

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Jeff Essmann, on January 27, 2015 at 8:00 AM, 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. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Art Wittich (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jennifer Petersen, Committee Secretary
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 209, 1/19/2015; HB 211, 1/19/2015; HB 216, 1/19/2015; HB
251, 1/19/2015

00:00:01 Chair Essmann

HEARING ON HB 211

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:54 Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 211, Require POW/MIA flag be displayed at certain times and places.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:40 Chair Essmann

00:07:09 Richard Juvik, The American Legion

EXHIBIT(sth18a01)

00:11:12 Chair Essmann

00:11:28 Richard Snyder, self

EXHIBIT(sth18a02)

00:12:59 Linda Juvik, self

EXHIBIT(sth18a03)

00:15:00 Chair Essmann

00:15:07 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:15:35 Chair Essmann

00:15:43 Dan Carpenter, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:16 Rep. B. Brown

00:17:14 Rep. Wagoner

00:17:30 Linda Juvik, self

00:17:48 Rep. Harris

00:18:41 Richard Juvik, The American Legion

00:19:40 Rep. Harris

00:19:45 Rep. Garner

00:19:58 Chair Essmann

00:20:09 Rep. Shaw

00:21:13 Chair Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:23 Rep. Wagoner

00:21:56 Chair Essmann

HEARING ON HB 216

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:26 Rep. Zac Perry (D), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 216, Expand use of treasure state endowment funds.

00:25:09 Chair Essmann

Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:16 David Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

[EXHIBIT\(sth18a04\)](#)

00:26:38 Chair Essmann

Opponents' Testimony:

00:26:59 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT\(sth18a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth18a06\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00:29:47 Kelly Lynch, Montana Department of Commerce (DOC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:14 Rep. Hayman
00:30:48 David Nielsen, MLCT
00:31:34 Rep. Hayman
00:31:42 David Nielsen, MLCT
00:32:17 Rep. Garner
00:32:50 Rep. Perry
00:33:08 David Nielsen, MLCT
00:33:47 Rep. Garner
00:34:07 David Nielsen, MLCT
00:34:20 Rep. Mandeville
00:34:47 David Nielsen, MLCT
00:35:04 Rep. Mandeville
00:35:23 David Nielsen, MLCT
00:36:14 Rep. Mandeville
00:36:18 David Nielsen, MLCT
00:36:37 Rep. Harris
00:37:20 David Nielsen, MLCT
00:38:12 Rep. McKamey
00:38:46 Rep. Perry
00:39:10 Rep. B. Bennett
00:39:45 David Nielsen, MLCT
00:40:03 Rep. B. Bennett
00:40:33 David Nielsen, MLCT
00:41:19 Rep. Funk
00:41:42 Harold Blattie, MACo
00:42:11 Chair Essmann
00:42:27 Harold Blattie, MACo
00:43:01 Kelly Lynch, DOC
00:43:08 Chair Essmann
00:43:21 Kelly Lynch, DOC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:32 Rep. Perry

00:44:42 Chair Essmann

HEARING ON HB 251**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:45:29 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 251, Providing for temporary legislative aides.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:49:12 Vice Chair Schreiner
00:49:22 Rep. Hunter (HD 83)
00:53:26 Vice Chair Schreiner

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

00:53:45 Melanie Symons, Public Employees Retirement Administration (PERA)
[EXHIBIT\(sth18a07\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:15 Rep. B. Bennett
00:55:44 Rep. Essmann
00:56:54 Rep. Harris
00:57:19 Rep. Essmann
00:57:35 Rep. Funk
00:58:33 Rep. Essmann
01:00:17 Rep. B. Brown
01:00:49 Rep. Essmann
01:01:01 Rep. B. Brown
01:01:09 Rep. Essmann
01:01:22 Rep. B. Brown
01:01:42 Rep. Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

01:02:02 Rep. Essmann

01:02:56 Vice Chair Schreiner
01:03:34 Vice Chair Harris

HEARING ON HB 209**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:03:49 Rep. Casey Schreiner (D), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 209, Revise laws related to designation of an agent to assist an elector.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:06:10 Vice Chair Harris
01:06:16 Beth Brennehan, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)
01:09:24 Joel Peden, Montana Centers for Independent Living (MTCIL)
01:10:31 Vice Chair Harris
01:10:39 Lisa Kimmet, Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)

01:11:13 Vice Chair Harris
01:11:18 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders and Election
Administrators (MACREA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:12:13 Rep. Karjala
01:13:49 Beth Brenneman, DRM
01:14:15 Rep. Karjala
01:14:55 Rep. Schreiner
01:15:25 Rep. Lamm
01:15:51 Rep. Schreiner
01:16:37 Rep. Lamm
01:17:22 Rep. Schreiner
01:18:09 Beth Brenneman

EXHIBIT(sth18a08)

01:19:47 Rep. Mandeville
01:20:19 Beth Brenneman, DRM

Closing by Sponsor:

01:20:51 Rep. Schreiner
01:21:27 Vice Chair Harris

01:21:47 Chair Essmann
01:22:00 Rep. Garner
01:22:09 Chair Essmann

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 211

01:22:51 **Motion:** Rep. Shaw moved that **HB 211 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:23:18 Rep. Garner
01:23:42 Chair Essmann
01:23:44 Rep. Harris
01:24:18 Rep. B. Brown
01:24:51 Rep. McKamey
01:25:21 Chair Essmann

01:25:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Knudsen and Rep.
Wittich voted by proxy.

01:25:51 Chair Essmann

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:

01:26:16 adjourned

Jennifer Petersen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth18aad.pdf](#))