

MINUTES

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

Call to Order: Chairman Jim Shockley, on February 4, 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. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Larry Jent (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch
Prudence Gildroy, 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 293, 1/30/2009; SB 299,
1/30/2009

Executive Action: SB 243; SB 276

00:00:06 Sen. Shockley

HEARING ON SB 293

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:17 Sen. Bob Story (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 293, Revise requirements for campaign advertising materials.

Proponents' Testimony:

None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:03:28 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana
00:07:40 Sen. Shockley
00:07:45 Riley Johnson, Montana Newspaper Association
00:08:20 Sen. Shockley
00:08:25 Kate Cholewa, Montana Common Cause
00:08:48 Sen. Shockley

Informational Testimony:

00:09:00 Dennis Unsworth, Commissioner of Political Practices
00:13:45 Sen. Shockley

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:57 Sen. Cooney
00:14:40 Sen. Story
00:15:30 Sen. Shockley

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:40 Sen. Story

00:17:38 Sen. Squires
00:17:54 Sen. Story
00:18:14 Sen. Shockley

HEARING ON SB 299

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:44 Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 299, Training and record keeping for notary public.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:02 Linda McCulloch, Montana Secretary of State

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00:24:05 Marie Hatcher, Deer Lodge County Clerk and Recorder

Opponents' Testimony:

00:24:36 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers Association

00:27:40 Sen. Shockley

00:27:43 Mr. Spencer

00:31:03 William C. Gowen, Montana Land Title Association

00:33:45 Sen. Shockley

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:59 Sen. Cooney

00:34:52 Mr. Spencer

00:35:04 Sen. Cooney

00:35:20 Mr. Spencer

00:35:36 Sen. Shockley

00:36:01 Secretary McCulloch

00:36:30 Sen. Shockley

00:36:37 Secretary McCulloch

00:36:47 Sen. Shockley

00:36:50 Secretary McCulloch

00:36:56 Sen. Shockley

00:37:02 Secretary McCulloch

00:37:17 Sen. Shockley

00:37:42 Secretary McCulloch

00:37:49 Sen. Shockley

00:37:54 Secretary McCulloch

00:38:26 Sen. Shockley

00:38:46 Secretary McCulloch

00:38:57 Sen. Shockley

00:39:06 Sen. Balyeat
 00:40:02 Secretary McCulloch
 00:40:16 Lori Hamm, Office of Secretary of State
 00:40:49 Sen. Balyeat
 00:41:17 Ms. Hamm
 00:41:56 Sen. Balyeat
 00:42:08 Sen. Shockley
 00:42:10 Sen. Cooney
 00:42:25 Sen. Shockley
 00:42:30 Sen. Cooney
 00:42:51 Paula Jaconetty, Teton County Clerk and Recorder
 00:43:54 Sen. Shockley
 00:44:54 Ms. Hamm
 00:45:08 Sen. Shockley
 00:45:17 Mr. Spencer
 00:45:22 Sen. Shockley
 00:45:36 Mr. Spencer
 00:45:54 Sen. Shockley
 00:46:07 Mr. Spencer
 00:46:19 Sen. Shockley
 00:46:26 Mr. Spencer
 00:47:21 Sen. Shockley
 00:47:22 Mr. Spencer
 00:47:52 Sen. Shockley
 00:48:13 Mr. Spencer
 00:48:39 Sen. Shockley
 00:48:41 Sen. Balyeat
 00:49:05 Sen. Shockley
 00:49:11 Mr. Gowen
 00:50:42 Sen. Shockley
 00:50:56 Sen. Squires
 00:51:21 Sen. Shockley
 00:51:40 Sen. Squires
 00:51:56 Sen. Shockley
 00:52:11 Sen. Squires
 00:52:19 Sen. Shockley
 00:52:45 Sen. Bales
 00:53:27 Secretary McCulloch
 00:53:48 Sen. Shockley
 00:53:59 Ms. Hamm
 00:54:24 Sen. Shockley
 00:54:43 Sen. Bales
 00:54:54 Sen. Shockley

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:00 Sen. Tropila
 00:55:51 Sen. Shockley

00:55:58 recess

01:03:36 reconvene

01:03:47 Sen. Shockley

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 243

01:04:09 **Motion:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **SB 243 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:04:24 Sen. Balyeat
01:06:20 Sen. Shockley
01:06:28 Sen. Tropila
01:06:38 Sen. Balyeat
01:07:00 Sen. Tropila
01:07:11 Sen. Balyeat
01:07:17 Sen. Tropila
01:07:26 Sen. Balyeat
01:07:53 Sen. Cooney
01:11:35 Sen. Shockley
01:11:38 Sen. Bales
01:12:37 Sen. Shockley
01:12:40 Sen. Squires
01:14:21 Sen. Shockley
01:14:26 Sen. Squires
01:14:33 Sen. Shockley
01:14:34 Sen. Cooney
01:15:51 Sen. Squires
01:16:31 Sen. Shockley
01:16:33 Sen. Tropila
01:16:44 Sen. Balyeat
01:17:28 Sen. Tropila
01:17:33 sen. Balyeat
01:17:39 Sen. Tropila
01:17:43 Sen. Shockley
01:17:53 Sen. Balyeat
01:21:14 Sen. Cooney

01:21:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-0 by roll call vote with Sen. Cooney, Sen. Jent, Sen. Squires, Sen. Tropila, and Sen. Windy Boy voting no. Sen. Jent voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 276

01:22:22 **Motion:** Sen. Squires moved that **SB 276 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:24:36 Sen. Shockley
01:25:15 Sen. Squires
01:25:56 Marie Hatcher, Clerk and Recorder, Anaconda
01:27:45 Sen. Squires
01:27:54 Sen. Shockley
01:28:03 Sen. Squires
01:28:17 Regina Plettenberg, Clerk and Recorder, Ravalli County
01:30:17 Sen. Shockley
01:30:24 Sen. Black
01:30:39 Sen. Balyeat
01:30:49 Sen. Shockley
01:30:54 Ms. Jaconetti
01:31:34 Sen. Shockley
01:31:38 Ms. Jaconetti
01:31:43 Sen. Shockley
01:31:51 Sen. Brenden
01:32:40 Sen. Shockley
01:32:44 Sen. Squires
01:33:50 Sen. Shockley
01:33:52 Sen. Bales
01:34:42 Sen. Shockley
01:34:45 Sen. Squires
01:37:14 Sen. Bales
01:37:28 David Bohyer, Legislative Services Division
01:37:53 Sen. Shockley
01:38:04 Sen. Shockley
01:38:14 sen. Squires

01:38:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
Senator Balyeat and Senator Jent voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([sts26aad.pdf](#))