

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Pat Ingraham, on January 18, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 455
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Pat Ingraham, Chairman (R)
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)
Rep. Derek Skees (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 86, 1/14/2011; HB 116, 1/14/2011; HB 156, 1/14/2011

Chairmans Welcome:

00:00:26 Rep. Jerry Bennett

HEARING ON HB 156

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:21 Rep. Frank Smith (D), HD 31, opened the hearing on HB 156, Increase the rate of payment of interment allowance and headstone.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:07 Roger Hagan, Enlisted Association of the National Guard

00:09:49 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:28 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:06:53 Roger Hagen
00:07:20 Rep. Joanne Blyton
00:07:49 Rep. Frank Smith
00:08:29 Rep. Ted Washburn
00:09:31 Rep. Frank Smith
00:11:24 Rep. James Knox
00:11:45 Sheryl Wood
00:12:13 Rep. Gary MaClaren
00:12:35 Sheryl Wood
00:13:08 Rep. Gordon Hendrick
00:13:33 Sheryl Wood
00:14:00 Rep. Gordon Hendrick
00:14:23 Sheryl Wood
00:14:46 Rep. Gordon Hendrick
00:15:09 Sheryl Wood
00:15:30 Rep. Franke Wilmer
00:15:42 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services
00:16:11 Rep. Pat Connell

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:53 Rep. Frank Smith

HEARING ON HB 86**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:18:11 Rep. Franke Wilmer (D), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 86, Revise teachers' retirement system laws.

[EXHIBIT\(sth13a01\)](#)

00:21:45 Rep. Frank Smith left the room.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:35 Denise Pizzini, Montana Teacher Retirement Association

[EXHIBIT\(sth13a02\)](#)

00:36:30 Eric Feavor, Montana Education Association & Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:04 Rep. Ted Washburn
00:37:56 Denise Pizzini
00:38:24 Rep. Ted Washburn
00:38:39 Denise Pizzini
00:39:10 Rep. Ted Washburn
00:39:23 Denise Pizzini
00:39:49 Rep. Pat Connell
00:40:23 Denise Pizzini
00:40:57 Rep. Joanne Blyton
00:41:17 Denise Pizzini
00:42:09 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:42:35 Denise Pizzini
00:43:20 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:43:29 Denise Pizzini
00:43:50 David Senn, Montana Teacher Retirement Association
00:44:43 Rep. Betsy Hands left the room.
00:45:09 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:45:21 David Senn
00:45:49 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:46:21 David Senn
00:47:07 Rep. Pat Ingraham
00:48:19 Rep. Franke Wilmer
00:48:31 Denise Pizzini
00:50:35 Rep. Pat Ingraham
00:51:56 Denise Pizzini
00:53:00 Rep. Pat Connell
00:53:46 Denise Pizzini

00:54:31 Rep. Pat Connell
00:55:10 Eric Feavor
00:56:27 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:57:02 Eric Feavor

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:30 Rep. Franke Wilmer

HEARING ON HB 116

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:05:18 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 116, Provide for actuarial funding for teachers retirement system.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:08:35 David Senn, Montana Teachers Retirement Association (MTRS)
[EXHIBIT\(sth13a03\)](#)

01:09:07 Rep. Derek Skees entered the room.
01:19:18 Rep. Gordon Hendrick left the room.
01:26:35 Eric Feavor, MEA-MFT

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:29:32 Rep. Pat Ingraham

Committee Business:

01:32:20 Rep. Pat Ingraham
01:33:39 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division
[EXHIBIT\(sth13a04\)](#)

01:35:06 Rep. Derek Skees
01:35:37 Rep. Dan Kennedy
01:36:19 Sheri Scurr
01:37:06 Rep. Jean Price

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:37:21

Tim Stark, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth13aad.pdf](#))