

MINUTES

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

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CAROLYN SQUIRES**, on April 25, 2007 at 2 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Carolyn Squires, Chairman (D)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
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:

Sen. Steven Gallus (D)

Staff Present: Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch
Agnes M. Palmer, 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: HJ 46, 4/25/2007
Executive Action: HJ 46

00:00:00

00:00:05 Chairwoman Squires

HEARING ON HJ 46

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:31 Rep. Diane Sands

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:08 Elaine Graveley, Secretary of State's Office

00:03:06 Vicky Zeier, Clerk & Recorder, Missoula County

00:04:03 Lynda Gryczan, League of Women Voters

00:04:37 Jeanne Souvigney, Conservation Voters

00:05:23 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties

00:06:04 Beth Brenneman, Montana Advocacy Program

00:06:33 Senator Carol Juneau, Senate District 8

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:12 Sen. Laible to Sponsor Rep. Sands

00:08:01 Rep. Sands

00:08:38 Sen Laslovich to Rep. Sands

00:09:18 Rep. Sands

00:10:36 Sen. Cocchiarella to Rep. Sands

00:11:27 Rep. Sands

00:11:49 Sen. Cocchiarella to Rep. Sands

00:11:58 Rep. Sands deferred to Sheryl Zeier

00:12:57 Sheryl Zeier, Clerk and Recorder, Missoula County

00:14:08 Chairwoman Squires to Sheryl Zeier

00:14:14 Sheryl Zeier, Clerk and Recorder, Missoula County

00:14:42 Chairwoman Squires

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:05 Rep. Sands

00:15:46 Chairman Squires

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 46

00:15:53 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. TROPILA moved that HJ 46 BE
CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Sen. Tropila will carry the bill on the Floor.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 2:20 P.M.

SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES, Chairman

AGNES M. PALMER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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