

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Ryan Osmundson, on February 11, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 350 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ryan Osmundson, Chair (R)
Sen. Janna Taylor, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Susie Lindsay, Legislative Branch
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch
Phoebe Williams, Committee Secretary

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: Executive Action on the Legislative Branch, Consumer Counsel, Commissioner of Political Practices and the Department of Administration.

Executive Action

00:00:53 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Phillips moved to **ADOPT THE BUDGETS FOR LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, CONSUMER COUNSEL, COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AS PROPOSED BY THE RESPECTIVE AGENCIES ADJUSTED FOR FIX COSTS AND INFLATION/ DEFLATION AS ADOPTED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT.** Motion failed 2-4 by roll call vote with Rep. McCarthy and Sen. Phillips voting aye.

00:02:05 **Motion:** Sen. Phillips moved to **ADOPT THE EXECUTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2015 PAY INCREASE FOR THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, CONSUMER COUNCIL, COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.**

Discussion:

00:02:29 Rep. McCarthy

00:03:00 Sen. Blasdel

00:03:50 Rep. McCarthy

00:04:47 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-4 by roll call vote with Rep. McCarthy and Sen. Phillips voting aye.

00:05:09 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Phillips moved to **ADOPT OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES CHANGES AS PROPOSED BY THE EXECUTIVE FOR THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, CONSUMER COUNCIL, COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.** Motion failed 2-4 by roll call vote with Rep. McCarthy and Sen. Phillips voting aye.

Discussion:

00:05:24 Chairman Osmundson

00:05:47 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Phillips moved **TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED OPERATING COST ADJUSTMENTS FOR LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, CONSUMER COUNSEL, COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.** Motion failed 2-4 by roll call vote with Rep. McCarthy and Sen. Phillips voting aye.

00:06:18 **Motion:** Sen. Taylor moved **TO ADOPT THE EXECUTIVES'S PROPOSED CHANGES FOR LONGEVITY, STATE SHARE OF HEALTH INSURANCE, FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION, STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, AND RETIREMENT FOR LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, CONSUMER COUNSEL, COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES, AND DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.**

Discussion:

00:06:43 Sen. Phillips

00:07:04 Sen. Taylor

00:07:43 Rep. McCarthy

00:07:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:08:02 **Motion:** Sen. Taylor moved to **ADOPT THE BUDGET AS PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ADJUSTED FOR THE CHANGES APPROVED BY THIS COMMITTEE FOR FIXED COSTS AND INFLATION/DEFLATION.**

Discussion:

00:08:16 Rep. McCarthy
00:08:22 Chairman Osmundson
00:08:28 Sen. Taylor
00:08:47 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
00:08:58 Chairman Osmundson
00:09:02 Sen. Phillips
00:09:14 Sen. Taylor
00:09:36 Susie Lindsay, LFD

00:09:39 **Motion:** Sen. Taylor added to the previous motion **TO FUND THE JOINT ETIC/EQC CARBON DIOXIDE SUBCOMMITTEE ONE-TIME-ONLY APPROPRIATION OF \$5766 FOR 2016 AND \$3844 IN YEAR 2017.**

Discussion:

00:10:16 Rep. Tschida
00:10:29 Sen. Taylor
00:10:59 Chairman Osmundson

00:11:14 **Vote:** Motions carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:11:21 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Taylor moved to **ADOPT THE PERSONAL SERVICE REDUCTIONS AS PROPOSED BY THE CONSUMER COUNSEL.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:11:52 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Taylor moved to **ADOPT THE CASELOAD CONTINGENCY AS A RESTRICTED, ONE-TIME-ONLY APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 IN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE EACH YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:12:11 **Motion:** Sen. Taylor moved to **ADOPT THE RENT AND CONSULTING SERVICES INCREASES AS PROPOSED BY THE CONSUMER COUNSEL.**

Discussion:

00:12:21 Chairman Osmundson
00:12:25 Sen. Phillips

00:12:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:12:40 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Taylor moved to **ADOPT THE LEASE INCREASE, ONLINE SYSTEMS AND DATABASE MAINTENANCE, OPERATING COST ADJUSTMENTS, SECRETARIAL PERFORMANCE ADJUSTMENTS AS PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:13:24 **Motion:** Rep. McCarthy moved to **ADOPT THE COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES SALARY INCREASE OF \$16, 742 IN YEAR 2016 AND \$13,533 IN YEAR 2017.**

Discussion:

00:14:12 Chairman Osmundson

00:14:50 Rep. McCarthy

00:14:59 Chairman Osmundson

00:15:22 Sen. Phillips

00:15:58 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-4 by roll call vote with Rep. McCarthy and Sen. Phillips voting aye.

