

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Forrest Mandeville, on February 25, 2019 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Chair (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Jade Bahr (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)
Rep. Frank Fleming (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Sharon Greef (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
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)

Members Excused: Rep. Rodney Garcia (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Thomas Winter (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 504, 2/19/2019; HB 512, 2/19/2019; HB 524, 2/19/2019;
HB 536, 2/19/2019; HJ 24; HJ 26; HJ27
Executive Action: HB 396, HB 493, HB 508, HB 510, HJ 8

08:01:56 Chair Mandeville

HEARING ON HB 504

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:03:55 Rep. Joe Read (R), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 504, Require corporate identification for media companies.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

08:05:53 John MacDonald, Montana Newspaper Association (MNA)

08:10:56 Rep. Winter arrived.

08:11:02 Rep. Garcia arrived.

08:12:23 Matt Gibson, Montana Newspaper Association (MNA)

08:14:48 Keith Teske, Montana Broadcasters Association (MBA)

Informational Testimony:

08:17:04 Joe DeFilippis, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:17:51 Rep. Garcia

08:18:48 John MacDonald, MNA

08:19:45 Rep. Garcia

08:19:50 John MacDonald, MNA

08:20:03 Rep. Greef

08:20:30 John MacDonald, MNA

EXHIBIT(sth40a01)

08:21:28 Vice Chair McKamey

08:24:04 Rep. Read

EXHIBIT(sth40a02)

08:27:19 Chair Mandeville

08:27:49 John MacDonald, MNA

08:28:29 Chair Mandeville

08:28:03 Rep. Read

08:31:46 Rep. Winter

08:32:29 John MacDonald, MNA

08:34:06 Rep. Winter

08:34:09 John MacDonald, MNA

08:35:03 Rep. Dooling

08:35:26 John MacDonald, MNA

08:36:20 Rep. Dooling

08:36:30 John MacDonald, MNA

Closing by Sponsor:

08:37:26 Rep. Read

08:41:05 Chair Mandeville ceded the gavel to Vice Chair McKamey.

HEARING ON HJ 26

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:41:39 Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HJ 26, Resolution to encourage census citizenship question.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:43:27 Gary White, American Legion of Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

08:44:02 S. K. Rossi, American Civil Liberties Union, Montana (ACLU)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

08:47:21 Rep. Mandeville

HEARING ON HB 512

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:48:23 Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 512, Revise laws related to appointments to fill vacancies in elected county offices.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:51:38 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

08:53:07 Dana Corson, Montana Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:53:27 Rep. Hayman
08:53:58 Rep. Bachmeier
08:54:26 Shantil Siaperas, MACo
08:54:44 Rep. Hayman
08:54:50 Rep. Mandeville
08:55:25 Shantil Siaperas, MACo
08:56:24 Rep. Garner
08:57:21 Shantil Siaperas, MACo
08:57:52 Rep. Garner
08:58:25 Shantil Siaperas, MACo
08:58:52 Rep. Custer
08:59:32 Dana Corson, SOS

09:00:08 Rep. Custer
09:00:49 Dana Corson, SOS
09:01:20 Rep. Sales
09:01:50 Dana Corson, SOS

Closing by Sponsor:

09:02:35 Rep. Bachmeier

09:04:46 Rep. Mandeville resumed as Chair.

HEARING ON HB 524**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:05:12 Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D), HD 15, opened the hearing on HB 524, Generally revise laws related to creation of tribal monument and flag circle.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:08:03 Jason Smith, Director, Department of Indian Affairs, Governor's Office (GO)
09:10:01 Susan Fenner, Montana Native Voice
09:10:38 Colleen Campbell, Western Native Voice
09:11:57 Cinda Burd, Western Native Voice
09:12:32 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

09:14:08 Steve Baiamonte, Department of Administration (DOA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:14:32 Rep. McKamey
09:15:07 Steve Baiamonte, DOA
09:15:20 Vice Chair McKamey
09:15:33 Steve Baiamonte, DOA
09:15:50 Rep. Webb
09:16:19 Director Jason Smith, GO
09:16:35 Rep. Hayman
09:17:38 Director Jason Smith, GO
09:18:38 Rep. Hayman
09:18:52 Director Jason Smith, GO
09:19:26 Rep. Sales
09:20:07 Steve Baiamonte, DOA
09:20:55 Rep. Sales
09:21:40 Director Jason Smith, GO
09:21:46 Rep. Winter
09:22:19 Steve Baiamonte, DOA
09:22:43 Rep. Winter
09:23:25 Steve Baiamonte, DOA
09:23:35 Rep. Custer
09:23:57 Director Jason Smith, GO

09:24:45 Rep. Sweeney
09:25:10 Director Jason Smith, GO
09:25:20 Rep. Sales
09:25:55 Rep. Weatherwax
09:26:06 Rep. Sales
09:26:31 Director Jason Smith, GO
09:26:50 Rep. Sales
09:27:03 Director Jason Smith, GO
09:27:12 Chair Mandeville
09:27:53 Director Jason Smith, GO
09:28:17 Chair Mandeville
09:28:41 Director Jason Smith, GO

Closing by Sponsor:

09:28:57 Rep. Weatherwax

HEARING ON HB 536**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:30:07 Rep. Geraldine Custer (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 536, Secure voter registration when applying for Driver's License or ID card.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:32:22 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo), Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders (MACR)
09:32:59 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders (MACR)
09:36:00 Stephanie Verhasselt, Richland County Clerk and Recorder
09:36:22 Susan Fenner, Montana Native Vote
09:36:55 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)
09:37:15 Cinda Burd, Western Native Voice

