

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Forrest Mandeville, on January 22, 2019 at 9:00 AM, in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Chair (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Jade Bahr (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)
Rep. Rodney Garcia (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Sharon Greef (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Mark Sweeney (D)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Thomas Winter (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Jacob Bachmeier, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Frank Fleming (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Karen Armstrong, 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:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 166, 1/14/2019; HB 172, 1/14/2019; HB 183, 1/14/2019

09:00:17 Chair Mandeville ceded the gavel to Vice Chair McKamey.
09:01:47 Chair McKamey

HEARING ON HB 183

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:02:29 Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 183, Deputize COPP in-house counsel.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:03:10 Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:05:33 Chair McKamey
09:05:55 Commissioner Mangan, COPP
09:07:01 Rep. Dooling
09:07:26 Commissioner Mangan, COPP
09:08:12 Rep. Shaw
09:08:47 Commissioner Mangan, COPP

Closing by Sponsor:

09:09:40 Rep. Dudik

HEARING ON HB 166

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:10:35 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 166, Revise display of sample ballots at polling places.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:12:25 Jeff Sillick, Self

[EXHIBIT\(sth12a01\)](#)

09:15:52 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo) and Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders (MACR)

09:16:55 Nancy Perry, Self

09:18:48 Monica Abbott, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:23:25 Rep. Custer
09:24:22 Jeff Sillick

09:24:35 Rep. Karjala
09:25:21 Rep. Dunwell

Closing by Sponsor:

09:26:57 Rep. Dunwell

HEARING ON HB 172

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:27:31 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 172, Establish county veterans' service offices.

[EXHIBIT\(sth12a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth12a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:32:57 Mike Warner, Valley Veterans' Service Center
09:39:38 Daniel Griffin, National Association of County Veterans' Service Officers
09:41:06 Billy Hill, Valley Veterans' Service Center
09:45:18 Dennis Davis, Valley Veterans' Service Center
09:49:53 Rep. Bob Brown, House District 13, Sanders County
09:52:42 Shantil Siaperas, MACo
09:53:18 Jessica Greenbaum, Self
09:54:08 Troy Downing, Self
09:55:25 Harris Himes, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

10:00:07 Richard Juvik, Montana Board of Veterans' Affairs

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:02:12 Rep. Karjala
10:02:56 Mike Warner, Valley Veterans' Service Center
10:04:44 Rep. Karjala
10:05:35 Mike Warner, Valley Veterans' Service Center
10:06:24 Rep. Greef
10:06:52 Mike Warner, Valley Veterans' Service Center
10:08:08 Rep. Greef
10:08:18 Chair McKamey

Additional Proponents: None

Additional Opponents:

10:08:56 Edward Sperry, American Legion
10:11:55 Roger Hagan, Montana Department of Military Affairs of the American Legion

[EXHIBIT\(sth12a04\)](#)

10:17:18 Gary White, American Legion
10:19:10 Roger Hagen, Department of Military Affairs of the American Legion

Additional Questions from the Committee:

10:20:22 Rep. Garner
10:20:54 Rep. Bedey
10:23:11 Rep. Garner
10:23:52 Mike Warner, Valley Veterans' Service Center
10:24:47 Rep. Shaw
10:25:52 Rep. Bedey
10:26:34 Sheri Scurr, LSD
10:27:05 Chair McKamey
10:27:16 Rep. Bedey
10:27:20 Rep. Shaw
10:27:32 Rep. Hayman
10:28:38 Roger Hagen, American Legion
10:32:41 Rep. Winter
10:33:32 Rep. Bedey
10:35:19 Rep. Custer
10:35:51 Mike Warner, Valley Veterans' Service Center
10:36:20 Rep. Custer
10:36:48 Mike Warner, Valley Veterans' Service Center
10:38:30 Rep. Custer
10:38:45 Mike Warner, Valley Veterans' Service Center
10:39:05 Rep. Sales
10:40:46 Rep. Bedey

Closing by Sponsor:

10:41:27 Rep. Bedey

10:45:33 Chair McKamey
10:46:01 Rep. Karjala
10:46:40 Chair McKamey
10:46:47 Rep. Karjala
10:47:04 Rep. Hayman

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:47:14

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth12aad.pdf](#))