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MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Dee Brown, on January 9, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Sue Malek (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 1, 12/22/2014; SB 45, 12/22/2014; SB 27, 12/22/2014; SB 16, 12/22/2014

Executive Action: SB 1 Do Pass; SB 27 Do Pass

HEARING ON SB 1

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:56 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 1, Provide rule-making authority for secretary of state to establish certain fees.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:18 Jorge Quintana, Office of Secretary of State

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:48 Sen. Kary

HEARING ON SB 45

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:06:21 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 45, Require the publishing of a state phone directory every two years.

[EXHIBIT\(sts05a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sts05a02\)](#)

00:10:11 Chair Brown

00:10:25 Sen. Brenden

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:33 Bob Gilbert, representing himself

00:13:14 Sen. Rick Ripley, SD 10

00:14:13 Pat Keim, representing himself

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:23 Sen. Hinkle

00:15:47 Sen. Brenden

00:16:16 Sen. Hinkle

00:16:25 Sen. Brenden

00:16:53 Sen. Kary
00:17:03 Sen. Brenden
00:17:31 Sen. Kary
00:17:53 Sen. Brenden
00:18:37 Sen. Kary

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:48 Sen. Brenden
00:19:22 Sen. Webb assumed the Chair.

HEARING ON SB 27

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:19:33 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 27, Revise agency oversight authority of interim committees.

[EXHIBIT\(sts05a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:51 Dave McAlpin, State Tax Appeal Board

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:03 Sen. Brown

HEARING ON SB 16

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:32 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 16, Revise appointment process laws for commissioner of political practices.

[EXHIBIT\(sts05a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:50 Sen. Brown
00:27:27 Chair Brown resumed the role as Chair.
00:27:30 Recess
00:31:12 Reconvene
00:31:13 Chair Brown

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 1

00:31:16 **Motion:** Sen. Webb moved that **SB 1 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:32:02 Chair Brown
00:32:45 Sen. Webb
00:32:53 Chair Brown
00:33:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Malek voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 27

00:33:42 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 27 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:33:51 Chair Brown
00:34:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Malek voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:34 p.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts05aad.pdf](#))