

MINUTES

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

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CAROLYN SQUIRES**, on March 7, 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. 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: Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch
Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 46, 2/24/2007; HB 18, 2/24/2007;
HB 43, 2/24/2007; HB 48, 2/24/2007
Executive Action: HB 46, HB 18, HB 43, HB 48

00:00:24

**Hearing on the Department of Natural Resources (DNRC) and the
Department of Military Affairs transfer of the Glendive Armory**

00:01:07 Ralph DeCunzo, Department of Military Affairs

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts48a01)

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts48a02)

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts48a03)

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts48a04)

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts48a05)

00:03:01 Sen. Cocchiarella

00:03:46 Sen. Carolyn Squires

00:04:00 SEN. TROPILA moved that Committee staff draft a letter to the Department of Military Affairs regarding the Committee's approval of the Glendive Armory transfer. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. SEN. ESSMANN was excused.

HEARING ON HB 46

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:09 REP. DAVE GALLIK (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 46, Revise adoption of federal regulations governing National Guard.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:58 Brigadier General Stan R. Putnam, Department of Military Affairs

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts48a06)

00:06:53 Roger Hagan, Officers and Enlisted Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:33 Sen. Gallik

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 46

00:07:45 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. GALLUS moved that HB 46 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. ESSMANN voted aye by proxy. SEN. TROPILA will carry HB 46.

HEARING ON HB 18

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:30 REP. WILLIAM JONES (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 18, Revise time for judge to file travel voucher.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:23 Becky Buska, Financial Services Director, Judicial Branch

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:59 Sen. Cocchiarella to Ms. Buska, Judicial Branch

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:56 Rep. Jones

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 18

00:11:47 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. GALLUS moved that HB 18 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. ESSMANN voted aye by proxy. SEN. JENT will carry HB 18.

HEARING ON HB 43

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:33 **REP. BILL MCCHESENEY (D), HD 40**, opened the hearing on **HB 43**, Revise state warrant writing laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:43 Paul Christofferson, Montana Department of Administration (DOA)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:05 Rep. McChesney

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 43

00:15:36 **Motion:** **SEN. GALLUS** moved that **HB 43** BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried on a 10-1 voice vote. **SEN. ESSMANN** voted no by proxy. **SEN. ESSMANN** will carry **HB 43**.

HEARING ON HB 48

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:28 **REP. HAL JACOBSON (D), HD 82**, opened the hearing on **HB 48**, Extend and revise National Guard tuition waiver.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:11 Brigadier General Stan R. Putnam, Department of Military Affairs

EXHIBIT(sts48a07)

00:19:53 Mick Robinson, Montana University Systems (MUS)

00:20:57 Roger Hagan, Officer and Enlisted Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:22:27 Lieutenant Colonel James Moran, Legal Counsel, Montana
National Guard (MTNG)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:48 Sen. Larry Jent to Rep. Jacobson

00:25:49 Sen. Jent to Lieutenant Colonel Moran, MTNG

00:26:14 Sen. Jim Shockley to Rep. Jacobson rereferred to
Lieutenant Colonel Moran, MTNG

00:27:26 Sen. Dave Lewis to Mr. Robinson, MUS

00:29:02 Sen. Rick Laible to Mr. Robinson, MUS

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:27 Rep. Jacobson

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 48

00:32:20 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. GALLUS moved that HB 48 BE CONCURRED
IN.

Discussion:

00:32:37 Sen. Joe Balyeat

00:33:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN.
ESSMANN voted aye by proxy. SEN. McGEE will carry HB
48.

Discussion:

00:33:51 Sen. Squires

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:35 P.M.

SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([sts48aad.pdf](#))