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

Call to Order: Chair Dee Brown, on January 28, 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: HB 64, 1/ /2015; SB 168, 1/22/2015

Executive Action: SB 42 Do Pass As Amended; SB 64 Do Pass; SB 74 Do Pass;
SB 89 Do Pass; SB 130 Be Tabled; SB 144 Do Pass; SB 151 Do Pass

HEARING ON HB 64

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:40 Rep. Susan Webber (D), HD 16, opened the hearing on HB 64, Adopting the most recent federal laws applicable to the National Guard.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:50 Major General Matt Quinn, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:03:03 Captain Mike Talia, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:04 Sen. Kary
00:08:42 Chair Brown
00:09:14 Captain Talia, DMA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:29 Rep. Webber

HEARING ON SB 168

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:10:19 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 168, Providing academic protections for students called to active duty.

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Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:13 Major General Matt Quinn, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)
00:13:47 Ron Muffick, Montana University System
00:14:33 Braden Fitzgerald, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)
00:15:13 Jim Higgins, Montana National Guard Enlisted and Officers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:20 Chair Brown

00:16:58 Sen. Buttrey
00:18:00 Sen. Driscoll
00:18:25 Sen. Buttrey

Closing by Sponsor:

00:19:04 Sen. Buttrey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 42

00:21:17 **Motion:** Sen. Driscoll moved that **SB 42 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
(Note: SB 42 was amended in Executive Action on January 19, 2015.)

Discussion:

00:22:18 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:25:17 Chair Brown
00:25:32 Ms. Weiss, LSD
00:27:03 Chair Brown

00:28:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Malek voted by proxy.

00:30:01 Recess (Sen. Driscoll left the meeting.)
00:44:05 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 64

00:44:31 **Motion:** Sen. Whitford moved that **SB 64 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:44:44 Chair Brown
00:45:28 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:45:51 Chair Brown

00:46:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Driscoll and Sen. Malek voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 74

00:47:37 **Motion:** Sen. Webb moved that **SB 74 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:47:51 Chair Brown
00:48:22 Sen. Hinkle
00:48:30 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:49:46 Chair Brown

00:50:14 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Driscoll and Sen. Malek voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 89

00:50:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 89 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Driscoll and Sen. Malek voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 130

00:52:02 **Motion:** Sen. Webb moved that **SB 130 DO PASS**.

00:52:04 Sen. Driscoll joined the meeting.

Discussion:

00:52:14 Sen. Hinkle
00:53:40 Sen. Webb
00:54:27 Sen. Kary
00:54:52 Chair Brown

00:55:34 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Driscoll moved that **SB 130 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 5-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Hinkle and Sen. Webb voting no. Sen. Malek voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 144

00:56:46 **Motion:** Sen. Webb moved that **SB 144 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:57:26 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:58:06 Chair Brown

00:58:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Malek voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 151

00:58:51 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 151 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:58:58 Sen. Kary

00:59:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Malek voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:02 p.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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