

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL 283

**Call to Order:** Chair John Brenden, on April 20, 2015 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 335 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. John Brenden, Chair (R)  
Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)  
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)  
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Sen. Scott Sales (R)  
Sen. Diane Sands (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary  
Sheri Scurr, 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:**

Added an additional reimbursement for travel related expenses and four tier compensation based on square mileage of legislature's district.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 283**

00:00:27 Chairman. Brenden

00:03:16 Sen. Sands

**EXHIBIT(frs80sb0283a01)**

00:05:17 Sen. Sales

00:06:29 Chairman Brenden

00:07:00 Sen. Sales

00:07:17 Rep. MacDonald

00:08:10 Chairman Brenden

00:09:19 Sen. Sands

00:10:39 Chairman Brenden

00:10:40 Rep. Mandeville

00:10:41 Chairman Brenden

00:10:43 Sen. Sales

00:14:39 Rep. Essmann

00:14:53 Chairman Brenden

00:15:44 Rep. Essmann

00:15:48 Chairman Brenden

00:15:57 Rep. MacDonald

00:16:27 Rep. Essmann

00:16:31 Sen. Sands

00:18:18 Chairman Brenden

00:18:34 Sen. Sales

00:18:51 Chairman Brenden

00:19:07 Sen. Sands

00:19:12 Rep. MacDonald

00:20:05 Sen. Sales

00:20:52 Chairman Brenden

00:21:50 Rep. Mandeville

00:22:43 Chairman Brenden

00:22:59 Rep. Essmann

00:23:34 Sen. Sales

00:24:52 Sen. Sands

00:25:37 **Motion:** Rep. MacDonald moved to have a base stipend of \$3000.00 per biennium. Larger districts would have additional reimbursement for travel expense and other items requiring receipts.

**Discussion:**

00:26:16 Chairman Brenden

00:27:41 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Sands made a substitute motion for \$3000.00 base stipend for each biennium. Substitute Motion carried by voice vote 3-0 in the Senate and 2-1 in the house with Rep. Mandeville voting no.

00:28:27 Chairman Brenden

00:28:34 **Motion:** Sen. Sands moved an additional reimbursement for travel related expenses and four tier compensation based on square mileage of legislative district.

**Discussion:**

00:29:16 Chairman Brenden  
00:29:30 Sen. Sales  
00:29:43 Rep. Essmann  
00:29:49 Chairman Brenden  
00:30:13 Sen. Sands  
00:30:22 Rep. Essmann  
00:30:46 Chairman Brenden  
00:31:10 Rep. Essmann  
00:31:19 Sen. Sands  
00:31:24 Rep. Essmann  
00:31:28 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:31:43 Rep. Essmann  
00:31:54 Chairman Brenden  
00:32:12 Rep. MacDonald  
00:32:29 Ms. Scurr, LSD  
00:32:37 Chairman Brenden  
00:32:41 Sen. Sales  
00:33:16 Chairman Brenden

00:33:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote by both the House and the Senate.

**Discussion:**

00:33:35 Chairman Brenden  
00:33:40 Rep. MacDonald  
00:33:53 Chairman Brenden  
00:35:13 Sen. Sands

00:35:18 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Mandeville moved that **SB 283 BE AMENDED WITH A REFERENDUM**. Motion failed by voice vote 0-3 in the Senate and 1-2 in the House with Rep. Mandeville voting aye.

**Discussion:**

00:36:03 Sen. Sales  
00:36:55 Chairman Brenden  
00:37:36 Without objection, the committee agreed to have a follow up meeting on 4/21/2015.  
00:38:44 Chairman Brenden

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:45 A. M.

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([frs80sb0283aad.pdf](#))**