

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Pat Ingraham, on January 29, 2013 at 8:00 AM, in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Pat Ingraham, Chair (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Ted Washburn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Liz Bangerter (R)
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)
Rep. Clarena Brockie (D)
Rep. Forrestina (Frosty) Calf Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Pat Connell (R)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. David Howard (R)
Rep. Doug Kary (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Patty Hartman, Committee Secretary
Sheri Scurr, 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: HB 151, 1/14/2013; HB 229, 1/18/2013; HB 265, 1/22/2013

HEARING ON HB 265**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:17:11 Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 265, Revise campaign finance laws.

EXHIBIT(sth19a01)

00:20:17 Rep. Wilmer entered the room.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:25:38 C.B. Pearson, Montana Common Cause

EXHIBIT(sth19a02)

00:29:49 Bob Balhiser, Self

EXHIBIT(sth19a03)

00:32:05 Sean McQuillan, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

00:33:05 Linda Gryczan, League of Women Voters (LWV)

Opponents' Testimony with Committee Discussion:

00:34:41 Matt Leow, Stand with Montanans and Campaign Manager, I-166

EXHIBIT(sth19a04)

00:35:53 Rep. Howard

00:36:00 Rep. Ingraham

00:36:04 Matt Leow, Stand with Montanans

00:36:20 Rep. B. Bennett

00:36:28 Rep. Ingraham

00:36:35 Matt Leow, Stand with Montanans

00:37:22 Rep. Ingraham

00:37:32 Matt Leow, Stand with Montanans

00:37:51 Rep. Ingraham

00:38:09 Matt Leow, Stand with Montanans

00:38:42 Rep. Kary

00:38:52 Rep. Ingraham

00:38:57 Matt Leow, Stand with Montanans

Opponents' Testimony:

00:40:22 Mark Mackin, Self

EXHIBIT(sth19a05)

00:40:54 Rep. Wilmer left the room.

Informational Testimony:

00:41:43 Jim Brown, Self

EXHIBIT(sth19a06)

00:43:48 Andrew Huff, Legal Counsel, Governor's Office (GOV)

00:45:03 Mary Baker, Program Supervisor, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

00:45:24 Julie Steab, Investigator, COPP

00:45:38 Edwin Bender, National Institute on Money in State Politics (NIMSP)

[EXHIBIT\(sth19a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth19a08\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:11 Rep. Bangerter
00:48:43 Edwin Bender, NIMSP
00:49:05 Rep. Connell
00:50:07 C.B. Pearson, Montana Common Cause
00:52:09 Rep. Connell
00:52:32 C.B. Pearson, Montana Common Cause
00:53:19 Rep. Howard
00:54:30 Rep. Fitzpatrick
00:56:49 Rep. Hertz
00:57:28 Mary Baker, COPP
00:58:26 Edwin Bender, NIMSP
00:59:08 Rep. Hertz
00:59:51 Andrew Huff, GOV
01:00:53 Rep. Hertz
01:01:03 Andrew Huff, GOV
01:01:21 Rep. Brockie
01:01:45 Mary Baker, COPP
01:02:12 Rep. Bangerter
01:02:35 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:02:56 Rep. B. Bennett
01:03:21 Mary Baker, COPP
01:03:46 Rep. B. Bennett
01:04:19 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:04:50 Rep. B. Bennett
01:05:22 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:06:28 Rep. Price
01:07:51 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:08:44 Rep. Schreiner
01:09:08 Mary Baker, COPP
01:09:19 Rep. Schreiner
01:09:30 Mary Baker, COPP
01:10:01 Rep. Schreiner
01:10:37 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:11:06 Rep. Schreiner
01:11:18 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:11:27 Rep. Harris
01:12:24 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:14:08 Rep. Washburn
01:14:59 Edwin Bender, NIMSP
01:16:22 Rep. Washburn
01:16:36 Edwin Bender, NIMSP
01:16:43 Rep. Washburn
01:16:52 Edwin Bender, NIMSP
01:18:03 Rep Shaw left the room.

Closing by Sponsor:

01:18:12 Rep. Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON HB 229**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:20:22 Rep. Scott Reichner (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 229, Generally revise laws related to campaign finance limits and maximums.

01:21:24 Rep. Wilmer entered the room.

01:24:59 Rep Shaw entered the room.

Proponents' Testimony: (see below)**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:29:23 C.B. Pearson, Montana Common Cause

EXHIBIT(sth19a09)

01:38:47 Andrew Huff, Legal Counsel, Governor's Office (GOV)

EXHIBIT(sth19a10)

01:42:13 Linda Gryczan, League of Women Voters (LWV)

01:44:13 Matt Leow, Stand with Montanans

01:46:33 Rep. Hertz

01:47:32 Matt Leow, Stand with Montanans

01:49:43 Sean McQuillan, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

01:50:43 Mark Mackin, Self

01:53:18 Hiedi Handford, Self

01:55:41 Robert Balhiser, Self

Proponents' Testimony:

01:57:23 Jim Brown, Self

Committee Discussion:

02:00:07 Rep. B. Bennett

02:00:20 Rep. Ingraham

Informational Testimony:

02:00:37 Julie Steab, Investigator, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

02:01:02 Mary Baker, Program Supervisor, COPP

02:02:19 Edwin Bender, National Institute on Money in State Politics (NIMSP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:04:21 Rep. Connell

02:05:15 Linda Gryczan, LWV

02:06:04 Rep. Connell

02:06:55 Linda Gryczan, LWV

02:07:19 Rep. Schreiner

02:07:35 Rep. Reichner

02:07:41 Rep. Schreiner

02:08:10 Rep. Reichner

02:08:33 Rep. Wilmer

02:09:11 Andrew Huff, GOV
02:09:35 Rep. Wilmer
02:09:58 Andrew Huff, GOV

Closing by Sponsor:

02:11:03 Rep. Reichner

02:15:32 Recessed
02:29:04 Reconvened

02:29:09 Rep. Wilmer left the room.

HEARING ON HB 151

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:29:20 Rep. Champ Edmunds (R), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 151, Revise interim committee membership to reflect majority and minority allocations.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:31:32 Rep. B. Bennett
02:32:10 Rep. Edmunds
02:32:51 Rep. B. Bennett
02:33:28 Rep. Edmunds
02:33:58 Rep. Price
02:34:58 Rep. Edmunds
02:35:06 Rep. Price
02:35:18 Rep. Harris
02:36:16 Rep. Edmunds
02:36:45 Rep. Brockie
02:37:14 Rep. Edmunds
02:37:18 Rep. Brockie
02:37:29 Rep. Edmunds
02:37:45 Rep. Connell
02:38:43 Rep. Edmunds

Closing by Sponsor:

02:39:48 Rep. Edmunds

02:40:15 Rep. Ingraham
02:41:23 Rep. Connell
02:41:34 Rep. Ingraham
02:42:46 Rep. O'Hara

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:43:33

Patty Hartman, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth19aad.pdf](#))