

## MINUTES

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Dee Brown, on March 27, 2019 at 4:03 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: SB 363, 3/26/2019; SB 364, 3/26/2019; HB 183, 3/12/2019; HJ 8, 3/12/2019, SB 366, 3/27/2019

Executive Action: SB 319 - Do Pass  
SB 363 - Do Pass  
SB 364 - Do Pass as Amended

**HEARING ON HJ 8**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:03:59 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HJ 8, Joint resolution recognizing Montana veterans and their families.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:06:17 Karen Semple, Montana American Legion

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:07:01 Rep. Dudik

**HEARING ON HB 183**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:07:31 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 183, Deputize COPP in-house counsel.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:08:53 Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:14:04 Sen. Kary  
16:17:26 Mr. Mangan, COPP  
16:17:38 Chair Brown  
16:21:03 Mr. Mangan  
16:21:07 Sen. Cuffe  
16:21:50 Mr. Mangan  
16:22:01 Chair Brown  
16:22:24 Sen. Ellis  
16:23:02 Mr. Mangan  
16:23:45 Sen. Kary  
16:24:04 Mr. Mangan  
16:24:17 Chair Brown  
16:24:23 Mr. Mangan  
16:24:48 Sen. Smith  
16:25:00 Mr. Mangan

16:25:37 Sen. Bennett entered the meeting.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:25:44 Rep. Dudick

**HEARING ON SB 363**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:27:26 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 363, Generally revise campaign finance reporting laws for new political party.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:31:26 Raph Graybill, chief legal council, Governor's Office (GOV)

16:32:20 Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:36:53 Sen. Ellis

16:37:33 Mr. Mangan, COPP

16:37:50 Sen. Ellis

16:38:50 Mr. Graybill, GOV

16:40:04 Chair Brown

16:40:27 Mr. Graybill

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:40:40 Sen. Ankney

16:41:33 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:42:07 Chair Brown turned the duties and position of the Chair over to Vice Chair Kary.

16:42:16 Ms. Aldrich, LSD

**HEARING ON SB 364**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:42:35 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 364, Revise state contracting laws.

16:42:57 Sen. Vance left the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

16:44:31 Angus Maciver, legislative auditor, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:46:00 Sen. Cuffe

16:46:22 Sen. Brown  
16:47:22 Sen. Bennett  
16:47:55 Sen. Brown  
16:48:04 Mr. Maciver, LAD  
16:51:22 Sen. Bennett  
16:52:17 Mr. Maciver  
16:52:53 Sen. Brown  
16:53:54 Chair Kary  
16:54:55 Sen. Brown  
16:55:02 Sen. Ellis  
16:55:29 Sen. Brown  
16:55:35 Mr. Maciver  
16:57:37 Sen. Cuffe  
16:57:52 Sen. Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:58:29 Sen. Brown

**HEARING ON SB 366****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:58:45 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 366, Referendum on requiring photo ID to vote.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None**Opponents' Testimony:**

17:00:43 SK Rossi, Montana American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)  
17:03:11 Michael Toppen, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)  
17:06:22 Jake Brown, Montana Conservation Voters

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

17:07:45 Sen. Bennett  
17:11:11 Sen. Brown  
17:11:31 Sen. Ellis  
17:13:31 Sen. Brown  
17:14:19 Sen. Ellis  
17:14:34 Chair Kary  
17:16:36 Mr. Toppen, MontPIRG  
17:16:55 Sen. Bennett  
17:17:36 Ms. Rossi, ACLU  
17:18:44 Sen. Ellis  
17:19:27 Sen. Brown  
17:19:47 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
17:20:21 Sen. Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

17:20:41 Sen. Brown

17:21:34 Sen. Brown resumed the position and duties of the Chair.

17:23:22 Ms. Aldrich, LSD

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 319**

17:23:40 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 319 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

17:24:30 Chair Brown

17:24:51 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

17:25:07 Sen. Ellis

17:25:36 Ms. Aldrich, LSD

17:26:18 Chair Brown

17:26:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson and Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 363**

17:27:15 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 363 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

17:27:29 Sen. Bennett

17:28:12 Chair Brown

17:28:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by voice vote with Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Osmundson and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Osmundson and Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 364**

17:28:57 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 364 DO PASS.**

17:29:50 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 364 BE AMENDED.**

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**Discussion:**

17:30:00 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division

17:30:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson and Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

17:30:46 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 364 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson and Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

**Committee Business:**

17:31:37 Chair Brown

17:32:15 **Motion:** Sen. Bennett moved to **REQUEST A FISCAL NOTE FOR SB 366.**

**Discussion:**

17:32:40 Chair Brown

17:32:58 Without objection, Sen. Bennett withdrew his motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:33 PM

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Jacelyn Stewart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sts63aad.pdf](#))