

## MINUTES

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Dee Brown, on March 25, 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

**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: HB 181, 3/18/2019; HB 318, 3/18/2019; HB 482, 3/18/2019; HB 506, 3/18/2019

Executive Action: HJ 20 - Be Concurred In

15:02:11 Chair Brown  
15:02:23 Recess  
15:11:42 Reconvened

### HEARING ON HB 506

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:11:56 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 506, Provide options for payment of legislator session salary.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

#### Informational Testimony:

15:14:33 Jennifer Simmons, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

#### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:14:51 Sen. Kary  
15:15:10 Ms. Simmons, LSD  
15:16:00 Sen. Kary  
15:16:15 Rep. Gunderson  
15:16:42 Chair Brown  
15:17:18 Rep. Gunderson  
15:18:24 Chair Brown  
15:18:48 Sen. Cuffe  
15:19:39 Chair Brown  
15:19:43 Sen. Cuffe  
15:19:53 Rep. Gunderson  
15:20:44 Sen. Smith  
15:21:26 Ms. Simmons  
15:22:23 Chair Brown  
15:22:34 Ms. Simmons  
15:22:44 Rep. Gunderson  
15:22:59 Sen. Ellis  
15:24:01 Rep. Gunderson  
15:25:06 Sen. Ellis  
15:25:33 Chair Brown  
15:25:46 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
15:25:53 Chair Brown  
15:25:59 Sen. Kary  
15:26:16 Rep. Gunderson

#### Closing by Sponsor:

15:26:49 Rep. Gunderson

**HEARING ON HB 318****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:28:13 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 318, Generally revise laws related to central committees.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:36:35 Roger Hagen, self  
15:43:58 Rep. Bruce Grubbs, HD 68

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:51:39 Rudolf Tankink, Cascade County Republican Central Committee (CCRCC)

**[EXHIBIT\(sts61a01\)](#)**

15:54:49 Sen. Bennett  
15:54:54 Mr. Tankink CCRCC  
15:57:53 Randy Pinocci, self  
16:02:16 Ron Staley, Cascade County Republican Central Committee

**[EXHIBIT\(sts61a02\)](#)****[EXHIBIT\(sts61a03\)](#)****[EXHIBIT\(sts61a04\)](#)****[EXHIBIT\(sts61a05\)](#)**

16:04:05 Sen. Vance left the meeting.

16:09:26 Tim Ravndal, self  
16:12:46 Rick Jore, self

**[EXHIBIT\(sts61a06\)](#)**

16:20:02 Sen. Kary read testimony on behalf of former Senator John Brenden.

**[EXHIBIT\(sts61a07\)](#)**

16:21:40 Sen. Bennett

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

16:23:16 Chair Brown  
16:23:56 Rep. Garner  
16:24:22 Chair Brown  
16:24:32 Sen. Ellis  
16:25:36 Rep. Garner  
16:26:32 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:27:06 Rep. Garner

**HEARING ON HB 181**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:35:03 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 181, Revise campaign finance report filing provisions.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:37:19 Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

16:44:51 Kym Trujillo, complaint specialist supervisor, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:48:57 Sen. Cuffe

16:49:25 Mr. Mangan, COPP

16:49:55 Sen. Cuffe

16:50:01 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division

16:50:21 Chair Brown

16:50:48 Ms. Trujillo, COPP

16:51:15 Sen. Bennett

16:51:36 Mr. Mangan

16:52:04 Sen. Bennett

16:52:38 Mr. Mangan

16:53:56 Sen. Ellis

16:54:36 Ms. Trujillo

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:55:11 Rep. Garner

**HEARING ON HB 482**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:56:28 Rep. Alan Doane (R), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 482, Require agency reporting on financial assistance to tribes.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

17:00:11 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

17:01:30 Jason Smith, director, Indian Affairs, Governor's Office

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

17:01:59 Rep. Doane

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 20**

17:03:11      **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HJ 20 BE CONCURRED IN.**

17:03:28      **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HJ 20 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(sts61a08)**

**Discussion:**

17:04:21      Sen. Bennett

17:04:57      Sen. Kary

17:05:29      **Vote:** Motion failed 4-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Kary, Sen. Osmundson and Sen. Vance voting aye. Sen. Osmundson and Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

17:06:01      **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson and Sen. Vance voted by proxy. Sen. Smith will carry the bill.

**Committee Business:**

17:06:40      Chair Brown

17:07:12      Sen. Cuffe

17:07:19      Chair Brown

17:07:29      Sen. Ellis

17:07:46      Chair Brown

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:08 PM

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Jacelyn Stewart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sts61aad.pdf](#))