

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Bill Beck, on January 20, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 350 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bill Beck, Chair (R)
Sen. Alan Olson, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Champ Edmunds (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Greg DeWitt, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
Mark Bruno, Governor's Office (GOV)
Quinn Holzer, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
Christine Hultin-Brus, Governor's Office (GOV)
Cheryl Pesta, 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:

Secretary of State, Hearing
Commissioner of Political Practices, Hearing
Legislative Branch, Hearing
Consumer Counsel, Hearing

00:01:16 Rep. Beck

Secretary of State Office:

00:01:46 Greg DeWitt, LFD

00:04:00 Linda McCulloch, Montana Secretary of State (SOS)

[**EXHIBIT\(jgh15a01\)**](#)

Questions from the Committee:

00:11:05 Rep. Beck

00:12:20 Ms. McCulloch

00:12:37 Katherine Dalton, SOS

00:13:26 Rep. Beck

00:13:31 Ms. Dalton

00:14:08 Rep. Beck

00:14:30 Ms. Dalton

00:14:51 Rep. Beck

00:15:30 Ms. McCulloch

00:17:29 Rep. Beck

00:17:44 Ms. McCulloch

[**EXHIBIT\(jgh15a02\)**](#)

[**EXHIBIT\(jgh15a03\)**](#)

00:21:25 Rep. Beck

00:21:47 Ms. McCulloch

00:23:38 Rep. Beck

00:23:53 Ms. McCulloch

00:24:28 Rep. Beck

00:24:39 Ms. McCulloch

00:25:00 Sen. Wanzenried

00:25:50 Ms. McCulloch

00:29:25 Sen. Wanzenried

00:30:07 Ms. McCulloch

00:33:03 Sen. Wanzenried

00:33:10 Ms. McCulloch

00:33:40 Sen. Wanzenried

00:33:55 Ms. McCulloch

00:34:07 Rep. Beck

00:34:30 Ms. McCulloch

00:35:07 Rep. Beck

00:35:25 Ms. McCulloch

00:35:57 Sen. Wanzenried

00:36:33 Ms. McCulloch

00:39:09 Rep. Beck

00:39:13 Ms. McCulloch

00:39:56 Rep. Beck

00:40:11 Ms. McCulloch

00:40:20 Sen. Buttrey

00:40:49 Ms. McCulloch

00:41:36 Sen. Buttrey

00:41:59 Ms. McCulloch

Commissioner of Political Practices:

00:42:42 Quinn Holzer
00:44:06 Christine Hultin-Brus, GOV
00:44:39 Jennifer L. Hensley, Commissioner of Political Practices

EXHIBIT(jgh15a04)

00:49:42 Sen. Wanzenried left the room.

Questions from Committee:

00:59:48 Rep. Beck
00:59:53 Ms. Hensley
01:01:26 Rep. Beck
01:02:44 Ms. Hensley
01:03:18 Rep. Beck
01:03:37 Ms. Hensley
01:03:58 Rep. Beck
01:04:08 Sen. Olson
01:04:48 Ms. Hensley
01:05:10 Mary Baker, Political Science Division
01:06:02 Sen. Buttrey
01:06:31 Ms. Hensley
01:06:57 Sen. Buttrey
01:07:23 Ms. Hensley
01:10:23 Sen. Buttrey
01:11:01 Ms. Hensley
01:13:31 Sen. Wanzenried returned.
01:14:01 Sen. Buttrey
01:14:20 Ms. Hensley
01:15:32 Rep. Beck
01:15:46 Ms. Hensley
01:15:51 Rep. Beck
01:16:01 Ms. Hensley

01:17:41 Break
01:26:17 Rep. Edmunds entered the room.
01:26:18 Sen. Olson left the room.

Legislative Services Branch:

01:28:51 Quinn Holzer
01:29:16 Susan Byorth Fox, Executive Director, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:29:42 Sen. Mitch Tropila, SD 12, Chair of Legislative Audit Committee
01:30:25 Ms. Fox
01:31:14 Rep. McChesney entered room.

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EXHIBIT(jgh15a06)

01:32:12 Sen. Llew Jones, SD 14
01:35:48 Sen. Carol Williams, SD 46
01:40:56 Ms. Fox

01:49:37 Sen. Olson returned.

[**EXHIBIT\(jgh15a07\)**](#)

Questions from Committee:

02:17:21 Sen. Wanzenried

02:18:11 Ms. Fox

02:18:25 Sen. Wanzenried

02:19:54 Ms. Fox

02:20:24 Sen. Wanzenried

02:20:45 Ms. Fox

Legislative Finance Committee:

02:21:09 Amy Carlson, LFD

02:21:18 Rep. Edmunds left the room.

02:25:35 Rep. Edmunds returned.

Legislative Audit Division:

02:29:45 Tori Hunthausen, Legislative Auditor, CPA

Questions from Committee:

02:47:18 Rep. Beck

02:47:47 Ms. Hunthausen

02:47:57 Sen. Olson left the room.

02:48:04 Rep. Beck

02:48:40 Ms. Hunthausen

02:50:02 Sen. Buttrey

02:50:46 Ms. Hunthausen

02:52:56 Rep. Edmunds

02:54:03 Ms. Hunthausen

02:55:30 Sen. Wanzenried

02:56:57 Ms. Fox

02:58:27 Sen. Wanzenried

02:58:51 Sen. Olson returned.

02:58:58 Rep. Beck

Consumer Council:

02:59:39 Quinn Holzer

03:00:25 Bob Nelson, Consumer Counsel

[**EXHIBIT\(jgh15a08\)**](#)

03:11:25 Sen. Wanzenried left the room.

[**EXHIBIT\(jgh15a09\)**](#)

03:18:18 Rep. McChesney left the room.

03:20:39 Rep. McChesney returned.

Questions from Committee:

03:23:40 Sen. Buttrey

03:24:25 Quinn Holzer

03:24:49 Mr. Nelson

03:25:13 Mark Bruno

03:25:48 Quinn Holzer

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03:26:20 Mr. Nelson
03:26:34 Mandy Schulen, Office Manager, Office of Consumer Counsel
03:26:59 Mark Bruno
03:27:48 Rep. Beck
03:27:54 Sen. Buttrey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:28:25

Cheryl Pesta, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jgh15aad.pdf](#))