

## MINUTES

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Dee Brown, on March 23, 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. Sue Malek (D)  
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Nadine Spencer, 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: HJ 14, 3/20/2015; SB 279, 3/20/2015

Executive Action: HB 431 - Be Concurred In

**HEARING ON SB 279****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:03 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 279, Referendum to require special election for vacancy in the U.S. Senate or House.

Sen. Webb left the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:35 Gregg Trude, self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:03:47 Linda McCulloch, Montana Secretary of State

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:05:37 Sen. Kary  
00:05:50 Sen. Hamlett  
00:06:01 Chair Brown  
00:06:24 Sen. Hamlett  
00:06:31 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:06:38 Chair Brown  
00:06:42 Ms. Weiss, LSD  
00:06:49 Chair Brown  
00:06:53 Ms. Weiss  
00:07:06 Sen. Hinkle  
00:07:12 Ms. Weiss  
00:07:30 Chair Brown  
00:07:44 Ms. Weiss  
00:08:14 Sen. Kary  
00:08:24 Ms. Weiss  
00:08:43 Sen. Whitford  
00:08:49 Ms. Weiss  
00:09:12 Chair Brown  
00:09:20 Sen. Hinkle  
00:09:44 Ms. McCulloch, SOS  
00:10:08 Sen. Hinkle  
00:10:17 Ms. McCulloch  
00:10:29 Chair Brown  
00:10:43 Sen. Malek  
00:10:59 Sen. Hamlett  
00:11:13 Chair Brown  
00:11:20 Mr. Trude, self  
00:11:44 Sen. Malek

00:11:51 Chair Brown  
00:12:01 Ms. Weiss  
00:12:08 Chair Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:12:21 Sen. Hamlett

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 431**

00:15:27 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Malek moved that **HB 431 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Sen. Webb was excused. Sen. Malek will carry the bill.

00:16:07 Chair Brown  
00:16:25 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
**EXHIBIT(sts60a01)**

00:17:03 Chair Brown

00:18:10 Recess  
00:30:12 Reconvene

**HEARING ON HJ 14**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:30:25 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HJ 14, Interim study on eyewitness identification policies.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:35:40 Abigail St. Lawrence, Innocence Project  
00:39:33 Mark Murphy, Montana Association of Chiefs of Police  
00:41:11 Jerry Williams, executive director, Montana Police Protective Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:42:43 Rep. Garner  
00:44:09 Chair Brown

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:45 P.M.

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Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sts60aad.pdf](#))**