 3/18/2013; HB 461, 3/18/2013; SR 24, 3/20/2013

**HEARING ON SR 24**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:12:16 Sen. Ron Arthun (R), SD 31, opened the hearing on SR 24, Confirm Governor's appointee as commissioner of political practices.

[EXHIBIT\(sts64a01\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

00:13:08 Mary Baker, Program Supervisor, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP), speaking on behalf of James Murray, appointee

[EXHIBIT\(sts64a02\)](#)

00:15:43 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:16:58 Vice Chair Brown

00:17:14 Sheri Scurr, LSD

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:17:45 Ken Miller, self, former state senator from Laurel, Montana

00:27:00 Brad Molnar, self, Laurel, Montana

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:35:57 Sen. Arthun

**HEARING ON HB 461**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:36:26 Rep. Ed Lieser (D), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 461, Increase pension for certain volunteer firefighters.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:40:53 Leonard Lundby, Montana Fire Alliance (MFA)

00:42:36 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:45:43 Vice Chair Brown  
00:46:01 Sheri Scurr  
00:47:02 Sen. Arthun  
00:47:51 Alec Hansen, MLCT  
00:48:12 Vice Chair Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:48:40 Rep. Lieser

**HEARING ON HB 320**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:49:25 Rep. Bryce Bennett (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 320, Change name of optional retirement system.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:51:10 Kevin McRae, Associate Commissioner of Higher Education, Montana University System

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:51:43 Rep. Bennett

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 6:05 P.M.

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Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sts64aad.pdf](#))**