

## MINUTES

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Dee Brown, on April 17, 2015 at 3:45 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: HB 566, 4/13/2015; HB 607, 4/13/2015; SR 34, 4/13/2015; SR 46, 4/13/2015

Executive Action: SR 34, SR 46 - Be Adopted  
SR 2, SR 18, SR 45, HB 566, HB 607 - Tabled

00:00:35 Chair Brown turned over the responsibilities of the chair to Vice Chair Webb.

**HEARING ON SR 34**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:58 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SR 34, Confirm appointees for board of investments.

[EXHIBIT\(sts78a01\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:04:31 David Ewer, executive director, Board of Investments

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:04:52 Sen. Malek  
00:05:02 Mr. Ewer, BOI  
00:05:14 Sen. Malek  
00:05:33 Mr. Ewer  
00:07:21 Sen. Malek  
00:07:28 Mr. Ewer  
00:09:24 Sen. Malek  
00:09:41 Mr. Ewer  
00:10:07 Sen. Whitford  
00:10:16 Mr. Ewer  
00:10:38 Sen. Whitford  
00:10:47 Mr. Ewer

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:11:27 Sen. Brown

**HEARING ON SR 46**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:12:06 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SR 46, Confirm appointees to public employees' retirement board.

[EXHIBIT\(sts78a02\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:13:56 Dore Schwinden, executive director, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:14:52 Chair Brown  
00:15:24 Chair Brown  
00:15:37 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division  
00:16:14 Chair Brown

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 34**

00:16:26 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Webb moved that **SR 34 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 46**

00:16:56 **Motion:** Sen. Webb moved that **SR 46 BE ADOPTED**.

**Discussion:**

00:17:11 Sen. Kary  
00:17:26 Chair Brown  
00:18:21 Sen. Kary  
00:18:46 Chair Brown  
00:18:59 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:19:33 Sen. Kary  
00:19:38 Ms. Weiss, LSD  
00:19:46 Chair Brown  
00:19:52 Sen. Kary  
00:20:13 Chair Brown  
00:21:31 Sen. Kary  
00:21:46 Sen. Malek  
00:22:02 Chair Brown

00:22:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 2**

00:23:19 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SR 2 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXHIBIT(sts78a03)**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 18**

00:23:34 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SR 18 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXHIBIT(sts78a04)**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 45**

00:24:11 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SR 45 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXHIBIT(sts78a05)**

**HEARING ON HB 607**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:24:31 Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 607, Revise anti-corruption and state employee protection laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:27:02 Sen. Kary  
00:27:07 Rep. Wagoner  
00:28:23 Sen. Webb  
00:28:34 Rep. Wagoner  
00:29:23 Sen. Webb  
00:29:36 Rep. Wagoner  
00:30:31 Sen. Malek  
00:30:42 Rep. Wagoner  
00:30:54 Chair Brown  
00:31:01 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division  
00:31:38 Sen. Malek  
00:31:53 Rep. Wagoner  
00:32:38 Sen. Malek  
00:33:38 Rep. Wagoner  
00:35:31 Sen. Malek  
00:36:24 Chair Brown  
00:36:58 Rep. Wagoner  
00:38:05 Chair Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:38:37 Rep. Wagoner

**HEARING ON HB 566****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:39:28 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 566, Constitutional amendment revising selection of redistricting commission.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:44:17 Robert Filipovich, representing himself, Helena [EXHIBIT\(sts78a06\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:51:52 Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:52:36 Sen. Driscoll  
00:52:48 Rep. Essmann  
00:53:11 Chair Brown  
00:53:14 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division  
00:53:24 Rep. Essmann  
00:53:36 Sen. Hinkle  
00:54:06 Rep. Essmann

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:56:34 Rep. Essmann

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 607**

00:56:55 Chair Brown

00:57:02 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Driscoll moved that **HB 607 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Hinkle voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 566**

00:58:12 **Motion:** Sen. Webb moved that **HB 566 BE CONCURRED IN**.

00:58:21 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Driscoll made a substitute motion that **HB 566 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Brown, Sen. Hinkle and Sen. Webb voting no.

00:58:54 Chair Brown

**Committee Business:**

00:59:03 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division

00:59:58 Chair Brown

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:45 P.M.

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sts78aad.pdf](#))**