

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Pat Ingraham, on January 25, 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. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. James Knox (R)
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)

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 160, 1/20/2011; HB 238, 1/20/2011; HB 242, 1/20/2011
Executive Action: HB 160

HEARING ON HB 160

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:54 Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R), HD 29, opened the hearing on HB 160, Transfer architecture and engineering division to agency responsibility.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:24 Rep. Ryan Osmundson

HEARING ON HB 238

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:57 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 238, Revise membership of Public Employees' Retirement Board.

[EXHIBIT\(sth19a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:27 Russell Wrigg, Association of Montana Retired Public Employees (AMRPE)

[EXHIBIT\(sth19a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth19a03\)](#)

00:18:27 Bob Robinson, AMRPE

[EXHIBIT\(sth19a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:21:37 Matt Norby, Montana State Firemen's Association

00:22:48 Roxanne Minnehan, Executive Director, Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:21 Rep. Derek Skees

00:25:01 Russell Wrigg

00:25:23 Roxanne Minnehan
00:26:12 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:26:27 Bob Robinson
00:26:52 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:27:05 Bob Robinson
00:27:24 Roxanne Minnehan
00:28:22 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:28:30 Roxanne Minnehan
00:28:40 Rep. Betsy Hands
00:29:10 Roxanne Minnehan
00:30:27 Rep. Betsy Hands
00:31:11 Roxanne Minnehan
00:31:55 Rep. Betsy Hands
00:32:07 Russell Wrigg
00:33:07 Rep. Gordon Hendrick
00:33:38 Rep. Bill McChesney
00:34:28 Rep. Pat Connell
00:35:11 Rep. Bill McChesney
00:35:21 Rep. Derek Skees
00:36:38 Rep. Bill McChesney
00:37:30 Dave Bohyer, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:37:46 Rep. Bill McChesney
00:37:56 Rep. Dan Kennedy

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:29 Rep. Bill McChesney

HEARING ON HB 242

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:40:18 Rep. Mike Miller (R), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 242, Revise school and municipal elections with primary elections.

[EXHIBIT\(sth19a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:43:09 Barbara Rush, Helena, Montana

[EXHIBIT\(sth19a06\)](#)

00:44:56 Ed Argenbright, Helena, Montana

[EXHIBIT\(sth19a07\)](#)

00:47:05 Robert Kolar, Helena, Montana

[EXHIBIT\(sth19a08\)](#)

00:48:12 Sharron Nason, Helena, Montana

[EXHIBIT\(sth19a09\)](#)

00:49:42 Lorie Page, Helena, Montana

[EXHIBIT](#)(sth19a10)

00:50:36 John Barbagello, Helena, Montana

[EXHIBIT](#)(sth19a11)

00:52:38 Robert LaRue, Helena, Montana

00:54:59 Deon Carpenter, Helena, Montana

[EXHIBIT](#)(sth19a12)

00:56:06 Mikal Wilkerson, Helena, Montana

00:59:23 Becky Stockton, Helena, Montana

01:01:29 Tim Ravndal, Lewis & Clark Conservatives

01:03:46 Trevor Wilkerson, Helena, Montana

01:05:24 Ed Butcher, Winifred, Montana

01:10:29 Mike Kecskes, Helena, Montana

01:11:26 Shirley Herrin, Helena, Montana

01:12:24 John Rush, Helena, Montana

[EXHIBIT](#)(sth19a13)

01:15:38 Pat McCain, Helena, Montana

01:16:53 Susan Getz, Helena, Montana

01:17:59 Phyllis Lamping, Helena, Montana

01:19:06 Harris Himes, Montana Eagle Forum

Opponents' Testimony:

01:21:22 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

01:24:54 Linda Stoll, Montana Clerks and Recorders

01:28:54 John MacDonald, City of Missoula

01:30:12 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)

01:32:14 Rep. Gary MacLaren entered the room.

01:33:04 Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association & Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

01:37:10 Linda Brannon, Helena, Montana

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:40:03 Rep. Derek Skees

01:40:38 Rep. Mike Miller

01:41:06 Rep. Kathy Swanson

01:41:46 Rep. Mike Miller

01:42:02 Rep. Kathy Swanson

01:42:12 Rep. Mike Miller

01:42:18 Rep. Douglas Kary

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01:43:31 Rep. Mike Miller
01:43:47 Rep. Douglas Kary
01:43:57 Rep. Mike Miller
01:44:10 Rep. Gordon Hendrick
01:44:44 Rep. Mike Miller
01:45:06 Rep. Dan Kennedy
01:45:40 Bob Vogel
01:45:57 Rep. Dan Kennedy
01:46:05 Bob Vogel
01:46:20 Rep. Jean Price
01:47:03 Rep. Mike Miller
01:47:30 Rep. Jean Price
01:48:13 Rep. Mike Miller
01:48:32 Rep. Pat Ingraham
01:49:53 Rep. Mike Miller

Closing by Sponsor:

01:50:10 Rep. Mike Miller

Committee Business:

02:02:37 Rep. Pat Ingraham
02:03:35 Rep. Bryce Bennett

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 160

02:04:45 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. G. Bennett moved that **HB 160 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:

02:10:47

Tim Stark, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth19aad.pdf](#))