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

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Members Excused: Sen. Llew Jones (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 310, 3/12/2011; HB 134, 3/11/2011; HB 484, 3/11/2011; HB 346, 3/9/2011; HB 135, 3/9/2011

Executive Action: HB 484, Be Concurred In

HEARING ON HB 134

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:20 Rep. Carolyn Squires (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 134, Provide benefit and funding changes to game wardens/peace officers retirement.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:02 Mike O'Connor, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA)
00:07:46 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA)
00:12:33 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT

Opponents' Testimony:

00:15:02 George Golie, Montana Game Wardens Association (MGWA)
00:15:52 J. D. Lynch, Teamsters Local #2
00:17:02 John Forkan, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:51 Sen. Jent
00:24:51 Mike O'Connor, MPERA
00:24:55 Chairman Shockley
00:25:15 Mike O'Connor
00:25:21 Sen. Balyeat
00:27:08 Mike O'Connor

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:21 Rep. Squires

HEARING ON HB 310

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:31 Rep. Joanne Blyton (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 310, Clarify initiatives language.

EXHIBIT(sts57a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:05 Linda McCulloch
EXHIBIT(sts57a02)
00:33:47 Becky Stockton
00:34:57 Carole Mackin

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:46 Sen. Blewett
00:39:20 Rep. Blyton
00:40:26 Sen. Blewett
00:40:45 Sen. Arthun
00:41:18 Linda McCulloch
00:42:08 Sen. Balyeat
00:43:59 Linda McCulloch

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:21 Rep. Blyton

HEARING ON HB 484

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:11 Rep. Carolyn Squires (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 484, Clarify receipt of absentee ballots for subsequent elections is not permanent.

00:47:03 Sen. Blewett left the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:11 Linda McCulloch
[EXHIBIT\(sts57a03\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(sts57a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:50:59 Sen. Mowbray
00:51:36 Linda McCulloch

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:14____Rep. Squires

HEARING ON HB 135

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:52:33 Rep. Carolyn Squires (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 135, Provide benefit and funding changes to sheriffs retirement system.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:55:12 Mike O'Connor, MPERA
00:57:04 Tom Schneider, MPERA

Opponents' Testimony:

00:59:09 Jason Miller, Teamsters Local #190
00:59:48 John Forkan, AFSCME
01:00:12 J. D. Lynch

Informational Testimony:

01:00:32 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:02:44 Sen. Balyeat
01:03:58 Jason Miller

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:50 Rep. Squires

Additional Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:06:27 Sen. Balyeat
01:07:48 Rachel Weiss, LSD
01:08:18 Rep. Squires
01:08:43 Chairman Shockley
01:08:55 Rep. Squires
01:09:00 Sen. Balyeat
01:09:06 Mike O'Connor
01:09:29 Chairman Shockley
01:10:40 Sen. Balyeat
01:11:31 Chairman Shockley
01:11:35 Sen. Jent
01:11:58 Chairman Shockley
01:12:14 Rep. Squires
01:12:57 Sen. Windy Boy
01:13:14 Chairman Shockley

HEARING ON HB 346

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:14:41 Rep. Bill Beck (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HB 346, Revise monthly pension payable to volunteer firefighter.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:16:29 Sen. Balyeat
01:17:43 Rep. Beck
01:17:54 Mike O'Connor
01:18:05 Sen. Balyeat
01:19:07 Mike O'Connor
01:19:18 Chairman Shockley
01:19:40 Mike O'Connor
01:19:50 Sen. Mowbray
01:20:06 Rachel Weiss
01:20:37 Sen. Arthun
01:21:00 Rep. Beck
01:21:50 Sen. Balyeat
01:22:31 Mike O'Connor
01:22:53 Chairman Shockley
01:23:14 Mike O'Connor
01:23:42 Chairman Shockley

Closing by Sponsor:

01:24:13 Rep. Beck

01:24:57 Recess
01:37:06 Reconvene

01:37:10 Sen. Windy Boy left the hearing.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 310

01:37:14 **Motion:** Sen. Arthun moved that **HB 310 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:38:07 Chairman Shockley
01:38:18 Sen. Balyeat
01:38:48 Chairman Shockley

01:39:18 Sen Balyeat
01:39:51 Rachel Weiss
01:40:25 Chairman Shockley
01:40:30 Sen. Balyeat
01:40:56 Rachel Weiss
01:41:28 Chairman Shockley

01:41:41 **Motion:** Sen. Arthun moved to **WITHDRAW THE BE CONCURRED IN MOTION ON HB 310.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 484

01:42:11 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Arthun moved that **HB 484 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blewett, Sen. Jones and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Jent will carry the bill.

DISCUSSION ON HB 91

01:43:06 Sen. Shockley
01:43:21 Sen. Jent
01:43:49 Chairman Shockley

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:45 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts57aad.pdf](#))