

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Forrest Mandeville, on March 13, 2019 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Chair (R)
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. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Thomas Winter (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Jacob Bachmeier, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jade Bahr (D)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Mark Sweeney (D)

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: HJ 11, 2/27/2019; SB 14, 2/27/2019; SB 89, 2/27/2019;
SB 98, 2/27/2019; SB 161, 2/27/2019

08:00:36 Chair Mandeville ceded the gavel to Rep. Webb.

HEARING ON SB 161

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:02:41 Sen. Tom Jacobson (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 161, Allow concurrent service as water/sewer director and rural fire district trustee.

08:03:12 Rep. Hayman and Rep. Sweeney arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:05:21 Jane Weber, Cascade County Commissioner

08:09:32 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns(MLCT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Witnesses: None

Questions from the Committee:

08:11:05 Rep. Hayman

08:11:36 Kelly Lynch, MLCT

08:12:13 Rep. Hayman

08:12:21 Kelly Lynch, MLCT

08:12:47 Rep. Custer

08:13:16 Kelly Lynch, MLCT

08:13:32 Rep. Custer

08:13:36 Rep. Fleming

08:14:02 Kelly Lynch, MLCT

08:14:13 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

08:14:36 Rep. Mandeville

08:15:24 Kelly Lynch, MLCT

08:15:59 Rep. Mandeville

08:16:15 Kelly Lynch, MLCT

08:16:39 Rep. Bahr arrived.

Closing by Sponsor:

08:17:05 Sen. Jacobson

HEARING ON SB 14

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:18:12 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 14, Revise provisions on how a vacancy in U.S. House is filled.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

08:19:27 Sen. Brown

HEARING ON SB 89

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:20:26 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 89, Revise laws on armory account funds.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:21:43 Major General Matt Quinn, Adjutant General, Montana National Guard; Director, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

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08:23:34 Roger Hagan, Officer and Enlisted Associations of the Montana National Guard, American Legion

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

08:24:38 Colonel James Hesterberg, Construction and Facilities Management Office, Montana National Guard, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

08:25:03 Marina Little, Department of Administration (DOA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:25:30 Rep. Hayman
08:26:15 Colonel Hesterberg, DMA
08:26:47 Rep. Hayman
08:26:56 Colonel Hesterberg
08:28:02 Rep. Bahr
08:28:27 Colonel Hesterberg, DMA
08:29:48 Rep. Garner
08:30:01 Colonel Hesterberg, DMA
08:30:34 Rep. Garner
08:30:52 Colonel Hesterberg, DMA
08:31:21 Rep. Garner
08:31:54 Rep. Shaw
08:32:10 Colonel Hesterberg, DMA
08:33:57 Rep. Dooling
08:34:32 Colonel Hesterberg, DMA
08:35:51 Rep. Sweeney
08:36:27 Colonel Hesterberg, DMA

Closing by Sponsor:

08:39:46 Sen. Brown

HEARING ON SB 98**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:41:32 Sen. Frank Smith (D), SD 16, opened the hearing on SB 98, Adopt most-recent federal laws applicable to National Guard.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:42:46 Major General Matt Quinn, Adjutant General, Montana National Guard; Director, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

08:43:55 Roger Hagan, Officer and Enlisted Associations of the Montana National Guard, American Legion

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

08:45:14 Major Mike Talia, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:45:40 Sen. Smith

08:46:02 Rep. Winter and Rep. Garner left the meeting.

HEARING ON HJ 11**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:46:58 Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HJ 11, Study of election processes and voting methods.

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

08:52:01 Stuart Fuller, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:52:23 Rep. McKamey

08:52:54 Rep. Mandeville

08:54:40 Rep. Dooling left the meeting.

08:55:37 Rep. Fleming

08:55:52 Rep. Mandeville

08:56:29 Rep. Fleming

08:56:44 Rep. Mandeville

08:56:59 Rep. Custer left the meeting.

08:58:34 Chair Webb

08:58:54 Rep. Mandeville

09:00:05 Vice Chair McKamey

09:00:45 Stuart Fuller, SOS

Closing by Sponsor:

09:01:20 Rep. Mandeville

09:03:59 Chair Webb

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:04:14

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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