

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Pat Ingraham, on March 4, 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. 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. Ted Washburn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Pat Connell (R)
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)

Members Absent: Rep. Betsy Hands

Staff Present: Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch
Tim Stark, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 120, 3/3/2011; SB 52, 3/3/2011; SB 138, 3/3/2011
Executive Action: SB 69, SB 59

HEARING ON SB 138

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:25 Sen. Llew Jones (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 138, Clarify funding of MUS optional retirement program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:31 Dan Villa, Education Advisor for the Governor

Opponents' Testimony:

00:05:40 Eric Burke, Montana Education Association and Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:51 Rep. Derek Skees
00:08:15 Eric Burke
00:08:29 Rep. Derek Skees
00:08:44 Eric Burke
00:09:14 Rep. Pat Ingraham
00:09:40 Dan Villa
00:10:26 Rep. Frank Smith
00:10:41 Dan Villa
00:11:15 Rep. Frank Smith
00:11:22 Dan Villa
00:12:03 Rep. Franke Wilmer
00:12:22 Rep. Betsy Hands entered the room.
00:12:34 Dan Villa
00:13:01 Rep. Franke Wilmer
00:13:17 Dan Villa
00:14:06 Rep. Franke Wilmer
00:14:45 Dan Villa
00:16:46 Rep. Derek Skees
00:17:18 Dan Villa

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:28 Sen. Llew Jones

HEARING ON SB 120

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:33 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 120, Require publishing of appointed members to all state agency boards.

EXHIBIT(sth49a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:56 Roxanne Minnehan, Montana Public Employee Retirement Association (MPERA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:23:41 Ann Brodsky, Governors Office

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:21 Rep. Pat Ingraham
00:25:30 Rep. Pat Connell entered the room.
00:25:54 Sen. John Brenden
00:26:33 Rep. Pat Ingraham
00:26:50 Sen. John Brenden

Closing by Sponsor:

00:28:08 Sen. John Brenden

HEARING ON SB 52

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:29:10 Sen. Mitch Tropila (D), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 52, Add requirement for Legislative Audit employees to have background check.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:25 Mike Batista, Department of Justice

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:33:34 Monica Huyg, Legislative Services Audit Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:34:01 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:34:18 Mike Batista
00:34:29 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:34:55 Mike Batista
00:35:29 Rep. Joanne Blyton
00:35:47 Mike Batista
00:36:30 Rep. Derek Skees
00:37:00 Mike Batista
00:37:41 Rep. Pat Ingraham
00:37:49 Rep. Jerry Bennett
00:38:08 Sen. Mitch Tropila
00:38:25 Mike Batista
00:38:42 Rep. Frank Smith
00:39:03 Mike Batista
00:39:30 Rep. Frank Smith
00:39:40 Mike Batista
00:40:03 Rep. Gordon Hendrick
00:40:51 Mike Batista
00:41:22 Rep. Gordon Hendrick
00:41:52 Monica Huyg
00:42:45 Rep. Gordon Hendrick

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:07 Sen. Mitch Tropila

Committee Business:

00:44:17 Rep. Pat Ingraham
00:44:24 Dave Bohyer, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 59

00:45:24 **Motion:** Rep. G. Bennett moved that **SB 59 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:46:17 **Motion:** Rep. Kary moved that **SB 59 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(sth49a02)

00:46:30 Rep. Pat Ingraham

00:47:01 **Motion:** Rep. Kary moved to **WITHDRAW THE MOTION TO AMEND SB 59.**
Without objection from the committee the motion was withdrawn.

00:47:22 **Motion:** Rep. G. Bennett moved to **WITHDRAW THE MOTION THAT SB 59 BE CONCURRED IN.** Without objection from the committee the motion was withdrawn.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 69

00:47:50 **Motion:** Rep. G. Bennett moved that **SB 69 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:48:08 Dave Bohyer
00:48:59 Rep. Franke Wilmer
00:49:23 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:49:47 Rep. Betsy Hands
00:50:16 Rep. Pat Connell
00:51:17 Rep. Joanne Blyton
00:51:38 Rep. Gary MacLaren

00:52:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Hendrick, Rep. Kary, Rep. Kennedy, Rep. Knox, Rep. McGillvray and Rep. Skees voting no. Rep. McGillvray and Rep. Swanson voted by proxy. Rep. Jesse O'Hara will carry the bill.

Committee Business:

00:54:19 Rep. Pat Ingraham
00:55:33 Rep. Franke Wilmer
00:56:10 Rep. Dan Kennedy
00:56:19 Rep. Franke Wilmer
00:56:58 Rep. Pat Ingraham
00:57:05 Rep. Jerry Bennett
00:57:18 Rep. Betsy Hands

ADJOURNMENT

00:57:47 Adjournment

Tim Stark, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth49aad.pdf](#))