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

Call to Order: Chair Dee Brown, on January 28, 2019 at 3:00 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 105, 1/15/2019; SB 149, 1/24/2019; SB 150, 1/24/2019; SB 153, 1/24/2019; SR 4, 1/24/2019; SR 5, 1/24/2019

HEARING ON SB 153**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:00:33 Sen. John Esp (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 153, Referendum on daylight savings time.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:02:26 Mark French, self

Opponents' Testimony:

15:03:15 Ross Morgan, self

15:06:47 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana

15:08:15 Margaret Morgan, Montana Independent Electrical Contractors

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:11:16 Sen. Bennett

15:11:49 Sen. Esp

15:12:11 Chair Brown

15:12:42 Mr. Morgan, self

Closing by Sponsor:

15:15:06 Sen. Esp

HEARING ON SB 105**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:16:56 Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 105, Provide for lobbyist code of conduct and training.

[EXHIBIT\(sts16a01\)](#)**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:22:00 Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices

15:29:07 Jenny Eck, self

15:32:20 Michael Toppen, Montana Public Interest Research Group

15:33:07 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:36:37 Anita Milanovich, first amendment litigation attorney, Montana Family Foundation

15:41:50 Shelby DeMars, Montana Society of Association Executives

[EXHIBIT\(sts16a02\)](#)

15:44:23 McKee Anderson, Montana Food Distributors Association

15:45:10 Bob Story, self

15:47:27 Rose Hughes, self

15:52:45 Leo Berry, self

15:54:36 Ronda Wiggers, self

15:57:43 Cary Hegreberg, interim CEO, Montana Chamber of Commerce

16:00:24 Riley Johnson, self
 16:01:20 Mark French, self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:02:31 Sen. Ellis
 16:03:45 Ms. Young, MCADSV
 16:06:05 Sen. Ellis
 16:07:22 Sen. Pomnichowski

Closing by Sponsor:

16:08:14 Sen. Pomnichowski

HEARING ON SB 149

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:13:31 Sen. Bryce Bennett (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 149, Provide that sec of state's office pays postage for absentee ballot return.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:18:02 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties; Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders
 16:18:47 Michael Toppen, Montana Public Interest Research Group
 16:19:58 Jake Brown, Montana Conservation Voters
 16:20:44 Noah Marion, Montana Wilderness Association

Opponents' Testimony:

16:22:01 Mark French, Self
 16:25:10 Dana Corson, Elections director, Secretary of State (SOS)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:27:12 Chair Brown
 16:28:47 Mr. Corson, SOS

Closing by Sponsor:

16:29:36 Sen. Bennett

HEARING ON SB 150

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:31:55 Sen. Bryce Bennett (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 150, Revise ethics laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:34:35 Jaime MacNaughton, chief legal council, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)
 16:39:00 Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices

16:39:49 Matt Gibson, Montana Newspaper Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:40:43 Chair Brown
16:41:21 Ms. MacNaughton, COPP
16:41:40 Chair Brown
16:42:32 Sen. Bennett
16:43:27 Chair Brown
16:43:56 Sen. Ellis
16:44:44 Ms. MacNaughton

Closing by Sponsor:

16:45:27 Sen. Bennett

16:46:18 Chair Brown turned the duties of the chair over to vice chair Bennett.

HEARING ON SR 4

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:46:57 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SR 4, Confirm Governor's appointees to board of veterans' affairs.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:48:52 Sen. Ellis
16:49:11 Sen. Brown
16:49:20 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division

Closing by Sponsor:

16:49:40 Sen. Brown

HEARING ON SR 5

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:50:01 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SR 5, Confirm Governor's appointees to public employees' retirement board.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:52:52 Dore Schwinden, executive director, Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration
16:53:32 Dave Galt, Association of Montana Public Retired Employees

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:54:32 Sheena Wilson, self

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

16:55:18 Sen. Brown

Committee Business:

16:55:47 Chair Brown resumed the position of the chair

16:56:00 Ginger Aldrich

16:56:23 Chair Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:56 PM

Jacelyn Stewart, Secretary

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