

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Jeff Essmann, on February 18, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 455  
Capitol

### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bill Harris, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Casey Schreiner, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Bob Brown (R)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Frank Garner (R)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)  
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Debra Lamm (R)  
Rep. Art Wittich (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jennifer Petersen, Committee Secretary  
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

**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: HJ 14, 2/11/2015; HB 437, 2/11/2015

00:00:00 Chair Essmann

### **HEARING ON HB 437**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:17 Rep. Matthew Monforton (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 437, Require  
2/3 legislative consent for state compacts with federal government.  
00:03:28 *Rep. Hayman arrives*  
00:04:09 Chair Essmann

#### **Proponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

00:04:35 Krista Lee Evans, Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI) and  
Senior Water Rights Coalition (SrWRC)  
00:06:28 Chair Essmann  
00:06:34 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)  
00:07:18 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)  
00:08:02 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)  
00:08:32 Matt Flikkema, self

#### **Informational Testimony:**

00:09:32 Melissa Hornbein, Staff Attorney, Montana Reserved Water Rights Compact  
Commission (RWRCC)  
00:09:52 Rhonda Swaney, Attorney, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)  
00:10:07 Colonel James P. Moran, Attorney, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)  
00:12:12 Chair Essmann  
00:12:24 Cheryl Grey, Department of Administration (DOA)

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:13:07 Rep. Garner  
00:13:58 Rep. Monforton  
00:15:09 Rep. Garner  
00:15:32 Rep. Monforton  
00:16:09 Rep. Hayman  
00:16:21 Rep. Monforton  
00:16:30 Rep. Hayman  
00:16:51 Chair Essmann  
00:17:08 Rep. McKamey  
00:17:32 Colonel James P. Moran, DMA  
00:18:22 Rep. McKamey  
00:18:34 Colonel James P. Moran, DMA  
00:19:00 Rep. Price  
00:19:30 Colonel James P. Moran, DMA  
00:20:00 Rep. Schreiner  
00:20:46 Colonel James P. Moran, DMA  
00:22:00 Rep. Schreiner  
00:22:17 Rep. Monforton  
00:23:06 Rep. Schreiner

00:23:30 Rep. Monforton  
00:23:43 Rep. Schreiner  
00:24:15 Rep. Monforton  
00:24:39 Chair Essmann  
00:24:48 Rep. Mortensen  
00:25:02 Rep. Monforton  
00:25:18 Chair Essmann  
00:25:26 Rep. Webber  
00:25:56 Rep. Monforton  
00:26:18 Rep. Webber  
00:26:30 Krista Lee Evans, AGAI and SrWRC  
00:26:54 Chair Essmann

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:27:04 Rep. Monforton  
00:28:33 Chair Essmann

**HEARING ON HJ 14**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:29:16 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HJ 14, Interim study on eyewitness identification policies.  
00:33:04 Chair Essmann

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:33:09 Abigail St. Lawrence, National Innocence Project

**EXHIBIT(sth37a01)**

00:35:17 *Rep. Wittich arrives*  
00:37:53 Keegan Flaherty, Executive Director, Montana Innocence Project  
00:40:58 Chair Essmann  
00:41:05 Jerry Williams, Executive Director, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)  
00:42:02 Chair Essmann

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:42:27 Rep. Funk  
00:42:56 Rep. Garner  
00:43:56 Rep. Hayman  
00:44:39 Rep. Garner  
00:45:09 Rep. Hayman  
00:45:33 Rep. Garner  
00:46:35 Rep. Wittich  
00:47:20 Rep. Garner  
00:48:11 Rep. Wittich  
00:48:30 Rep. Garner

00:48:47 Rep. McKamey  
00:49:08 Rep. Garner  
00:49:55 Rep. McKamey  
00:50:06 Rep. Garner  
00:51:13 Chair Essmann  
00:51:51 Rep. Garner  
00:52:23 Rep. Harris  
00:52:54 Rep. Garner  
00:54:01 Rep. Webber  
00:54:59 Rep. Garner  
00:55:45 Chair Essmann

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:55:52 Rep. Garner  
  
00:57:56 Chair Essmann  
00:58:24 Rep. Greef  
00:58:30 Chair Essmann  
00:58:53 Rep. Wittich  
00:58:56 Chair Essmann  
00:59:17 Rep. Funk  
00:59:29 Chair Essmann  
00:59:59 Sheri Scurr, LSD

**EXHIBIT(sth37a02)**

01:00:35 Chair Essmann  
01:00:55 Sheri Scurr, LSD  
01:01:39 Rep. Price  
01:01:51 Chair Essmann

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:02:06

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Jennifer Petersen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sth37aad.pdf](#))**