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

Call to Order: Chair Dee Brown, on February 18, 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. 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: HB 126, 2/15/2019; SB 246, 2/15/2019; SB 258, 2/15/2019

Executive Action: SJ 9 - Do Pass as Amended

HEARING ON SB 246

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:00:05 Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 246, Revise laws related to the Public Service Commission.

[EXHIBIT\(sts34a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:07:01 Ken Toole, Public Service Commission

15:10:36 Makenna Sellers, Northern Plains Resource Council

15:12:27 Molly Moody, executive director, Big Sky 55+

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:15:15 Brad Johnson, chairman, Public Service Commission

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:15:51 Sen. Kary

15:16:23 Ms. Moody, Big Sky 55+

15:16:33 Sen. Kary

15:16:55 Ms. Moody

Closing by Sponsor:

15:17:43 Sen. MacDonald

HEARING ON HB 126

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:19:38 Rep. Geraldine Custer (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 126, Increase fees on death and birth certificates.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:23:04 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo); Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders Election Administrators

[EXHIBIT\(sts34a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sts34a03\)](#)

15:26:31 Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli County; Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders

Opponents' Testimony:

15:28:47 Jim Brown, Montana Funeral Directors Association (MFDA)

[EXHIBIT\(sts34a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sts34a05\)](#)

15:38:23 Andrew Kent, Montana Funeral Directors Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:39:32 Sen. Bennett
15:42:25 Mr. Brown, MFDA
15:43:10 Chair Brown
15:44:58 Mr. Brown
15:45:04 Chair Brown
15:45:16 Sen. Smith
15:45:38 Ms. Plettenberg, Ravalli County
15:45:52 Sen. Smith
15:46:06 Ms. Plettenberg
15:46:43 Sen. Kary
15:47:05 Ms. Plettenberg
15:47:29 Chair Brown
15:47:39 Ms. Plettenberg
15:48:12 Chair Brown
15:49:54 Ms. Siaperas, MACo
15:50:33 Sen. Cuffe
15:55:18 Rep. Custer
15:55:32 Sen. Cuffe
15:55:41 Chair Brown
15:57:48 Rep. Custer
15:58:02 Chair Brown
15:58:18 Sen. Bennett
15:58:49 Rep. Custer

Closing by Sponsor:

15:59:05 Rep. Custer

HEARING ON SB 258

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:03:12 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 258, Allowing a political committee's officer to appear on election attribution.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:07:44 Chair Brown
16:08:07 Sen. Cuffe

Closing by Sponsor:

16:08:15 Sen. Cuffe

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 9

16:09:42 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SJ 9 DO PASS.**

16:10:07 **Motion:** Sen. Bennett moved that **SJ 9 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(sts34a06)

16:10:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

16:11:12 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SJ 9 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 10

16:11:36 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SJ 10 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:11:52 Sen. Bennett

16:12:08 Without objection, Sen. Kary withdrew the DO PASS motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:12 PM

Jacelyn Stewart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts34aad.pdf](#))