

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN JIM SHOCKLEY, on January 7, 2009 at
03:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jim Shockley, Chairman (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch
Libby Goodwin, 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: SB20, SB24, SB 30, 12/31/2008
Executive Action:

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

00:01:11 Introductions

00:08:23 Proxy discussion. Senator Bales moved to allow proxy forms, motion passed.

00:11:08 Chairman will set the limit on time to speak during hearings. Discussion followed. Chairman will be fair about time.

00:15:56 Briefly discussed evacuation plan.

00:16:18 Discussion of snacks. Fruit, peanuts, almonds, healthy snacks suggested.

00:19:17 Dave Bohyer discussed LSD services, and how to request amendments. Dave discussed state retirement and handed out guidelines.

00:23:29 Sen. Squires discussed interim committees.

00:27:59 Sen. Bales commented.

00:28:22 Chairman Shockley spoke.

HEARING ON SB 24

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:49 **SEN. CAROL WILLIAMS** (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on **SB 24**, Repeal Montana Consensus Council statutes.
[EXHIBIT](#)(sts03a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:35 Sheryl Olson, Deputy Director, Department of Administration (DOA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:34:44 John Mundinger, Consulting for Creative Solutions, LLC
[EXHIBIT](#)(sts03a02)

Informational Testimony:

00:38:19 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:29 Sen. Balyeat
00:38:58 Sen. Williams
00:40:55 Sen. Balyeat
00:41:00 Sen. Williams
00:41:48 Chairman Shockley

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:07 Sen. Williams

HEARING ON SB 30

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:43:34 **SEN. KELLY GEBHARDT (R), SD 23**, opened the hearing on **SB 30**, Revise reimbursement for meals, lodging.
[EXHIBIT](#)(sts03a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:49:15 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association
00:50:50 Greg Chilcutt, Montana Association of Counties
00:52:01 Tom Bilodeau, Montana Education Association/Montana Teachers Federation (MEA/MFT)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:53:13 Cindy Andrus, Bozeman Chamber of Commerce
00:55:09 Cathy Burwell, Helena Chamber of Commerce
00:56:05 Stuart Doggett, Montana Innkeepers Association

Informational Testimony:

00:56:53 Betsy Baumgart, Department of Commerce, Travel Montana (DOC)
[EXHIBIT](#)(sts03a04)
[EXHIBIT](#)(sts03a05)

01:03:15 Paul Christofferson, Department of Administration (DOA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:04:06 Sen. Balyeat
01:05:00 Betsy Baumgart, DOC
01:05:49 Sen. Balyeat
01:06:03 Betsy Baumgart, DOC

01:06:22 Sen. Balyeat
01:06:32 Susan Byorth Fox, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
EXHIBIT(sts03a06)

01:06:49 Sen. Balyeat
01:07:04 Susan Byorth Fox, LSD
01:07:24 Sen. Balyeat
01:08:11 Susan Byorth Fox, LSD
01:09:05 Sen. Balyeat
01:09:34 Susan Byorth Fox, LSD
01:09:51 Sen. Bales
01:10:49 Paul Christofferson, DOA
01:11:33 Chairman Shockley
01:11:46 Paul Christofferson, DOA
01:12:42 Chairman Shockley
01:12:51 Sen. Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:13 Sen. Gebhardt

HEARING ON SB 20

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:14:06 **SEN. LARRY JENT (D), SD 32**, opened the hearing on **SB 20**,
Purpose statement for MAPA.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:19:18 None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:19:26 Greg Jergesen, Montana Public Service Commission

Informational Testimony:

01:24:11 Ann Brodsky, Governor's Office
01:32:24 Chairman Shockley
01:32:36 Ann Brodsky, Governor's Office
01:33:08 Chairman Shockley
01:33:19 Gene Allison, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
01:34:46 Chairman Shockley
01:34:53 Gene Allison, DLI

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:36:37 Sen. Squires
01:37:03 Gene Allison, DOL
01:37:11 Sen. Squires
01:37:45 Gene Allison, DOL
01:37:59 Sen. Squires
01:39:02 Gene Allison, DOL
01:39:28 Sen. Squires
01:39:49 Gene Allison, DOL
01:40:00 Sen. Squires
01:40:15 Gene Allison, DOL
01:40:23 Chairman Shockley
01:40:30 Sen. Squires
01:41:52 Chairman Shockley
01:41:58 Sen. Squires
01:43:06 Chairman Shockley
01:43:12 Sen. Squires
01:43:18 Sen. Bales
01:44:03 Sen. Jent
01:45:00 Chairman Shockley
01:45:24 Sen. Jent

Closing by Sponsor:

01:45:53 Sen. Jent

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 04:47 P.M.

LIBBY GOODWIN, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([sts03aad.pdf](#))