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

Call to Order: Chair Jim Shockley, on March 18, 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. Carmine Mowbray (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary
Dave Bohyer, 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 397, 3/14/2011; SB 404, 3/14/2011; HB 142, 3/11/2011; HB 414, 3/11/2011; HB 431, 3/11/2011; HB 180, 3/14/2011

Executive Action: HB 142, Be Concurred In; SB 404, Be Tabled

HEARING ON SB 404

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:08 Sen. Anders Blewett (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 404, Provide for constitutional analysis of bill draft requests.

[EXHIBIT\(sts61a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:03:47 Tim Ravndal, Lewis and Clark Conservative Tea Party Group

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:57 Sen. Blewett

Discussion:

00:06:48 Sen. Balyeat

00:07:22 Sen. Blewett

HEARING ON HB 142

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:03 Rep. Diane Sands (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HB 142, Require interim committees review of reports and advisory councils for sunset.

[EXHIBIT\(sts61a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sts61a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:24 Rep. Sands

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 142

00:13:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **HB 142 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jent and Sen. Jones voted by proxy. Sen. Jent will carry the bill.

HEARING ON HB 431

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:01 Rep. Keith Regier (R), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 431, Eliminate state election day as a legal holiday.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:20 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:21:33 Roger Nummerdor

Opponents' Testimony:

00:22:28 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA)
00:25:14 J. C. Weingartner, MEA-MFT

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:18 Sen. Balyeat
00:29:43 Sheryl Wood, MACo
00:30:29 Sen. Balyeat
00:31:00 Rep. Regier
00:31:37 Sen. Mowbray
00:32:24 Tom Schneider, MPEA
00:33:41 Sen. Windy Boy
00:34:52 Sheryl Wood
00:35:22 Sen. Windy Boy

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:35 Rep. Regier

HEARING ON HB 180

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:24 Rep. Champ Edmunds (R), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 180, Revise close of voter registration.

EXHIBIT(sts61a04)

EXHIBIT(sts61a05)

EXHIBIT(sts61a06)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:39:34 Brad Johnson, former Montana Secretary of State
 00:44:31 Lee Clemmensen
 00:46:58 Lyn Hellegaard
 00:49:04 Roger Nummerdor
 00:50:07 Tim Ravndal

Opponents' Testimony:

00:50:30 Linda McCulloch, Montana Secretary of State

EXHIBIT(sts61a07)

EXHIBIT(sts61a08)

00:52:50 Travis Suzuki, student at the University of Montana
 00:53:59 Beth Brennenman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)

EXHIBIT(sts61a09)

00:54:56 Eric Stern, Governor's Office
 00:56:05 Annie Glover, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
 00:56:46 Olivia Riutta, Montana Women Vote (MWV)

EXHIBIT(sts61a10)

00:58:22 Sen. Jent entered the hearing.
 00:58:53 Bob Maffit
 00:59:53 Gladys Hardin, League of Women Voters of Montana (LWVMT)
 01:00:24 Chris Cavazos, Montana State AFL-CIO
 01:00:43 Joy Bruck, AARP Montana

EXHIBIT(sts61a11)

01:00:57 Kryss Kuntz, Montana Independent Living Project (MILP)
 01:01:22 Jeanne Sawigney, Montana Conservation Voters Education Fund (MCVEF)
 01:01:46 J. C. Weingartner, MEA-MFT
 01:02:05 Shelbi Dantic, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:02:53 Sen. Windy Boy
 01:03:17 Chris Cavazos
 01:03:51 Sen. Mowbray
 01:05:00 Linda McCulloch
 01:05:14 Sen. Mowbray
 01:06:10 Shelbi Dantic (MontPIRG)
 01:06:27 Sen. Balyeat
 01:08:25 Lee Clemmensen
 01:09:10 Sen. Balyeat
 01:12:22 Linda McCulloch
 01:13:38 Chairman Shockley
 01:13:50 Linda McCulloch

01:14:00 Sen. Balyeat
01:14:19 Linda McCulloch
01:14:47 Sen. Blewett
01:15:21 Brad Johnson
01:17:29 Sen. Jent
01:19:03 Linda McCulloch
01:19:14 Sen. Windy Boy
01:19:44 Linda McCulloch
01:19:53 Sen. Windy Boy
01:20:29 Brad Johnson
01:21:10 Sen. Balyeat
01:22:45 Linda McCulloch
01:22:50 Sen. Balyeat
01:23:31 Brad Johnson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:24:59 Rep. Edmunds

HEARING ON HB 414

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:26:56 Rep. Bill Harris (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 414, Provide for federal mandate accountability.

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts61a12)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:29:03 Tim Ravndal
01:31:04 Patrick McCain

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:31:59 Amy Sassano, Governor's Office

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:32:24 Sen. Windy Boy
01:32:48 Amy Sassano
01:34:07 Sen. Windy Boy
01:34:17 Amy Sassano
01:34:43 Chairman Shockley
01:35:25 Rep. Harris

Closing by Sponsor:

01:35:34 Rep. Harris

HEARING ON SB 397

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:39:03 Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 397, Increase authority of commissioner of political practices for noncompliance.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:42:02 Drew Geiger, Montana League of Women Voters (LWVMT)

01:42:39 Janet Ellis

01:44:04 Mary Baker, Commissioner of Political Practices

Opponents' Testimony:

01:45:16 Bob Faw

01:46:15 Tim Ravndal

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:47:11 Sen. Windy Boy

01:47:37 Mary Baker

01:48:01 Sen. Windy Boy

01:48:53 Sen. Kaufmann

EXHIBIT(sts61a13)

01:50:36 Sen. Balyeat

01:51:16 Sen. Kaufmann

01:51:56 Chairman Shockley

01:52:00 Sen. Kaufmann

01:52:04 Sen. Windy Boy

01:52:11 Sen. Balyeat

01:54:10 Sen. Kaufmann

01:55:28 Mary Baker

01:56:30 Sen. Balyeat

01:56:39 Sen. Mowbray

Closing by Sponsor:

01:57:04 Sen. Kaufmann

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 404

01:58:22 **Motion:** Sen. Blewett moved that **SB 404 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:58:32 Sen. Blewett

01:59:13 Chairman Shockley

01:59:35 Sen. Blewett

02:00:07 Sen. Windy Boy left the hearing.

02:00:25 Chairman Shockley

02:00:33 Sen. Blewett

02:00:50 Chairman Shockley

02:01:05 Sen. Balyeat

02:02:07 Sen. Blewett

02:03:04 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Blewett, Sen. Jent and Sen. Windy Boy voting aye. Sen. Jones voted by proxy.

02:03:52 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Balyeat moved to **REVERSE THE VOTE AND TABLE THE BILL.** Without objection from the committee SB 404 was tabled.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:05 p.m.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts61aad.pdf](#))