

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Chair Dan Bartel, on February 18, 2019 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 350  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Dan Bartel, Chair (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)  
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Katie Guenther, Legislative Branch  
Kim Meisner, Committee Secretary

**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:** Executive Action:  
Legislative Branch  
Montana Consumer Counsel  
Commissioner of Political Practices  
State Auditor's Office

**Committee Business:**

09:13:54 Chair Bartel  
09:14:18 Katie Guenther, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**EXHIBIT(jgh34a01)**

09:16:04 Chair Bartel  
09:16:23 Katie Guenther, LFD  
09:17:04 Sen. Flowers  
09:17:25 Katie Guenther, LFD  
09:18:04 Chair Bartel

09:18:33 Recessed  
09:43:26 Reconvened

09:43:26 Rep. Windy Boy left the meeting.

09:43:39 Vice Chair Lang  
09:43:54 Katie Guenther, LFD

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH**

09:44:14 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved that **LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION PROGRAM 20 DP 1, DP 2, DP 3, DP 4, DP 5, DP 6, DP 7, DP 8, DP 9, DP 55, DP 2001, AND DP 2002 BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

09:45:04 Katie Guenther, LFD  
09:45:41 Vice Chair Lang

09:45:55 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved **TO SEGREGATE DP 2002 FROM THE PREVIOUS MOTION.**

**Discussion:**

09:46:37 Chair Bartel  
09:46:49 Rep. Hamilton  
09:47:05 Chair Bartel  
09:47:21 Rep. Hamilton  
09:47:44 Katie Guenther, LFD  
09:48:14 Rep. Hamilton

09:49:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-2 by voice vote with Rep. Bartel and Sen. Lang voting no. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

09:49:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

09:45:00 **Motion:** Rep. Bartel moved that **DP 2002 BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

09:50:34 Rep. Hamilton

09:51:04 Susan Fox, Director, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

09:52:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

09:53:03 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved that **THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE SERVICES ALL BE AS BIENNIAL.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

09:53:46 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved that **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES PROGRAM 21 DP 1, DP 4, DP 10, DP 2101, AND DP2002 BE DESIGNATED AS BIENNIAL APPROPRIATIONS BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

09:54:13 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **DP 2101 AND DP 2002 BE SEGREGATED FROM PREVIOUS MOTION.**

09:54:26 Chair Bartel

09:55:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-1 by voice vote with Sen. Kary voting no. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

09:55:33 Rep. Hamilton

09:55:49 Chair Bartel

09:55:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

09:56:09 Chair Bartel

09:56:18 Rep. Hamilton

09:56:30 Katie Guenther, LFD

09:56:57 Chair Bartel

09:57:04 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **DP 2101 and DP 2002 BE SEGREGATED FROM EACH OTHER.** Motion failed 3-4 by voice vote with Sen. Flowers, Rep. Hamilton and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye. Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

09:57:54 **Motion:** Rep. Bartel moved that **DP 2101 AND DP 2002 BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

09:58:03 Rep. Hamilton

09:58:21 Katie Guenther, LFD

09:58:55 Rep. Mercer

09:59:27 Vice Chair Lang

10:00:09 Sen. Flowers  
10:00:23 Vice Chair Lang  
10:00:36 Rep. Hamilton  
10:00:55 Katie Guenther, LFD  
10:01:10 Director Fox, LSD

10:01:51 Rep. Windy Boy entered the meeting.

10:02:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:02:37 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved that **LEGISLATIVE FISCAL DIVISION PROGRAM 27; DP 1, DP2, DP 3, DP 4, AND DP 2701 AS BIENNIAL APPROPRIATIONS BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

10:03:01 Chair Bartel  
10:03:04 Vice Chair Lang  
10:03:17 Katie Guenther, LFD  
10:03:39 Chair Bartel

10:03:43 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved that **THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES AS BIENNIAL FOR PROGRAM 21 BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:04:06 Vice Chair Lang  
10:04:10 Katie Guenther, LFD  
10:04:41 Chair Bartel

10:04:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:05:11 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved that **THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE FISCAL DIVISION FOR PROGRAM 27 AS BIENNIAL BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:05:39 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved that **LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIVISION PROGRAM 28; DP 50, DP 2, DP 3, DP, 4, DP 2802, DP 2810, DP 2811, DP 2804, AND DP 55 BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

10:06:57 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **DP 50 BE SEGREGATED FROM PREVIOUS MOTION.** Motion failed 3-4 by voice vote with Sen. Flowers, Rep. Hamilton and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye.

