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

Call to Order: Chair Dee Brown, on February 18, 2015 at 3:15 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. Sue Malek (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, 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: SB 283, 2/12/15; SB 293, 2/12/2015; SB 289, 2/12/15;
SB 267, 2/10/2015

HEARING ON SB 283

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:56 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 283, Revise laws related to constituent accounts for legislators.

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts37a01) (map)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:07:19 Jonathan Motl, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts37a02)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:56 Sen. Hinkle

00:12:41 Mr. Motl, COPP

00:12:48 Sen. Hinkle

00:13:04 Mary Baker, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

00:13:24 Sen. Webb

00:13:56 Ms. Baker, COPP

00:14:40 Chair Brown

00:15:21 Mr. Motl

00:15:38 Chair Brown

00:15:53 Sen. Brenden

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:44 Sen. Brenden

HEARING ON SB 293

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:25:19 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 293, Eliminate statutory term limits on the legislative environmental quality council.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:04 Chair Brown
00:27:19 Sen. Hamlett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:56 Sen. Hamlett

HEARING ON SB 289

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:35 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 289, Revise campaign finance laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:53 Andrew Huff, chief legal counsel, Governor's Office (GOV)
[EXHIBIT\(sts37a03\)](#)

00:53:40 Sandy Welch, representing herself
01:07:33 Bob Brown, representing himself
[EXHIBIT\(sts37a04\)](#)

01:14:08 Brian Kahn, attorney, representing himself
01:16:01 Braden Fitzgerald, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)
01:17:02 Jonathan Motl, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)
[EXHIBIT\(sts37a05\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:19:19 Brent Mead, executive director, Montana Policy Institute (MPI)
01:26:15 Jeff Lazloffy, Montana Family Foundation (MFF)
01:35:15 Chris Gallus, attorney, representing himself

Informational Testimony: None

01:45:12 Denise Roth Barber, National Institute on Money in State Politics (NIMST) and FollowTheMoney.org

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:45:59 Sen. Malek
01:47:14 Mr. Gallus, self
01:48:31 Sen. Malek
01:48:44 Mr. Huff, GOV
01:49:19 Sen. Malek
01:49:43 Mr. Lazloffy, MFF
01:52:56 Sen. Malek

01:53:03 Mr. Lazloffy
01:53:09 Sen. Hinkle
01:54:33 Sen. Ankney
01:57:40 Sen. Hinkle
01:58:23 Sen. Ankney
01:59:16 Chair Brown
01:59:27 Mr. Motl, COPP
01:59:52 Sen. Hinkle
02:00:09 Mr. Motl
02:00:19 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
02:00:25 Mr. Motl
02:00:47 Sen. Webb
02:01:03 Mr. Huff
02:01:53 Sen. Webb
02:02:03 Mr. Huff
02:02:28 Sen. Kary
02:02:59 Sen. Ankney
02:04:48 Sen. Kary
02:04:56 Sen. Ankney
02:05:54 Sen. Malek
02:06:04 Sen. Ankney
02:06:45 Chair Brown
02:07:05 Sen. Ankney
02:07:52 Chair Brown
02:08:26 Mr. Huff
02:12:43 Chair Brown
02:12:49 Mr. Huff

Closing by Sponsor:

02:13:31 Sen. Ankney

HEARING ON SB 267

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:19:29 Sen. Sue Malek (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SB 267, Revising campaign finance laws relating to corporations and unions.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:23:45 Andrew Huff, chief legal counsel, Governor's Office (GOV)
[EXHIBIT\(sts37a06\)](#)

02:25:48 Jonathan Motl, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)
[EXHIBIT\(sts37a07\)](#)

02:26:34 Braden Fitzgerald, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:27:11 Chair Brown
02:27:50 Sen. Malek
02:27:58 Mr. Huff, GOV
02:28:53 Chair Brown
02:29:06 Mr. Huff

Closing by Sponsor:

02:29:36 Sen. Malek

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:47 p.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts37aad.pdf](#))