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

Call to Order: Chair Dee Brown, on January 23, 2019 at 2:05 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. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 107, 1/17/2019; SB 108, 1/17/2019; SB 109, 1/17/2019; SB 112, 1/17/2019; SB 113, 1/17/2019

Executive Action: SB 98- Do Pass
SB 101- Do Pass
SB 115- Do Pass
SB 143- Be Tabled

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 98

14:07:15 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 98 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 101

14:08:05 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 101 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 115

14:09:04 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 115 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 143

14:15:29 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 143 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(sts13a01\)](#)

HEARING ON SB 109

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:29:24 Sen. Jon Sesso (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB 109, Adjust authorization limits related to construction of state buildings.

Proponents' Testimony:

14:31:26 Russ Katherman, Architecture and Engineering Division, Department of Administration (DOA)

[EXHIBIT\(sts13a02\)](#)

14:33:11 Ron Muffick, director, Operations and Administration, Montana University System

14:33:57 Dan Stevenson, associate vice president, University Services, Montana State University (MSU)

14:36:51 Dan Hubber, Department of Military Affairs

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

14:37:31 Chair Brown

14:41:13 Mr. Stevenson, MSU

14:44:06 Chair Brown

14:44:12 Sen. Kary

14:44:53 Sen. Sesso

14:47:12 Chair Brown

14:47:50 Sen. Sesso
14:49:35 Chair Brown
14:52:35 Mr. Katherman, DOA
14:52:55 Chair Brown
14:52:59 Sen. Cuffe
14:53:38 Sen. Sesso
14:53:59 Chair Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

14:54:04 Sen. Sesso

HEARING ON SB 108

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:54:53 Sen. Jon Sesso (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB 108, Increase contract/procurement limits for competitive bidding for state buildings.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:00:04 Russ Katherman, Architecture and Engineering Division, Department of Administration (DOA)
15:04:42 Ron Muffick, director, Operations and Administration, Montana University System

EXHIBIT(sts13a03)

15:05:34 Dan Stevenson, University Services, Montana State University (MSU)
15:09:19 Dan Hubber, Department of Military Affairs

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:10:09 Chair Brown
15:10:48 Mr. Katherman, DOA
15:11:03 Chair Brown
15:13:02 Mr. Stevenson, MSU
15:13:58 Chair Brown
15:14:30 Mr. Stevenson
15:15:32 Chair Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

15:15:51 Sen. Sesso

HEARING ON SB 107

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:16:19 Sen. Jon Sesso (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB 107, Revise advertising requirements for state building construction.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:21:21 Russ Katherman, Architecture Engineering Division, Department of Administration (DOA)

[EXHIBIT\(sts13a04\)](#)

15:29:10 Ron Muffick, Montana University System

Opponents' Testimony:

15:29:55 John MacDonald, Montana Newspaper Association (MNA)

[EXHIBIT\(sts13a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sts13a06\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:36:43 Chair Brown

15:38:05 Mr. Katherman, DOA

15:38:44 Chair Brown

15:39:37 Mr. MacDonald, MNA

15:39:45 Chair Brown

15:40:06 Sen. Ellis

15:40:26 Mr. MacDonald

Closing by Sponsor:

15:40:50 Sen Sesso

HEARING ON SB 112

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:43:35 Sen. Bryce Bennett (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 112, Prohibition on distributing things at polling place not to apply to volunteers.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:46:58 Chair Brown

15:51:35 Sen. Bennett

15:51:50 Sen. Ellis

15:52:27 Sen. Bennett

[EXHIBIT\(sts13a07\)](#)

Closing by Sponsor:

15:53:22 Sen. Bennett

HEARING ON SB 113

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:54:14 Sen. Bryce Bennett (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 113, Allow either DL number or last four of SS number for voter registration.

EXHIBIT(sts13a08)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:57:46 Barbara Harris, Helena League of Women Voters and League of Women Voters of Montana

EXHIBIT(sts13a09)

15:59:46 Nancy Perry, Montana Women Vote

16:01:55 Clare Kearns, self

16:03:11 Janice Frisch, self

16:03:55 Geneva Zoltek, Associated Students of Montana State University

Opponents' Testimony:

16:04:40 Cindi Hamilton, self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:06:38 Chair Brown

16:07:37 Sen. Bennett

16:08:20 Sen. Cuffe

16:09:50 Sen. Bennett

16:10:47 Sen. Cuffe

16:11:07 Chair Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

16:11:30 Sen. Bennett

Committee Business:

16:13:53 Chair Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:14 PM

Jacelyn Stewart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts13aad.pdf](#))