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MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Dee Brown, on January 21, 2019 at 2:03 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch
Jacelyn Stewart, 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:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 98, 1/17/2019; SB 101, 1/17/2019; SB 115, 1/17/2019; SB 124, 1/17/2019

HEARING ON SB 98

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:03:54 Sen. Frank Smith (D), SD 16, opened the hearing on SB 98, Adopt most-recent federal laws applicable to National Guard.

Proponents' Testimony:

14:04:44 Major General Matt Quinn, Department of Military Affairs
[EXHIBIT\(sts11a01\)](#)

14:06:37 Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard Officer and Enlisted Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

14:07:50 Chair Brown
14:07:58 Major Talia, Montana National Guard

Closing by Sponsor:

14:08:44 Sen. Smith

HEARING ON SB 101

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:09:05 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 101, Eliminate absentee requirement to return unvoted party ballot.

[EXHIBIT\(sts11a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

14:13:50 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties; Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders

Opponents' Testimony:

14:15:07 Dulany Collins, self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

14:17:03 Sen. Regier

HEARING ON SB 115

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:20:38 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 115, Repeal campaign finance provision on petty cash.

Proponents' Testimony:

14:24:04 Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices

EXHIBIT(sts11a03)

14:25:43 Michael Toppen, Montana Public Interest Research Group

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

14:26:39 Sen. Kary

14:27:06 Vice Chair Kary took over the duties of the chair.

HEARING ON SB 124

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:27:16 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 124, Allow uniformed and overseas voters to use electronic signatures.

Proponents' Testimony:

14:28:50 Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard Officer and Enlisted Associations

14:29:36 Michael Toppen, Montana Public Interest Research Group

14:30:16 Major General Matt Quinn, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

14:31:25 Geneva Zoltek, Associated Students of Montana State University

14:32:16 Zuri Moreno, American Civil Liberties Union

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

14:33:08 Sen. Ellis

14:33:40 Sen. Brown

14:34:24 Mr. Quinn, DMA

Closing by Sponsor:

14:35:17 Sen. Brown

Committee Business:

14:35:59 Chair Brown resumed the position of the chair.

14:36:22 Sen. Vance

14:36:41 Chair Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 2:36 PM

Jacelyn Stewart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts11aad.pdf](#))