10:08:20 Rep. Hamilton

10:08:44 Recessed  
10:20:44 Reconvened

**Discussion:**

10:20:05 Chair Bartel  
10:20:16 Sen. Flowers  
10:20:53 Chair Bartel  
10:20:57 Rep. Hamilton  
10:21:27 Chair Bartel  
10:22:11 Rep. Hamilton  
10:22:35 Katie Guenther, LFD  
10:22:49 Rep. Hamilton  
10:22:58 Katie Guenther, LFD  
10:23:03 Rep. Hamilton  
10:23:13 Chair Bartel  
10:23:28 Rep. Hamilton  
10:23:45 Chair Bartel  
10:24:12 Angus Maciver, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)  
10:25:33 Chair Bartel  
10:26:10 Vice Chair Lang  
  
10:26:35 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Flowers, Rep. Hamilton and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye. Rep Windy Boy voted by proxy.  
  
10:27:07 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved that **THE APPROPRIATION FOR LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIVISION PROGRAM 28 BE DESIGNATED AS BIENNIAL**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
  
10:28:22 Chair Bartel  
  
10:28:22 Sen. Kary left the meeting.  
10:28:22 Rep. Hamilton left the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON MONTANA CONSUMER COUNSEL**

10:28:30 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved that **MONTANA CONSUMER COUNSEL ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAM 01; DP 1, DP 2, DP 3, AND DP 4 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hamilton and Sen. Kary voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES**

10:29:23 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved that **COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES PROGRAM 01; DP 1, DP 2, DP 3, DP3201, AND DP 3203 BE ADOPTED**.

**Discussion:**

10:30:35 Rep. Hamilton entered the meeting.  
10:30:42 Sen. Kary entered the meeting.

10:31:52 Chair Bartel  
10:31:55 Rep. Mercer  
10:32:44 Sen. Flowers  
  
10:32:57 Rep. Mercer left the meeting.  
  
10:33:03 Chair Bartel  
  
10:33:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Mercer voted by proxy.  
  
10:34:27 Rep. Mercer entered the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE**

10:34:29 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved that **THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE CENTRAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM 01; DP 1, DP 2, DP 3, DP 4, AND DP 55 BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

10:34:57 Julia Platt, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
10:35:17 Rep. Hamilton  
10:35:44 Julia Platt, LFD  
10:36:40 Chair Bartel  
10:36:43 Vice Chair Lang  
  
10:36:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
  
10:38:25 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved that **THE INSURANCE DIVISION PROGRAM 03; DP 1, DP 2, DP 3, DP 4, DP 5, DP 6, DP 9, DP 10, AND DP 55 BE ADOPTED.**  
  
10:39:51 Recessed  
10:44:19 Reconvened  
  
10:44:23 Without objection, Sen. Lang withdrew the **BE ADOPTED** motion.  
  
10:44:29 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved that **THE INSURANCE DIVISION PROGRAM 03; DP 1, DP 2, DP 3, DP 4, DP 5, DP 6, DP 10, AND DP 55 BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

10:45:12 Rep. Windy Boy  
10:45:22 Julia Platt, LFD  
10:46:20 Vice Chair Lang  
10:47:16 Sen. Flowers  
10:47:46 Chair Bartel  
10:48:25 Julia Platt, LFD  
10:49:32 Vice Chair Lang  
10:50:08 Chair Bartel

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10:50:13 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Hamilton voting no.

10:50:51 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved that **THE SECURITIES DIVISION PROGRAM 04; DP 1, DP 2, DP 3, DP 4, DP 7, AND DP 55 BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried 5-2 by voice vote with Rep. Hamilton and Rep. Windy Boy voting no.

10:53:42 Rep. Hamilton

10:53:48 Chair Bartel

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:54:30

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Kim Meismer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([jgh34aad.pdf](#))**