

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Wendy McKamey, on February 19, 2021 at 8:00 AM, in Room 455 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Wendy McKamey, Chair (R)  
Rep. Sharon Greef, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R)  
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Ed Hill (R)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)  
Rep. Brian Putnam (R)  
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)  
Rep. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)  
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

**Members Excused:** None

Rep. Marvin Weatherwax, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** John Bergoffen, Committee Secretary  
Coleen Street, Remote Meeting Coordinator  
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

**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 405, 2/16/2021; HB 429, 2/16/2021; SB 169, 2/16/2021; SB 170, 2/16/2021

08:02:53 Chair McKamey

### **HEARING ON HB 429**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:03:25 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 429, Revise governor's power to suspend election laws during emergency.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:07:55 Rep. Karjala  
08:08:35 Rep. Jones  
08:11:01 Rep. Hayman  
08:11:27 Rep. Jones  
08:13:17 Rep. Reksten  
08:13:42 Rep. Jones  
08:14:53 Rep. Karjala  
08:15:09 Rep. Jones

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

08:15:27 Rep. Jones

### **HEARING ON SB 170**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:17:02 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 170, Require annual voter registration list maintenance.

08:19:51 Rep. Karjala

08:20:04 Sen. Kary

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

08:20:19 Gilda Clancy, self  
08:21:21 Secretary Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State (SOS)  
08:22:45 Judy Nakagawa, self  
08:23:46 Cindy Hamilton, self  
08:24:42 Jane Hamman, Judicial Watch

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

08:27:12 Daliyah Killsback, Western Native Voice

#### **Informational Testimony:**

08:28:22 Dana Corson, Secretary of States Office (SOS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:29:35 Rep. Hayman  
08:30:37 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders (MACR)  
08:32:08 Rep. Reksten  
08:32:32 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
08:35:09 Rep. Binkley  
08:35:41 Secretary Christi Jacobsen, SOS  
08:36:32 Rep. Custer  
08:37:18 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
08:38:55 Rep. Custer  
08:39:39 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
08:41:18 Rep. Putnam  
08:41:56 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
08:42:46 Rep. Hill  
08:44:10 Dana Corson, SOS  
08:44:41 Rep. Hill  
08:44:49 Dana Corson, SOS  
08:46:16 Rep. Kortum  
08:47:16 Secretary Christi Jacobsen, SOS  
08:48:10 Rep. Walsh  
08:48:38 Sen. Kary  
08:49:21 Rep. Hayman  
08:49:54 Sen. Kary  
08:50:06 Rep. Smith  
08:50:41 Secretary Christi Jacobsen, SOS  
08:51:01 Chair McKamey  
08:51:40 Dana Corson, SOS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:53:28 Sen. Kary

**HEARING ON SB 169****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:55:00 Sen. Cuffe Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 169, Generally revise voter ID laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:02:25 Secretary Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State (SOS)  
09:04:07 Gilda Clancy, self  
09:05:08 Judy NaKagawa, self  
09:05:46 Jane Hamman, self

**[EXHIBIT\(sth35a01\)](#)**

09:09:22 Becky Stockton, self

**[EXHIBIT\(sth35a02\)](#)**

09:12:43 Cindy Hamilton, self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:14:57 Sam Forstag, American's Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)  
09:16:19 Katjana Stutzer, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)  
09:22:57 Keaton Sunchild, Western Native Voice  
09:25:42 Danielle Vazquez, Indigenous Organizers of Montana  
09:27:29 Madison Morgan, self  
09:30:28 Ruthie Barbour, Forward Montana  
09:32:40 Dalayah Killsback, Western Native Voice

**Informational Testimony:**

09:35:32 Dana Corson, Secretary of State (SOS)  
09:35:59 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders (MACR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:36:21 Rep. Karjala  
09:36:48 Dana Corson, SOS  
09:37:08 Rep. Karjala  
09:37:39 Dana Corson, SOS  
09:38:20 Rep. Karjala  
09:38:51 Dana Corson, SOS  
09:40:06 Rep. Hayman  
09:40:46 Sen. Cuffe  
09:41:53 Rep. Hayman  
09:42:58 Sen. Cuffe  
09:43:33 Rep. Hayman  
09:43:48 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
09:46:34 Rep. Binkley  
09:48:20 Dana Corson, SOS  
09:48:59 Rep. Binkley  
09:49:22 Dana Corson, SOS  
09:49:55 Rep. Walsh  
09:50:45 Dana Corson, SOS  
09:51:54 Rep. Greef  
09:52:18 Katjana Stutzer, MontPIRG  
09:52:54 Rep. Reksten  
09:53:30 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
09:55:32 Rep. Reksten  
09:56:06 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
09:57:22 Rep. Whitman  
09:58:30 Dana Corson, SOS  
09:59:56 Rep. Whitman  
10:00:19 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:01:00 Rep. Karjala  
10:01:46 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:03:55 Rep. Putnam  
10:04:24 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:05:47 Rep. Putnam  
10:06:07 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:06:40 Rep. Putnam  
10:07:05 Dana Corson, SOS

10:07:55 Rep. Custer  
10:08:17 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:09:05 Rep. Custer  
10:09:32 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:10:13 Rep. Custer  
10:10:59 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:11:55 Rep. Custer  
10:12:23 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:13:27 Rep. Custer  
10:14:48 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:15:26 Rep. Custer  
10:16:54 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:17:27 Rep. Kortum  
10:18:04 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:18:13 Rep. Kortum  
10:18:49 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:19:41 Rep. Kortum  
10:20:26 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:21:29 Rep. Custer  
10:23:22 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:24:21 Rep. Dooling  
10:25:10 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:26:04 Rep. Walsh  
10:26:33 Keaton Sunchild, Western Native Voice  
10:28:02 Rep. Runningwolf  
10:28:50 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:29:05 Rep. Runningwolf  
10:29:27 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:29:48 Rep. Runningwolf  
10:30:31 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:30:59 Rep. Smith  
10:31:44 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:33:18 Rep. Smith  
10:33:52 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
10:38:04 Rep. Karjala  
10:39:02 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
10:40:43 Rep. Custer  
10:41:53 Regina Plettenberg, MACR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:42:46 Sen. Cuffe

**HEARING ON HB 405**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

11:06:04 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 405, Revising laws pertaining to candidate reporting and disclosure.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

11:18:14 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

**EXHIBIT(sth35a03)**

11:31:00 Jaime MacNaughton, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

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

11:33:50 Rep. Dooling  
11:34:08 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
11:34:52 Rep. Dooling  
11:35:03 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
11:35:11 Rep. Putnam  
11:35:40 Rep. Hamilton  
11:36:54 Rep. Walsh  
11:37:18 Rep. Hamilton  
11:38:28 Rep. Hayman  
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11:43:09 Rep. Reksten  
11:43:55 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
11:46:59 Rep. Custer  
11:47:48 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
11:49:25 Chair McKamey  
11:50:11 Rep. Hamilton  
11:51:37 Rep. Walsh  
11:53:21 Rep. Hamilton  
11:54:27 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
11:55:33 Rep. Reksten  
11:56:04 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
11:57:12 Rep. Frazer  
11:58:14 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

12:00:06 Rep. Hamilton  
  
12:02:40 Chair McKamey  
12:06:01 Rep. Hill  
12:07:00 Rep. Dooling  
12:07:11 Chair McKamey  
12:07:32 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
12:08:13 Rep. Dooling  
12:08:42 Rep. Walsh  
12:09:14 Chair McKamey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:09:50

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John Bergoffen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sth35aad.pdf](#))