Opponents' Testimony:

09:37:56 Dana Corson, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Informational Testimony:

09:39:51 Michele Snowberger, Montana Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:40:28 Rep. Webb
09:41:01 Shantil Siaperas, MACo
09:41:33 Michele Snowberger, DOJ
09:42:25 Rep. Webb
09:42:41 Michele Snowberger, DOJ
09:43:08 Rep. Bachmeier
09:44:03 Dana Corson, SOS
09:45:19 Vice Chair Bachmeier
09:45:36 Dana Corson, SOS
09:46:24 Vice Chair Bachmeier
09:46:40 Dana Corson, SOS

09:47:16 Vice Chair Bachmeier
09:47:26 Dana Corson, SOS
09:47:43 Vice Chair Bachmeier
09:47:58 Dana Corson, SOS
09:48:17 Rep. Hayman
09:48:51 Regina Plettenberg, MACR
09:49:21 Rep. Hayman
09:49:38 Regina Plettenberg, MACR
09:49:55 Chair Mandeville ceded the gavel to Vice Chair McKamey and left the meeting.
09:50:23 Rep. Hayman
09:50:44 Regina Plettenberg, MACR
09:51:15 Rep. Winter
09:51:59 Dana Corson, SOS
09:52:17 Rep. Winter
09:52:30 Dana Corson, SOS
09:52:39 Rep. Winter
09:52:44 Dana Corson, SOS
09:52:50 Rep. Winter
09:53:05 Dana Corson, SOS
09:53:44 Rep. Sweeney
09:54:37 Dana Corson, SOS
09:55:33 Rep. Runningwolf
09:55:56 Dana Corson, SOS
09:56:34 Rep. Webb
09:57:04 Michele Snowberger, DOJ

Closing by Sponsor:

09:57:35 Rep. Custer

10:00:49 Chair McKamey ceded the gavel to Vice Chair Bachmeier.

HEARING ON HJ 24

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:01:52 Rep. Wendy McKamey (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HJ 24, Joint resolution honoring the Centennial of The American Legion in Montana.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:07:43 Gary White, American Legion of Montana

10:10:38 Raymond K. Read, American Legion, Montana Military Museum

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10:12:27 William Stotts, American Legion

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:13:48 Rep. Sales
10:14:19 Gary White, American Legion
10:15:08 Rep. Garner
10:15:36 Gary White, American Legion
10:15:54 Rep. Custer
10:16:16 Gary White, American Legion

Closing by Sponsor:

10:16:36 Rep. McKamey

HEARING ON HJ 27**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:18:03 Rep. Wendy McKamey (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HJ 27, Joint resolution honoring 70th anniversary of Merci Car gifts from France.

10:19:52 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
10:24:08 Rep. McKamey

Proponents' Testimony:

10:26:40 Raymond K. Read, American Legion, Montana Military Museum
[EXHIBIT\(sth40a04\)](#)

10:28:58 Gary White, American Legion of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:29:40 Rep. Hayman
10:30:14 Raymond K. Read, American Legion, Montana Military Museum

Closing by Sponsor:

10:33:05 Rep. McKamey

10:34:18 Chair Bachmeier

10:34:58 Recessed.
11:23:35 Reconvened with Chair Mandeville resuming the Chair, Rep. Karjala and Rep. Mortensen excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 396

11:23:47 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 396 DO PASS.**

11:24:30 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. P. Webb made a substitute motion that **HB 396 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Karjala and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 493

11:25:03 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 493 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:25:50 Rep Sweeney

11:26:18 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bahr, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Runningwolf, Rep. Sweeney, Rep. Weatherwax and Rep. Winter voting no. Rep. Karjala and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 508

11:27:36 **Motion:** Rep. Bachmeier moved that **HB 508 DO PASS.**

11:28:07 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bachmeier made a substitute motion that **HB 508 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 19-1 by voice vote with Rep. Hayman voting no. Rep. Karjala and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 510

11:28:43 **Motion:** Rep. Bachmeier moved that **HB 510 DO PASS.**

11:29:09 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 510 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(sth40a05\)](#)

Discussion:

11:30:35 Chair Mandeville

11:31:01 Rep. Custer

11:31:39 Chair Mandeville

11:32:04 Rep. Garcia

11:32:40 Chair Mandeville

11:32:45 Rep. Dooling

11:33:09 Chair Mandeville

11:33:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Karjala and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

11:33:40 **Motion:** Rep. Bachmeier moved that **HB 510 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:33:54 Rep. Webb
11:34:12 Vice Chair McKamey
11:34:55 Vice Chair Bachmeier
11:36:34 Rep. Winter
11:36:54 Rep. Custer

11:38:16 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Fleming, Rep. Garcia, Rep. Mandeville, Rep. McKamey, Rep. Mortensen and Rep. P. Webb voting no. Rep. Karjala and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 8

11:39:25 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HJ 8 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:39:41 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
11:40:57 Vice Chair McKamey

11:41:10 **Motion:** Rep. Bachmeier moved that **HJ 8 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(sth40a06)

Discussion:

11:41:20 Rep. McKamey
11:41:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-1 by voice vote with Rep. Mandeville voting no. Rep. Karjala and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.
11:42:03 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HJ 8 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Karjala and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.
11:42:45 Chair Mandeville
11:43:37 Rep. Sales

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:44:03

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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