

MINUTES

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

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CAROLYN SQUIRES**, on March 9, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Carolyn Squires, Chairman (D)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
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: Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch
Lois O'Connor, 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 52, 3/2/2007; HB 62, 3/2/2007;
HB 51, 3/2/2007; HB 67, 3/2/2007
Executive Action: HB 67, HB 61, HB 62, HB 52

00:00:04

HEARING ON HB 52

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:16 **REP. HAL JACOBSON (D), HD 82**, opened the hearing on **HB 52**, Revise payment of court costs for contested election.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:41 Mark Simonich, Office of the Honorable Secretary of State Brad Johnson (Secretary of State's Office)

00:05:50 Ann Brodsky, Chief Legal Counsel, Office of the Honorable Governor Brian Schweitzer (Governor's Office)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:40 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

EXHIBIT (sts50a01)

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:43 Sen. Joe Balyeat to Mr. Simonich, Secretary of State's Office

00:23:23 Sen. Balyeat to Dave Bohyer, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:23:51 Sen. Dave Lewis to Mr. Simonich, Secretary of State's Office

00:26:05 Sen. Balyeat to Mr. Simonich, Secretary of State's Office

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:55 Sen. Jacobson

HEARING ON HB 62

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:51 REP. HAL JACOBSON (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 62, Authorize contributions of annual leave to sick leave fund.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:03 Connie Welsh, Administrator, Health Care and Benefits Division, Montana Department of Administration (DOA)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:52 Rep. Jacobson

HEARING ON HB 51

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:52 REP. JP POMNICHOWSKI (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 51, Repeal Montana Conservation Corps laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:37:01 Joe Maurier, Park Administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(sts50a02)

00:38:10 Jonathan McKinney, Executive Director, Montana Conservation Corp

EXHIBIT(sts50a03)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:17 Rep. Pomnichowski

HEARING ON HB 67

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:40:45 **REP. RALPH HEINERT (R), HD 1**, opened the hearing on **HB 67**, Clarify poll of Legislature for administrative rules.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:43:48 Ann Brodsky, Chief Legal Counsel, Office of the Honorable Governor Brian Schweitzer (Governor's Office)

00:44:03 Kathy McGowan, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:45 Rep. Heinert

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 67

00:46:00 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. TROPILA moved that HB 67 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. TROPILA will carry.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 61

00:46:18 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. LASLOVICH moved that HB 61 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. HAWKS will carry.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 62

00:46:41 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. LASLOVICH moved that HB 62 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. LEWIS will carry.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 52

00:47:14 **Motion:** SEN. GALLUS moved that HB 52 BE TABLED.

Discussion:

00:48:46 Sen. Shockley

00:49:10 Sen. Squires

00:49:31 **Vote:** Motion that HB 52 BE TABLED carried 6-5 by roll call vote with SEN. BALYEAT, SEN. ESSMANN, SEN. LAIBLE, SEN. LEWIS, and SEN. SHOCKLEY voting no.

Discussion:

00:51:07 Mr. Bohyer, LSD

00:51:36 Sen. Squires to Mr. Bohyer, LSD

00:52:26 Sen. Essmann

00:52:37 Sen. Squires

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:05 P.M.

SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([sts50aad.pdf](#))