

MINUTES

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

00:00:00

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CAROLYN SQUIRES**, on January 19, 2007
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Carolyn Squires, Chairman (D)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)

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: SB 181, 1/16/2007; SB 213,
1/16/2007; SB 172, 1/16/2007; SB
219, 1/16/2007; SB 175, 1/16/2007
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON SB 181

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:52 SEN. JOHN COBB (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 181, Revise deadlines for write-in candidates to conform to mail election timelines.

EXHIBIT(sts13a01)

Proponents: None.

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:03:45 Sen. Cobb

HEARING ON SB 213

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:56 SEN. JOHN COBB (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 213, Revise appraisals and land banking procedure.

EXHIBIT(sts13a02)

Proponents:

00:07:13 Jeanne Holmgren, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:09:18 Kathy Rames, Land Banking Program

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:29 Sen. Lewis to Ms. Holmgren, DNRC

00:15:07 Sen. Shockley to Ms. Holmgren, DNRC

00:17:47 Sen. Balyeat to Sen. Cobb rereferred to Ms. Holmgren,
DNRC

00:21:34 Sen. Balyeat to Sen. Cobb

00:22:22 Dave Bohyer, Research Director, Legislative Services
Division (LSD), to Sen. Balyeat

00:22:55 Sen. Shockley to Sen. Cobb

00:25:04 Sen. Laible to Sen. Cobb

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:49 Sen. Cobb

HEARING ON SB 172

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:12 SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA (D), SD 13, opened the
hearing on SB 172, Clarify definition of lobbying to
include legislators or legislature.

Proponents:

00:27:34 Dennis Unsworth,

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:30:10 Jim Scheirer, Office of the Honorable Attorney General
Mike McGrath (Attorney General's Office)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:26 Sen. Squires to Mr. Scheirer, Attorney General's Office

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:16 Sen. Tropila

HEARING ON SB 219

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:33:47 SEN. JOE BALLYEAT (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 219, Prohibit severance pay for state employees.

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts13a03)

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts13a04)

Proponents:

00:38:26 REP. JOHN MUSGROVE, HD 34

00:41:07 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA)

00:44:23 Sen. Squires to Mr. Schneider, MPEA

Opponents:

00:44:45 Janet Kelly, Director, Montana Department of Administration (DOA)

00:47:40 Bill Gianoulis, Chief Defense Counsel, Risk Management and Tort Defense Division, Montana Department of Administration (RMTD)

00:50:29 Tom Burgess, MEA MFT

00:51:34 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Informational Testimony:

00:52:44 Monica Smith, Legislative Audit Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:24 Sen. Cocchiarella to Sen. Balyeat

00:56:21 Sen. Shockley to Mr. Gianoulis, RMTD

00:58:09 Sen. Shockley to Director Kelly, DOA

01:01:00 Sen. Laible to Mr. Gianoulis, RMTD

01:02:29 Sen. Laible to Rep. Musgrove

01:04:09 Sen. Laible to Mr. Burgess, MEA-MFT

01:07:14 Sen. Essmann to Director Kelly, DOA

01:08:46 Sen. Squires to Sen. Essmann

01:11:32 Sen. Squires to Rep. Musgrove

01:13:15 Sen. Gallus to Director Kelly, DOA

01:15:01 Sen. Lewis to Mr. Gianoulis, RMTD

01:17:54 Sen. Squires to Mr. Gianoulis, RMTD

Closing by Sponsor:

01:18:35 Sen. Balyeat

HEARING ON SB 175

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:23:41 **SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES (D), SD 48**, opened the hearing on **SB 175**, Prohibit application of rule until rule is effective as law.

Proponents:

01:25:36 Dal Smilie, Chief Legal Counsel, Montana Department of Administration (DOA)

EXHIBIT(sts13a05)

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony:

01:27:26 Melanie Symons, Legal Counsel, Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration (MPERA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

01:28:30 Sen. Squires

ADJOURNMENT

01:29:47

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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