

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION  
COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN CAROLYN SQUIRES**, on January 17, 2007  
at 2:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Carolyn Squires, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)  
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)  
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)  
Sen. Larry Jent (D)  
Sen. Rick Laible (R)  
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)  
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)  
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)  
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Carol Andersen, Committee Secretary  
Dave Bohyer, 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: None.  
Executive Action: SB 47; SB 63; SB 71; SB 80; SB 7;  
SB 1;

00:00:01

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 47

00:00:46 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. LAIBLE moved that SB 47 DO PASS.  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. ESSMANN  
voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 63

00:02:51 **Motion:** SEN. GALLUS moved that SB 63 DO PASS.

Discussion:

00:05:50 SEN. GALLUS withdrew motion.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 71

00:14:37 **Motion:** SEN. BALYEAT moved that SB 71 DO PASS.

Discussion:

00:16:24 **Motion:** SEN. SHOCKLEY moved that SB 71 BE AMENDED with  
#SB007101.ADB.

**EXHIBIT**(sts11a01)

Discussion:

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN.  
ESSMANN and SEN. JENT voted aye by proxy.

00:20:22 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. BALYEAT moved that SB 71 DO PASS AS  
AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
SEN. ESSMANN and SEN. JENT voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 80

00:21:57 **Motion:** SEN. SHOCKLEY moved that SB 80 DO PASS.

Discussion:

00:22:57 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** SEN. LAIBLE made a substitute  
motion that SB 80 BE TABLED. Substitute motion carried  
6-5 by roll call vote with SEN. GALLUS, SEN. JENT, SEN.  
LASLOVICH, SEN. SHOCKLEY, and SEN. TROPILA voting no.

SEN. BALYEAT, SEN. ESSMANN voted aye by proxy and SEN. JENT voted no by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 7

00:24:41 Motion: SEN. LAIBLE moved that SB 7 DO PASS.

00:36:38 Motion: SEN. SHOCKLEY moved that SB 7 BE AMENDED with #SB000701.ADB.

EXHIBIT(sts11a02)

00:45:23 Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. BALYEAT, SEN. ESSMANN, and SEN. JENT voted aye by proxy.

00:46:41 Motion/Vote: SEN. SHOCKLEY moved that SB 7 BE AMENDED with #SB000702.ADB. Motion carried 10-1 by voice vote with SEN. COCCHIARELLA voting no. SEN. BALYEAT, SEN. ESSMANN, SEN. GALLUS, and SEN. JENT voted aye by proxy.

EXHIBIT(sts11a03)

00:47:37 Motion/Vote: SEN. LAIBLE moved that SB 7 BE AMENDED with #SB000703.ADB. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. BALYEAT, SEN. ESSMANN, SEN. GALLUS, AND SEN. JENT voted aye by proxy.

EXHIBIT(sts11a04)

00:48:00 Motion/Vote: SEN. SHOCKLEY moved that SB 7 DO PASS AS AMENDED with SB000704.ADB. Motion carried 10-1 by roll call vote with SEN. COCCHIARELLA voting nay. SEN. ESSMANN, SEN. GALLUS, and SEN. JENT voted aye by proxy.

EXHIBIT(sts11a05)

00:49:07 Motion/Vote: SEN. SHOCKLEY moved that SB 7 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion failed 5-6 by roll call vote with SEN. BALYEAT, SEN. ESSMANN, SEN. LAIBLE, SEN. LEWIS, and SEN. SHOCKLEY voting aye. SEN. BALYEAT and SEN. ESSMANN voted aye by proxy, and SEN. GALLUS and SEN. JENT voted no by proxy.

00:50:21 Motion/Vote: SEN. LASLOVICH moved that SB 7 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. Motion carried 6-5 by voice vote with SEN. BALYEAT, SEN. ESSMANN, SEN. LAIBLE, SEN.

LEWIS, and SEN. SHOCKLEY voting no. SEN. SEN. GALLUS  
and SEN. JENT voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 1

00:51:05 Motion: SEN. LEWIS moved that SB 1 BE TABLED.

Discussion:

00:55:00 Vote: Motion carried 8-3 by roll call vote with SEN.  
GALLUS, SEN. LASLOVICH, and SEN. TROPILA voting no.  
SEN. BALYEAT, SEN. ESSMANN voted aye by proxy, and SEN.  
GALLUS voted no by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:07 P.M.

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SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES, Chairman

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CAROL ANDERSEN, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([sts11aad.pdf](#))**