00:16:16 **Motion:** Rep. McCarthy moved **STAFF ATTORNEY IN THE COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES AS AN ON GOING EXPENDITURE OF \$83,149 IN FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND \$82,933 IN FISCAL YEAR 2017.**

Discussion:

00:17:17 Rep. Tschida

00:17:39 Chairman Osmundson

00:17:51 Sen. Phillips

00:18:41 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-4 by roll call vote with Rep. McCarthy and Sen. Phillips voting aye.

00:19:01 **Motion:** Rep. McCarthy moved **STAFF ATTORNEY IN THE COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES AS AN ON GOING EXPENDITURE OF \$83,149 IN FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND \$82, 933 IN FISCAL YEAR 2017 AS A ONE-TIME-ONLY APPROPRIATION.**

Discussion:

00:20:10 Sen. Phillips

00:20:30 Chairman Osmundson

00:20:36 Sen. Taylor

00:21:38 Sen. Phillips

00:21:57 Sen. Taylor

00:22:21 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-4 by roll call vote with Rep. McCarthy and Sen. Phillips voting aye.

00:22:40 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Taylor moved to **ADOPT PROGRAM TRANSFERS, REORGANIZATIONS, AND THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE COSTS FOR ALL PROGRAMS THAT HAVE THE ADJUSTMENTS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.**

00:23:15 Sen. Phillips
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00:27:54 Sen. Taylor
00:28:28 Rep. Tschida

00:28:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:28:55 **Motion:** Sen. Taylor moved to **ADOPT THE BURIAL BOARD PER DIEM CONTINGENT ON THE PASSAGE OF HB 126.**

Discussion:

00:29:20 Sen. Phillips
00:29:31 Sen. Taylor
00:29:45 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

00:31:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:31:23 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Taylor moved to **ADOPT THE GOVERNOR ELECT AS A ONE-TIME-ONLY RESTRICTED APPROPRIATION.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:31:38 Sen. Taylor
00:31:54 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
00:32:06 Sen. Taylor
00:32:26 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
00:32:32 Chairman Osmundson
00:32:47 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

00:32:51 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Taylor moved to **ADOPT FUNDING FOR FLOOD CONTROL IN PROGRAM 1 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$10,750 IN YEAR 2016 AND \$10,750 IN YEAR 2017 ONGOING.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:33:49 **Motion:** Sen. Taylor moved to **ADOPT THE FUNDING SHIFT INCLUDED IN FY 2014 BASE IN PROGRAM 1 UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.**

Discussion:

00:34:15 Sen. Phillips
00:34:24 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

00:34:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- 00:34:59 Rep. McCarthy
00:35:23 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
- 00:35:43 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Taylor moved to **ADOPT OPERATING COST ADJUSTMENTS INCLUDED IN THE FY 2014 BASE IN PROGRAM ONE UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 00:36:19 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
00:36:35 Chairman Osmundson
00:36:55 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
- 00:37:08 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Taylor moved the **FUNDING SWITCH FOR CENTRAL STORES PROGRAM IN PROGRAM 6 UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 00:37:52 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Taylor moved to **ADOPT THE TRANSFERS FOR MHS FOR ORIGINAL GOVERNOR'S MANSION AS A RESTRICTED APPROPRIATION.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 00:38:18 Chairman Osmundson
00:38:31 Sen. Phillips
00:38:40 Chairman Osmundson
- 00:38:46 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Taylor moved the **FIRST NET PLANNING GRANT AS A RESTRICTED BIENNIAL APPROPRIATION. FURTHER IT IS THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT THE STATE'S FIRST NET PLANNING EFFORTS INCLUDE SUBSTANTIVE PARTICIPATION FROM PRIVATE TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK PROVIDERS, BOTH WIRELINE AND WIRELESS, AND THAT THE DEVELOPED PLAN SEEKS TO MAXIMIZE THE USE OF EXISTING PRIVATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 00:39:21 Chairman Osmundson
- 00:39:34 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Taylor moved to **ADOPT THE FTE AND EXPENDITURE REDUCTION IN PROGRAM 7 UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 00:39:59 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Taylor moved the **OPERATING COST ADJUSTMENTS FOR FEDERAL REVENUE OF (806,680) IN 2016 AND (808,470) IN 2017 IN PROGRAM 7 UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 00:41:15 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Taylor moved to **ADOPT OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES CHANGES FOR PROGRAM 7 UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR FEDERAL REVENUE, GENERAL FUND AND STATE SPECIAL REVENUE.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:41:37 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Taylor moved to **ADOPT THE EXAMINERS SITUATIONAL PAY ADJUSTMENT IN PROGRAM 14 UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:42:04 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Taylor moved to **ADOPT THE OPERATING COST ADJUSTMENTS IN PROGRAM 14 UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (69,132) IN 2016 AND (125,773) IN 2017.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:42:27 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Taylor moved to **ADOPT OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES CHANGES IN PROGRAM 14 UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION \$181,516 IN 2016 AND \$172, 705 IN 2017.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:42:50 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Taylor moved to **RE-CLASSIFY EXAMINER POSITION IN PROGRAM 14 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION \$60,000 IN 2016 AND \$60,00 IN 2017.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:43:13 **Motion:** Rep. McCarthy moved to **INCREASE FTE BY 2.2 IN PROGRAM 14 UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.**

