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

Call to Order: Chair Dee Brown, on March 22, 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 524, 3/20/2019; HJ 20, 3/20/2019; HJ 24, 3/20/2019; HJ 27, 3/20/2019; SB 319, 3/20/2019

Executive Action: HJ 24 - Do Pass
HJ 27 - Do Pass
HB 13 - Be Concurred In
HB 204 - Be Concurred In
HJ 1 - Vote Tied

HEARING ON HB 524**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:01:03 Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D), HD 15, opened the hearing on HB 524, Generally revise laws related to creation of tribal monument and flag circle.

Sen. Smith entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:10:26 Jason Smith, director, Indian Affairs, Governor's Office (GOV)

15:12:02 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy, HD 32

15:12:46 Cinda Burd, army veteran, member of the Blackfeet Tribe

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

15:13:36 Steve Baiamonte, administrator, General Services Division, Department of Administration (DOA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:14:07 Sen. Kary

15:14:56 Mr. Baiamonte, DOA

15:15:15 Chair Brown

15:16:25 Mr. Baiamonte

15:16:28 Chair Brown

15:17:57 Mr. Smith, GOV

15:18:25 Chair Brown

15:19:03 Rep. Weatherwax

15:19:20 Sen. Kary

15:19:51 Mr. Baiamonte

Closing by Sponsor:

15:21:03 Rep. Weatherwax

15:22:23 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division

HEARING ON HJ 20**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:23:17 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HJ 20, Resolution supporting U.N. International Year of Indigenous Languages.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:24:02 Rep. Marvin Weatherwax, HD 15

15:24:53 Jason Smith, director, Indian Affairs, Governor's Office

15:26:00 Cinda Burd, member of the Blackfeet Tribe, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:27:38 Chair Brown
15:29:04 Rep. Windy Boy
15:29:14 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division
15:29:28 Chair Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

15:29:38 Rep. Windy Boy

HEARING ON HJ 24

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:30:43 Rep. Wendy McKamey (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HJ 24, Joint resolution honoring the Centennial of The American Legion in Montana.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:37:31 Bill White, American Legion
15:38:55 Dick Ellwein, American Legion
15:39:29 Karen Semple, chaplain, Department of Montana American Legion

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Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:41:11 Chair Brown
15:41:33 Sen. Ellis
15:41:45 Chair Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

15:41:51 Rep. McKamey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 24

15:42:58 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **HJ 24 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Smith will carry the bill.

HEARING ON HJ 27

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:43:59 Rep. Wendy McKamey (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HJ 27, Joint resolution honoring 70th anniversary of Merci Car gifts from France.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:47:59 Dick Ellwein, American Legion (AL)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:49:25 Chair Brown
15:52:54 Rep. McKamey
15:53:26 Sen. Cuffe
15:53:45 Rep. McKamey
15:54:06 Mr. Ellwein, AL
15:54:45 Sen. Smith
15:55:07 Mr. Ellwein
15:55:42 Chair Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

15:56:10 Rep. McKamey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 27

15:57:08 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **HJ 27 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Bennett will carry the bill.

HEARING ON SB 319

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:58:02 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 319, Generally revise veteran license plate laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:00:26 Karen Semple, American Legion (AL)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:01:36 Sen. Bennett
16:02:20 Sen. Kary
16:02:29 Ms. Semple, AL
16:03:13 Chair Brown
16:03:58 Sen. Kary

Closing by Sponsor:

16:04:38 Sen. Kary

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 1

16:05:34 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HJ 1 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

16:06:09 Sen. Bennett
16:06:50 Chair Brown
16:07:15 Sen. Bennett
16:07:50 Sen. Vance
16:08:31 Chair Brown

16:08:42 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-4 by voice vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Brown, Sen. Ellis and Sen. F. Smith voting aye. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 204

16:09:33 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 204 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:10:31 Chair Brown

16:11:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Bennett will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 319

16:11:50 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 319 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:12:11 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division
16:12:23 Chair Brown

16:12:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Ellis will carry the bill.

16:13:16 Chair Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:13 PM

Jacelyn Stewart, Secretary

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