

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Jeff Essmann, on January 15, 2015 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)
Rep. Bill Harris, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Debra Lamm (R)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)
Rep. Art Wittich (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)

Members Absent:

Rep. Jean Price (D)

Staff Present: Jennifer Petersen, 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 85, 1/7/2015; HB 170, 1/7/2015

00:00:05 Chair Essmann
00:01:52 *Rep. Price arrives*

At the request of Chair Essmann, Vice Chair Harris acts in the role of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 170

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:12 Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 170, Revise definition of compensation in police retirement system.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:00 Vice Chair Harris
00:08:08 Jerry Williams, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)
00:14:10 Vice Chair Harris
00:14:21 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA)
00:16:01 Vice Chair Harris
00:16:08 Mark Murphy, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA)
00:19:27 Vice Chair Harris
00:19:37 Ed Lester, Butte Sheriff's Office
00:21:25 Diane Fladmo, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)
00:21:45 Vice Chair Harris
00:21:54 Patrick Fleming, Butte Police Protective Association (BPPA)
00:22:11 Vice Chair Harris
00:22:23 Jim Kilmer, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)
00:25:41 Vice Chair Harris
00:25:53 Doug Neil, Montana State Firemen's Association (MSFA)
00:28:17 Vice Chair Harris

Opponents' Testimony:

00:28:28 David Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
00:39:02 Vice Chair Harris
00:39:15 Ed Meece, City of Livingston

Informational Testimony:

00:40:21 Melanie Symons, Montana Public Employees Retirement Association (MPERA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:31 Rep. Mandeville
00:43:06 David Nielsen, MLCT
00:43:32 Rep. Mandeville
00:43:37 David Nielsen, MLCT
00:44:00 Rep. Wittich
00:45:54 Rep. Moore
00:46:24 Rep. Wittich
00:46:29 Jerry Williams, MPPA
00:47:28 Rep. Wittich
00:48:23 Jerry Williams, MPPA

00:49:06 Rep. Wittich
00:49:31 Rep. Greef
00:50:21 David Nielsen, MLCT
00:50:51 Rep. Greef
00:51:17 David Nielsen, MLCT
00:51:22 Vice Chair Harris
00:51:27 Rep. Shaw
00:52:03 Jerry Williams, MPPA
00:52:46 Vice Chair Harris
00:52:49 Rep. Garner
00:53:13 David Nielsen
00:53:27 Rep. Garner
00:54:28 Jerry Williams, MPPA
00:55:01 Rep. Garner
00:55:21 Jerry Williams, MPPA
00:56:00 Rep. Garner
00:56:24 Melanie Symons, MPERA
00:56:55 Rep. Garner
00:57:14 Vice Chair Harris
00:57:17 Melanie Symons, MPERA
00:57:34 Vice Chair Harris
00:57:43 Rep. Garner
00:58:25 Mark Murphy, MPEA
00:59:53 Vice Chair Harris
00:59:57 Rep. Wittich
01:01:05 Rep. Moore
01:01:42 Vice Chair Harris
01:01:49 Chair Essmann
01:02:39 Jerry Williams, MPPA
01:02:57 Chair Essmann
01:03:42 Jerry Williams, MPPA
01:04:31 Chair Essmann
01:05:05 Jerry Williams, MPPA
01:05:27 Chair Essmann
01:05:47 Jerry Williams, MPPA
01:05:51 Chair Essmann
01:06:02 Jerry Williams, MPPA
01:06:27 Chair Essmann
01:06:34 Vice Chair Harris

Closing by Sponsor:

01:06:46 Rep. Moore
01:08:24 Vice Chair Harris, brief recess

01:20:50 Vice Chair Harris, recess reconvene (*Rep. B. Bennett and Rep. Lamm not present*)

HEARING ON HB 85**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:21:13 Rep. Tom Woods (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 85, Revise the administration and tax qualification laws of the TRS.

EXHIBIT(sth09a01)

01:21:34 *Rep. B. Bennett arrives*

Proponents' Testimony:

01:33:13 Shawn Graham, Montana Teachers Retirement System (TRS)

01:53:43 Vice Chair Harris

01:53:51 Diane Fladmo, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

01:54:50 Vice Chair Harris

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:55:18 Chair Essmann

01:56:24 Shawn Graham, TRS

01:56:28 Chair Essmann

01:56:47 Shawn Graham, TRS

01:57:05 Chair Essmann

01:57:31 Shawn Graham, TRS

01:57:36 Chair Essmann

01:59:21 Shawn Graham, TRS

02:01:33 Chair Essmann

02:02:10 Shawn Graham, TRS

02:02:52 Rep. Garner

02:03:36 Melanie Symons, MPERA

02:03:44 Rep. Garner

02:03:58 Shawn Graham, TRS

02:05:16 Rep. Garner

02:05:49 Shawn Graham, TRS

02:06:06 Rep. Garner

02:06:13 Shawn Graham, TRS

02:06:40 Vice Chair Harris

02:06:49 Rep. Shaw

02:07:05 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:08:16 Rep. Garner

02:08:43 Chair Essmann

02:08:49 Vice Chair Harris

Closing by Sponsor:

02:08:58 Rep. Woods

02:11:29 Vice Chair Harris

02:11:40 Chair Essmann

02:12:38 Rep. B. Bennett
02:12:50 Chair Essmann
02:15:08 Rep. Funk
02:15:20 Chair Essmann

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:16:14

Jennifer Petersen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth09aad.pdf](#))