

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Vince Ricci, on February 23, 2019 at 11:00 A.M., in Room 455  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Vince Ricci, Chair (R)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Jade Bahr (D)  
Rep. Bob Brown (R)  
Rep. Alan Doane (R)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Mark Noland (R)  
Rep. Barry Usher (R)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Matt Regier, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)  
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)  
Rep. Thomas Winter (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary  
Susan Fox, 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 506, 2/22/2019; HB 540, 2/22/2019  
Executive Action: HB 506, HB 540

11:32:58 Chair Ricci

### **HEARING ON HB 506**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

11:34:18 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 506, Revise methods of payment for legislator salary.

11:34:47 Rep. Pierson arrived.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

11:36:03 Rep. Fern

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

11:36:52 Rep. Hamilton  
11:37:12 Rep. Gunderson  
11:37:33 Rep. Hamilton  
11:37:52 Rep. Gunderson  
11:38:23 Rep. Hamilton  
11:38:50 Rep. Gunderson  
11:39:57 Rep. Brown  
11:40:10 Rep. Gunderson  
11:40:16 Rep. Pierson  
11:40:30 Rep. Gunderson  
11:40:47 Rep. Dunwell  
11:41:04 Rep. Gunderson  
11:41:28 Rep. Dunwell  
11:42:05 Rep. Gunderson  
11:42:21 Susan Fox, Director, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
11:43:27 Rep. Ricci  
11:43:37 Rep. Gunderson

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

11:43:57 Rep. Gunderson

### **HEARING ON HB 540**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

11:44:33 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 540, Generally revise legislative bill drafting laws.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

11:52:54 Raye Newmeyer, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

11:53:38 Keith Newmeyer, Self

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

11:54:51 Rep. Brown

11:56:33 Rep. Fern

11:57:46 Susan Fox, Director, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

11:58:52 Rep. Hamilton

11:59:21 Rep. Fern

**Closing by Sponsor:**

12:01:05 Rep. Fern

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 506**12:02:33 **Motion:** Rep. Doane moved that **HB 506 DO PASS.**12:03:01 **Motion:** Rep. Doane moved that **HB 506 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED TO CHANGE PAGE 2, LINE 9 BY STRIKING THE WORD "AN" AND ADDING AN "S" TO THE WORD "OPTION" AND ON LINE 11, ADDING AN "S" TO THE WORD "OPTION".****Discussion:**

12:03:37 Rep. Hamilton

12:04:04 Without objection, Rep. Doane withdrew his motion that HB 506 be conceptually amended.

12:04:14 **Motion:** Rep. Doane moved that **HB 506 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED TO CHANGE THE TITLE ON LINE 5 TO STRIKE THE WORD "AN" AND ADD AN "S" TO THE WORD "OPTION", AND TO CHANGE PAGE 2, LINE 9 BY STRIKING THE WORD "AN" AND ADDING AN "S" TO THE WORD "OPTION", AND ON LINE 11 ADDING AN "S" TO THE WORD "OPTION".**12:04:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.12:05:10 **Motion:** Rep. Doane moved that **HB 506 DO PASS AS AMENDED.****Discussion:**

12:05:19 Rep. Hamilton

12:05:54 Susan Fox, Director, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

12:06:31 Chair Ricci

12:06:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berglee, Rep. Marler, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Winter voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 540**

12:07:40 **Motion:** Rep. Usher moved that **HB 540 DO PASS.**

12:07:55 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Doane made a substitute motion that **HB 540 BE TABLED.**

**Discussion:**

12:09:53 Rep. Usher

12:10:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Marler and Rep. Winter voting no. Rep. Berglee, Rep. Marler, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Winter voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION**

12:09:56 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **THE COMMITTEE REQUEST AN AMENDMENT TO JOINT RULE 40-40 AS DISCUSSED IN A PREVIOUS MEETING, FEBRUARY 19, 2019.**

**Discussion:**

12:10:21 Rep. Hamilton

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12:11:38 Rep. Noland

12:12:02 Rep. Hamilton

12:12:19 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Doane made a substitute motion **TO ADJOURN.**

**Discussion:**

12:12:42 Rep. Dunwell

12:12:58 Chair Ricci

12:14:00 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote of those present and voting, with Rep. Bahr, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Hamilton and Rep. Pierson voting no.

12:13:11 Chair Ricci

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:15:19

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Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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