Discussion:

00:44:04 Rep. McCarthy

00:44:49 Chairman Osmundson

00:45:16 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-4 by roll call vote with Rep. McCarthy and Sen. Phillips voting aye.

00:45:41 Chairman Osmundson

00:45:45 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved the **LOTTERY CORNIS TERMINALS AND LOTTERY CONVERSION TO A NEW GAMING SYSTEM OF \$200,000 IN FY 2016 AS A ONE TIME ONLY RESTRICTED APPROPRIATION.**

Discussion:

00:46:06 Rep. McCarthy

00:46:12 Sen. Taylor

00:46:23 Sen Blasdel

00:46:38 Sen. Phillips

00:47:24 Sen. Blasdel

00:47:27 Sen. Taylor

00:47:40 Sen. Blasdel

00:48:08 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

00:48:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:48:27 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Blasdel moved **LOTTERY CONVERSION TO A NEW GAMING SYSTEM OF \$205,000 IN FY 2016 AND \$170,000 IN FY 2017 AS A RESTRICTED APPROPRIATION.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- 00:48:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Blasdel moved **NEW TICKETS AS ONE-TIME-ONLY RESTRICTED APPROPRIATION.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 00:49:09 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Blasdel moved to **ADOPT OPERATING COST ADJUSTMENTS IN PROGRAM 15 UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 00:49:35 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Blasdel moved to **ADOPT OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES CHANGES IN PROGRAM 15 UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 00:49:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Blasdel moved to **ADOPT THE INCREASE FTE BY 1.14 IN PROGRAM 15 UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 00:50:39 **Motion:** Rep. McCarthy moved to **ADOPT ADVERTISING IN PROGRAM 15 UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$394,234 IN 2016 AND \$394,234 IN 2017.**

Discussion:

- 00:52:23 Chairman Osmundson
- 00:52:28 Sen. Phillips
- 00:52:58 Chairman Osmundson
- 00:53:28 Rep. McCarthy
- 00:53:37 Chairman Osmundson
- 00:54:12 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-4 by roll call vote with Rep. McCarthy and Sen. Phillips voting aye.
- 00:54:18 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Taylor moved the **2015 REAPPRAISAL CYCLE IN PROGRAM 37 UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$1,734 IN 2016 AND \$1,351 IN 2017.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 00:54:42 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Taylor moved to **REDUCE FTE 1.50 IN PROGRAM 37 UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (69,399) IN 2016 AND 69,399) IN 2017.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 00:55:09 **Motion:** Rep. McCarthy moved the **RENT INCREASE FOR THE STATE TAX APPEAL BOARD OF \$26,684 IN 2016 AND \$26,684 IN 2017.**

Discussion:

- 00:55:33 Rep. Tschida
- 00:55:39 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
- 00:55:58 Rep. McCarthy
- 00:56:21 Rep. Wilkinson
- 00:56:43 Rep. McCarthy

00:57:47 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-3 by roll call vote with Rep. McCarthy, Sen. Phillips and Rep. Tschida voting aye.

00:58:18 Sen. Phillips
00:58:34 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

00:58:38 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McCarthy moved to **ADOPT TEMPORARY SERVICES IN PROGRAM 1 UNDER THE COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES.** Motion failed 2-4 by roll call vote with Rep. McCarthy and Sen. Phillips voting aye.

00:59:44 Sen. Phillips
01:00:03 Chairman Osmundson
01:00:15 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
01:00:22 Chairman Osmundson
01:00:30 Sen. Phillips
01:00:48 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
01:01:06 Rep. McCarthy
01:01:52 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
01:02:02 Chairman Osmundson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:02:12

Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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