

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Forrest Mandeville, on February 26, 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. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)  
Rep. Frank Fleming (R)  
Rep. Rodney Garcia (R)  
Rep. Frank Garner (R)  
Rep. Sharon Greef (R)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (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)  
Rep. Thomas Winter (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Jade Bahr (D)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (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 557, 2/21/2019; HB 573, 2/21/2019; HB 606, 2/22/2019;  
HB 610, 2/22/2019; HB 612, 2/22/2019; HJ 20, 2/21/2019;  
HJ 25, 2/21/2019;

08:00:42 Chair Mandeville

**HEARING ON HB 573**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:02:13 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D), HD 49, opened the hearing on HB 573, Revise laws on loans as campaign contributions.

08:03:27 Rep. Bahr arrived.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:04:07 Rep. Webb  
08:05:23 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter  
08:05:26 Rep. Webb  
08:05:42 Vice Chair McKamey  
08:06:02 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter  
08:06:45 Rep. Sales  
08:07:00 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter  
08:07:34 Rep. Sales  
08:08:23 Rep. Bachmeier  
08:08:34 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter  
08:08:51 Chair Mandeville  
08:09:48 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter  
08:10:22 Rep. Bachmeier  
08:10:31 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter  
08:11:09 Rep. Bachmeier  
08:11:28 Chair Mandeville  
08:11:54 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:12:30 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

**HEARING ON HJ 25**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:13:58 Rep. Tom Woods (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HJ 25, Resolution for limited US Constitutional Convention on elections.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:19:50 Angela Dansie, Wolf-PAC

[EXHIBIT\(sth41a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth41a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth41a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth41a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth41a05\)](#)

08:26:39 Linc Neimark, Self

08:31:03 John Rose, Self

[EXHIBIT\(sth41a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth41a07\)](#)

08:34:54 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell, HD 84

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:36:45 Rep. Karjala

08:37:21 Rep. Woods

08:37:47 Rep. Karjala

08:37:52 Angela Dansie, Wolf-PAC

08:40:26 Rep. Karjala

08:40:56 Angela Dansie, Wolf-PAC

08:41:24 Rep. Karjala

08:41:43 Angela Dansie, Wolf-PAC

08:42:00 Rep. Garcia

08:42:21 Rep. Woods

08:42:37 Rep. Garcia

08:42:52 Rep. Greef

08:43:10 Angela Dansie, Wolf-PAC

08:43:29 Rep. Greef

08:43:35 Angela Dansie, Wolf-PAC

08:43:39 Rep. Greef

08:43:47 Angela Dansie, Wolf-PAC

08:45:04 Rep. Webb

08:45:26 Angela Dansie, Wolf-PAC

08:46:35 Rep. Webb

08:46:41 Angela Dansie, Wolf-PAC

08:47:00 Rep. Webb

08:47:30 Rep. Sales

08:47:59 Angela Dansie, Wolf-PAC

08:48:30 Rep. Sales

08:48:45 Angela Dansie, Wolf-PAC

08:49:15 Vice Chair McKamey

08:49:51 Rep. Woods

08:50:14 Vice Chair McKamey

08:50:25 Rep. Woods

08:50:48 Vice Chair McKamey  
08:51:04 Angela Dansie, Wolf-PAC  
08:51:45 Rep. Garner  
08:52:22 Rep. Woods  
08:53:25 Rep. Shaw  
08:53:41 Rep. Woods  
08:53:47 Rep. Shaw  
08:53:51 Rep. Woods  
08:53:58 Rep. Shaw  
08:54:13 Rep. Woods  
08:54:28 Chair Mandeville  
08:55:02 Rep. Woods

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:55:41 Rep. Woods

**HEARING ON HB 612**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:59:47 Rep. Dan Bartel (R), HD 29, opened the hearing on HB 612, Revising number of professional staff positions at the Board of Investments.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:02:22 Dan Villa, Board of Investments (BOI)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:04:13 Rep. Sales  
09:04:47 Rep. Bartel

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:05:04 Rep. Bartel

**HEARING ON HJ 20**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:05:53 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HJ 20, Resolution supporting U.N. International Year of Indigenous Languages.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:09:51 Susan Fenner, Montana Native Vote  
09:11:35 Cinda Burd, Western Native Voice

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:13:49 Chair Mandeville  
09:14:25 Rep. Windy Boy  
09:23:12 Rep. Shaw  
09:23:46 Rep. Windy Boy  
09:26:44 Rep. Runningwolf  
09:27:27 Rep. Windy Boy  
09:28:06 Rep. Runningwolf  
09:28:29 Rep. Windy Boy  
09:29:26 Rep. Runningwolf  
09:29:48 Rep. Windy Boy

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:31:55 Rep. Windy Boy  
  
09:33:34 Recessed.  
09:44:39 Reconvened.

**HEARING ON HB 610**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:44:52 Rep. Andrea Olsen (D), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 610, Allow list of candidates compiled by SOS to be used as distribution list.

