

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Pat Ingraham, on January 17, 2011 at 9:00 A.M., 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 113, 1/13/2011; HB 134, 1/13/2011; HB 135, 1/13/2011

Chairwoman Welcome:

00:00:03 Rep. Pat Ingraham
00:03:29 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services

[EXHIBIT\(sth12a01\)](#) _

HEARING ON HB 113

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:50 Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 113, Increase the university supplemental contribution rate.

00:04:07 Rep. Gary MacLaren entered the room.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:28 David Senn, Montana Teacher Retirement System (MTRS)
[EXHIBIT\(sth12a02\)](#)

00:11:13 Eric Feavor, Montana Education Association & Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

00:16:24 Frieda Houser, Montana University System (MUS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:20 Rep. Derek Skees
00:17:49 Fritta Houser
00:18:18 Rep. James Knox
00:18:45 Frieda Houser
00:18:58 Rep. James Knox
00:19:07 Rep. Jesse O'Hara
00:19:31 David Senn
00:20:30 Rep. Franke Wilmer
00:21:41 Eric Feavor
00:23:04 Rep. Franke Wilmer
00:23:26 Eric Feavor
00:23:52 Rep. Joanne Blyton
00:24:40 David Senn
00:27:16 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:27:47 David Senn
00:28:32 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:29:15 Eric Feavor
00:30:08 Rep. Dan Kennedy

00:30:17 Eric Feavor
00:31:15 Rep. Betsy Hands
00:33:02 Rep. Derek Skees
00:33:52 David Senn
00:36:07 Rep. Pat Ingraham
00:36:43 Rep. Derek Skees
00:37:18 David Senn
00:37:51 Rep. Gordon Hendrick
00:38:53 David Senn
00:39:11 Frieda Houser
00:39:33 Rep. Betsy Hands left the room.
00:40:06 Rep. James Knox
00:40:25 Frieda Houser
00:40:49 Rep. James Knox
00:40:58 Frieda Houser

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:30 Rep. Jesse O'Hara

HEARING ON HB 134

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:42:53 Rep. Carolyn Squires (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 134, Provide benefit and funding changes to game wardens/peace officers retirement.
00:43:54 Rep. Gary MacLaren left the room.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:47:38 George Golie, Montana Game Warden Association
00:48:30 Eric Feavor
00:50:00 Mike O'Connor, Montana Public Employee Retirement System (MPERA)
00:57:38 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employee Association (MPEA)
01:00:36 Rep. Betsy Hands entered the room.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:01:22 Rep. Derek Skees
01:02:00 Mike O'Connor
01:02:49 Rep. Derek Skees
01:03:01 Mike O'Connor
01:03:14 Rep. Pat Connell
01:03:43 Mike O'Connor

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:30 Rep. Carolyn Squires

HEARING ON HB 135

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:08:36 Rep. Carolyn Squires (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 135, Provide benefit and funding changes to sheriffs retirement system.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:11:46 Mike O'Connor

01:17:11 Tom Schneider

Opponents' Testimony:

01:19:12 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs Association (MSPOA)

01:23:49 Leo Dutton, Sheriff Lewis & Clark County

01:26:04 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:31:28 Rep. Pat Connell

01:32:11 Rep. Pat Ingraham

01:33:17 Rep. Carolyn Squires

01:34:01 Mike O'Connor

01:34:51 Rep. Pat Ingraham

01:35:37 Rep. Carolyn Squires

Closing by Sponsor:

01:35:55 Rep. Carolyn Squires

Committee Business:

01:37:51 Rep. Betsy Hands

01:39:48 Rep. Gordon Hendrick

01:39:57 Rep. Pat Ingraham

ADJOURNMENT

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01:40:46

Tim Stark, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth12aad.pdf](#))