

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Jim Shockley, on February 14, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ron Arthun, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Sen. Anders Blewett (D)  
Sen. Larry Jent (D)  
Sen. Llew Jones (R)  
Sen. Carmine Mowbray (R)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jim Shockley, Chairman (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary  
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

**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: SB 291, 2/11/2011; SB 307, 2/11/2011; SB 311, 2/11/2011

Executive Action: SB 307, Do Pass

**HEARING ON SB 311**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:39 Sen. Steven Gallus (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB 311, Clarify laws relating to term limits.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:46 Bob Story, former legislator

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:07:51 Sen. Balyeat  
00:09:18 Sen. Gallus  
00:09:56 Sen. Balyeat  
00:10:08 Sen. Gallus  
00:10:44 Sen. Balyeat  
00:11:21 Bob Story

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:12:22 Sen. Gallus

**HEARING ON SB 307**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:13:20 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 307, Have leg. interim committees allow public comment on privatizing state programs.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:15:40 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association  
00:20:09 Bonnie Lorang, Montana Independent Telecommunication Systems (MITS)  
00:21:29 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:22:52      Tori Hunthausen, Legislative Audit Division

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:24:48      Sen. Tutvedt

**HEARING ON SB 291**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:25:45      Sen. Ryan Zinke (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 291, Disclosure of state publications and media expenses.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:28:49      John Barrows, Montana Newspaper Association

00:30:53      Chairman Shockley entered the hearing.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:31:06      Sheryl Olson, Department of Administration (DOA)

00:33:30      Denise King, Montana Historical Society

00:34:57      Jeri Duran, Montana Lottery

00:37:50      Doug Steele, Montana State University (MSU)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:38:20      Sen. Jones

00:38:59      Sen. Zinke

00:40:19      Sen. Balyeat

00:43:34      Sen. Zinke

00:44:17      Sen. Jones

00:45:32      Sen. Zinke

00:47:00      Sen. Mowbrey

00:48:04      Sen. Zinke

00:49:53      Sen. Blewett

00:58:56      Sen. Zinke

01:00:58      Sen. Arthun

01:03:35      Sen. Zinke

01:04:34      Sen. Jones

01:08:31      Sen. Zinke

01:08:48      Sen. Jones

01:08:56      Chairman Shockley

01:11:47      Sen. Zinke

01:11:54 Chairman Shockley  
01:11:58 Sen. Blewett  
01:12:29 Sen. Zinke  
01:13:07 Chairman Shockley

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:13:23 Sen. Zinke

**Further Discussion:**

01:13:40 Sen. Blewett  
01:14:21 Chairman Shockley

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 307**

01:17:17 **Motion:** Sen. Jones moved that **SB 307 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:17:26 Sen. Windy Boy  
01:17:40 Chairman Shockley  
01:18:10 Sen. Mowbrey

01:19:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

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Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sts36aad.pdf](#))**