[EXHIBIT\(sth41a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth41a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth41a10\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

09:50:02 Dana Corson, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:50:21 Vice Chair McKamey  
09:51:04 Rep. Olsen  
09:51:26 Chair Mandeville  
09:52:09 Dana Corson, SOS  
09:52:41 Chair Mandeville  
09:52:50 Dana Corson, SOS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:52:56 Rep. Olsen

**HEARING ON HB 606****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:55:32 Rep. Andrea Olsen (D), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 606, Revise payment for postage for absentee ballots returned by mail.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:57:07 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo), Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders (MACR)  
09:58:07 Susan Fenner, Montana Native Vote  
09:58:34 Cinda Burd, Western Native Voice

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:59:09 Shantil Siaperas, (MACo), (MACR)  
10:00:28 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders, (MACR)

**Informational Testimony:**

10:01:26 Dana Corson, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:01:49 Rep. Winter  
10:03:08 Cinda Burd, Western Native Voice  
10:04:17 Vice Chair McKamey  
10:04:58 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
10:06:31 Vice Chair McKamey  
10:07:22 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:07:52 Rep. Custer  
10:08:24 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
10:09:28 Chair Mandeville  
10:09:49 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
10:10:04 Chair Mandeville  
10:10:12 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
10:11:13 Chair Mandeville  
10:11:35 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
10:11:55 Rep. Sweeney  
10:12:14 Rep. Olsen  
10:12:59 Vice Chair McKamey  
10:13:23 Dana Corson, SOS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:13:53 Rep. Olsen

**HEARING ON HB 557****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:16:12 Rep. Thomas Winter (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 557, Provide for online voter registration.

[EXHIBIT\(sth41a11\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth41a12\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

10:20:57 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo), Montana  
Association of Clerks and Recorders (MACR)  
10:21:36 Susan Fenner, Montana Native Vote  
  
10:22:51 Cinda Burd, Western Native Voice  
10:23:26 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders (MACR)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

10:25:38 Dana Corson, Montana Secretary of State's Office (SOS)  
10:28:03 Bob Leach, Self

**Informational Testimony:**

10:29:49 Lisa Wanke, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:30:12 Vice Chair Bachmeier  
10:30:36 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:31:43 Vice Chair Bachmeier  
10:31:56 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:32:25 Vice Chair Bachmeier  
10:33:02 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
10:33:57 Vice Chair Bachmeier  
10:34:17 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
10:35:07 Vice Chair Bachmeier  
10:35:22 Rep. Winter  
10:35:55 Vice Chair Bachmeier  
10:36:05 Rep. Winter  
10:37:34 Vice Chair Bachmeier  
10:38:00 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
10:38:38 Vice Chair McKamey  
10:39:09 Lisa Wanke, MVD  
10:39:14 Vice Chair McKamey  
10:39:18 Lisa Wanke, MVD  
10:39:35 Vice Chair McKamey  
10:39:48 Lisa Wanke, MVD  
10:39:57 Rep. Garner  
10:40:55 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:41:53 Rep. Garner  
10:42:06 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:43:11 Rep. Karjala  
10:43:48 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:44:28 Rep. Karjala  
10:44:54 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:45:48 Rep. Karjala  
10:45:53 Rep. Hayman arrived.  
10:46:07 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:46:33 Rep. Custer  
10:47:05 Dana Corson, SOS

10:47:08 Rep. Custer  
10:47:11 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:47:33 Rep. Custer  
10:47:46 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:48:15 Rep. Custer  
10:49:01 Rep. Winter  
10:51:00 Rep. Custer  
10:51:17 Rep. Winter  
10:51:42 Rep. Sweeney  
10:52:19 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
10:52:48 Rep. Sweeney  
10:53:28 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
10:53:45 Rep. Sweeney  
10:54:23 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:55:34 Rep. Sweeney  
10:55:54 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:56:06 Rep. Sweeney  
10:56:29 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:57:23 Rep. Karjala  
10:57:54 Lisa Wanke, MVD  
10:58:40 Rep. Karjala  
10:58:53 Lisa Wanke, MVD  
10:59:22 Vice Chair Bachmeier  
10:59:55 Dana Corson, SOS  
11:00:02 Vice Chair Bachmeier  
11:00:22 Dana Corson, SOS  
11:00:47 Vice Chair Bachmeier  
11:01:08 Dana Corson, SOS  
11:01:17 Vice Chair McKamey  
11:01:42 Dana Corson, SOS  
11:02:54 Rep. McKamey  
11:03:32 Rep. Winter  
11:04:48 Rep. Webb  
11:05:39 Rep. Winter  
11:06:41 Rep. Webb  
11:06:57 Rep. Winter  
11:07:27 Rep. Custer  
11:08:36 Dana Corson, SOS  
11:09:57 Chair Mandeville  
11:10:16 Lisa Wanke, MVD  
11:10:28 Chair Mandeville  
11:10:41 Lisa Wanke, MVD  
11:10:51 Chair Mandeville  
11:11:00 Lisa Wanke, MVD  
11:11:10 Chair Mandeville  
11:11:20 Lisa Wanke, MVD  
11:11:40 Chair Mandeville  
11:11:59 Susan Fenner, Montana Native Vote  
11:12:22 Chair Mandeville  
11:12:26 Susan Fenner, Montana Native Vote

11:12:41 Chair Mandeville  
11:12:43 Susan Fenner, Montana Native Vote  
11:12:51 Chair Mandeville  
11:13:12 Susan Fenner, Montana Native Vote  
11:13:29 Chair Mandeville  
11:13:33 Susan Fenner, Montana Native Vote  
11:13:46 Chair Mandeville  
11:14:06 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
11:14:15 Chair Mandeville  
11:14:20 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
11:14:56 Chair Mandeville  
11:15:11 Regina Plettenberg, MACR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

11:15:50 Rep. Winter

11:18:42 Chair Mandeville

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:19:08

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Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sth41aad.pdf](#))