

MINUTES

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

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN JIM SHOCKLEY, on January 12, 2009 at 3:00 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: SB 99, 1/8/2009; SB 72, 1/8/2009
Executive Action: SB 72

HEARING ON SB 72

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:33 SEN. JESSE LASLOVICH (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 72, Revise Public Service Commission secretary provisions.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:18 Greg Jergeson, Public Service Commission
[EXHIBIT](#)(sts06a01)

00:06:31 John Alke, Montana-Dakota Utilities
[EXHIBIT](#)(sts06a02)

00:07:58 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy

Opponents' Testimony:

00:08:50 None.

Informational Testimony:

00:09:17 None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:42 Chairman Shockley
00:10:13 Greg Jergeson
00:10:34 Sen. Brenden
00:10:53 Greg Jergeson
00:11:13 Chairman Shockley
00:11:47 Greg Jergeson
00:12:07 Sen. Laslovich
00:12:18 Chairman Shockley
00:12:30 Sen. Laslovich

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:58 Sen. Laslovich

HEARING ON SB 99

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:37 **SEN. JIM KEANE (D), SD 38**, opened the hearing on **SB 99**,
Allow leave for state employee volunteer firefighters
for incident response.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:35 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

00:19:45 Richard Van Auken, Teton County Fire Chief

Opponents' Testimony:

00:22:49 None.

Informational Testimony:

00:22:52 None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:57 Sen. Cooney

00:23:41 Sen. Keane

00:24:56 Sen. Cooney

00:26:21 Sen. Keane

00:27:04 Sen. Brenden

00:28:04 Richard Van Auken

00:29:46 Sen. Balyeat

00:31:16 Sen. Keane

00:31:39 Chairman Shockley

00:33:09 Sen. Keane

00:33:49 Richard Van Auken

00:35:05 Sen. Squires

00:35:46 Chairman Shockley

00:36:13 Sen. Squires

00:36:24 Chairman Shockley

00:36:33 Sen. Bales

00:37:32 Sen. Keane

00:39:33 Chairman Shockley

00:39:41 Sen. Keane

00:40:07 Chairman Shockley

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:20 Sen. Keane

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 72

00:40:44 **Motion:** SEN. TROPILA moved that **SB 72 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:40:49 Chairman Shockley

00:40:53 **Motion:** SEN. TROPILA moved that **SB 72 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

00:40:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion:

04:41:05 Chairman Shockley

00:41:15 Sen. Balyeat

00:41:37 Chairman Shockley

00:41:39 Dave Bohyer

00:41:44 Chairman Shockley

00:41:49 Dave Bohyer

00:41:54 Chairman Shockley

00:42:04 **Motion:** SEN. TROPILA moved that **SB 72 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

00:42:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

SB 20

Discussion:

00:42:37 Senator Jent

00:43:46 Chairman Shockley

00:43:53 Senator Bales

00:44:18 Chairman Shockley

00:44:27 Senator Cooney

00:45:56 Chairman Shockley

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:47 P.M.

LIBBY GOODWIN, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([sts06aad.pdf](#))