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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chairman Pat Ingraham, on January 11, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Pat Ingraham, Chairman (R)
Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)
Rep. Pat Connell (R)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Rep. Dan Kennedy (R)
Rep. James Knox (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch
Tim Stark, 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 45, 1/7/2011; HB 53, 1/7/2011; HB 77, 1/7/2011; HB 108, 1/7/2011

Executive Action: HB 39

Chairwoman Welcome:

00:00:08 Rep. Pat Ingraham
00:00:13 Secretary Tim Stark

HEARING ON HB 77

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
00:04:10 Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D), HD 42, opened the hearing on HB 77, Eliminate the publishing policy committee.

Proponents' Testimony:
00:08:13 Marvin Eicholtz, Publishing Policy Committee
00:10:51 John Barrows, Executive Director Montana Newspaper Association (MNA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:
00:12:02 Corey Minchler, Legislative Audit Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
00:12:39 Rep. Pat Ingraham
00:13:13 Marvin Eicholtz
00:13:42 Rep. Pat Connell
00:14:13 Corey Minchler
00:14:40 Marvin Eicholtz
00:15:45 Rep. Pat Connell
00:16:07 Rep. Pat Ingraham
00:16:29 Marvin Eicholtz
00:17:05 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:17:31 Marvin Eicholtz

Closing by Sponsor:
00:18:21 Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez

HEARING ON HB 45

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
00:19:28 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 45, Amend laws relating to stale-dated state warrants.

Proponents' Testimony:
00:21:11 Paul Christofferson, Department of Administration (DOA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:42 Rep. Kathy Swanson
00:25:08 Paul Christofferson
00:25:25 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:25:33 Paul Christofferson

Closing by Sponsor:
00:25:53 Rep. Pat Ingraham

HEARING ON HB 53

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
00:27:31 Rep. Harry Klock (R), HD 83, opened the hearing on HB 53, Consolidate state employee benefit plan requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:
00:30:27 Russ Hill, Department of Administration (DOA)
00:34:01 Connie Welsh, Montana University System (MUS)
00:37:49 Mike Sechestedt, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:40:17 Steve Wade, Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:
00:41:48 Jesse Laslovich, State Auditor (SAO)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
00:45:17 Rep. Pat Ingraham
00:46:15 Russ Hill
00:46:27 Rep. Pat Ingraham
00:46:41 Russ Hill
00:46:54 Rep. Pat Ingraham
00:47:12 Russ Hill
00:47:28 Rep Gary MacLaren
00:47:47 Mike Sechestedt
00:49:54 Rep. Pat Ingraham
00:50:21 Mike Sechestedt
00:51:09 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:51:41 Rep. Harry Klock
00:51:50 Russ Hill

Closing by Sponsor:
00:53:34 Rep. Harry Klock

00:54:10 **RECESS**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 39

01:18:02 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. G. Bennett moved that **HB 39 DO PASS**. Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote. Rep. McGillvray voted by proxy. Rep. Gary MacLaren was not present to vote.

HEARING ON HB 108

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
01:19:45 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 108, Clarify coord of insurance benefits vs. subrogation for state group insur plan.

Proponents' Testimony:
01:25:48 Russ Hill
01:29:22 Michael Manion, DOA
01:37:38 Sheila Stern, MUS
01:41:29 Connie Welsh, MUS
01:45:16 Mike Sechestedt
01:48:05 Steve Wade, Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA)
01:49:28 Bob Voose, Montana School Board Association (MSBA)
01:50:31 Blake Robertson, Associated Students of Montana State University Billings (ASMU-B)
01:51:41 Ed Bartlett, Montana Community Colleges

Opponents' Testimony:
01:52:26 Jim Hunt, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)
02:05:41 Al Smith, MTLA

Informational Testimony:
02:08:09 Jesse Laslovich, State Auditor

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
02:10:44 Rep. Franke Wilmer
02:12:28 Jesse Laslovich
02:13:26 Rep. Franke Wilmer
02:14:32 Al Smith
02:18:18 Rep. Ted Washburn
02:19:06 Jesse Laslovich
02:19:43 Rep. Ted Washburn
02:19:49 Jesse Laslovich
02:20:09 Rep. Betsy Hands
02:20:24 Jesse Laslovich
02:22:16 Rep. Betsy Hands
02:23:06 Jesse Laslovich
02:24:00 Rep. James Knox
02:24:35 Al Smith
02:25:06 Rep. Joanne Blyton
02:25:24 Russ Hill
02:26:49 Rep. Joanne Blyton
02:27:08 Russ Hill
02:27:28 Rep. Gary MacLaren

02:28:03 Jesse Laslovich
02:28:30 Rep. Gary MacLaren
02:28:41 Jesse Laslovich
02:29:01 Rep. Franke Wilmer
02:30:11 Jesse Laslovich
02:32:18 Rep. Betsy Hands
02:33:21 Connie Welsh
02:34:36 Rep. Jerry Bennett
02:34:55 Jim Hunt
02:36:36 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division
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Closing by Sponsor:
02:37:10 Rep. Jon Sesso

ADJOURNMENT

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02:43:07

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Tim Stark, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT(sth08aad.pdf)