

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Ron Arthun, on January 25, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ron Arthun, Chair (R)  
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Anders Blewett (D)  
Sen. Larry Jent (D)  
Sen. Scott Sales (R)  
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)  
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**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 153, 1/22/2013; SB 163, 1/22/2013

**HEARING ON SB 163**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:27:02 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on SB 163, Require legislators to disclose cost/payment information for meetings attended.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:32:52 John Barrows, Montana Newspaper Association (MNA)

00:33:25 Sean McQuillan, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPRIG)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:34:12 Sen. Sales

00:35:28 Sen. Facey

00:36:02 Sen. Van Dyk

00:36:52 Sen. Facey

00:37:16 Sen. Brown

00:39:07 Sen. Facey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:39:22 Sen. Facey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 122**

00:41:51 **Motion:** Sen. Jent moved that **SB 122 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:42:15 Chairman Arthun

00:42:19 Without objection, Sen. Jent withdrew the DO PASS motion.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 68**

00:42:44 **Motion:** Sen. Van Dyk moved that **SB 68 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:43:01 Sen. Brown

00:43:36 Sen. Sales

00:43:56 Sen. Jent

00:44:46 Sen. Sales

00:45:29 Sen. Webb  
00:45:56 Sen. Blewett  
00:47:24 Sen. Brown  
00:48:09 Sen. Blewett  
00:48:31 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:48:48 Sen. Blewett  
  
00:49:07 Without Objection, Sen. Van Dyk withdrew the DO PASS motion.

**HEARING ON SB 153**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:49:32 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 153, Revise public service commission districts.

[EXHIBIT\(sts16a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sts16a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sts16a03\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:59:01 Bill Gallagher, Chairman, Montana Public Service Commission (PSC)

[EXHIBIT\(sts16a04\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:00:33 Sen. Brown  
01:01:28 Sen. Thomas  
01:08:39 Sen. Blewett  
01:09:08 Sen. Thomas

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:10:08 Sen. Thomas

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:45 P.M.

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Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sts16aad.pdf](#))**