

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Wendy McKamey, on March 11, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Wendy McKamey, Chair (R)  
Rep. Sharon Greef, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R)  
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Julie Dooling (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. Kenneth Walsh (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** John Bergoffen, Committee Secretary  
Coleen Street, Remote Meeting Coordinator  
Sheri Scurr, 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: HR 3, 3/8/2021; SB 196, 3/8/2021

09:02:24 Chair McKamey

### **HEARING ON SB 196**

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

09:02:51 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 196, Generally revise polling place hours laws.

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

09:05:53 Bret Rutherford, Yellowstone County Election Administer

09:09:12 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders (MACR)

#### **Opponent's Testimony:**

09:11:21 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe

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

09:13:53 Rep. Hayman

09:14:03 Coleen Street, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)

09:14:55 Rep. Custer

09:16:20 Regina Plettenberg, MACR

09:17:36 Rep. Custer

09:18:06 Regina Plettenberg, MACR

09:19:00 Rep. Hayman

09:20:21 Regina Plettenberg, MACR

09:22:23 Rep. Weatherwax

09:25:46 Regina Plettenberg, MACR

09:28:30 Rep. Karjala

09:29:10 Rep. Kortum

09:29:35 Regina Plettenberg, MACR

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

09:30:37 Sen. McGilvray

### **HEARING ON HR 3**

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

09:31:38 Rep. Andrea Olsen (D), HD 100, opened the hearing on HR 3, Resolution for a U.S. Constitutional amendment regarding campaign contributions.

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

09:34:36 Sue Kirchmyer, self

09:38:10 David Saslav, self

09:40:06 Sharon Patton-Griffen, Montana Move to Amend

09:49:46 Joe Loos, self

09:52:29 Aimee McQuilkin, self

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

09:55:06 Rep. Walsh

09:55:27 Rep. Olsen

09:56:06 Sue Kirchmyer, self  
09:57:46 Rep. Frazer  
09:58:04 Rep. Olsen  
10:00:00 Rep. Reksten  
10:00:23 Rep. Olsen  
10:01:44 Chair McKamey  
10:02:19 Rep. Karjala  
10:03:14 Rep. Olsen  
10:06:15 Rep. Karjala  
10:06:38 Sue Kirchmyer, self

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:09:51 Rep. Olsen  
  
10:13:56 Rep. Hayman  
10:14:47 Chair McKamey  
  
10:15:33 Recess  
10:35:17 Reconvened with Rep. Running Wolf present.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 522**

10:35:29 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 522 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

10:35:46 Rep. Bertoglio  
  
10:36:45 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 522 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(sth49a01)**

**Discussion:**

10:37:05 Rep. Dooling  
10:38:36 Rep. Karjala  
10:39:51 Rep. Bertoglio  
  
10:41:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Bishop, Rep. F. Smith and Rep. Whitman voted by proxy.  
  
10:42:21 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 522 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

10:42:33 Rep. Hayman  
10:43:56 Rep. Bertoglio  
10:44:22 Rep. Reksten  
10:45:30 Rep. Hill  
10:46:13 Rep. Karjala  
10:48:06 Rep. Binkley  
10:48:39 Rep. Custer  
10:50:27 Rep. Reksten  
10:50:45 Chair McKamey

10:55:53 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Hill, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. F. Smith and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Bishop, Rep. F. Smith and Rep. Whitman voted by proxy.

#### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 120**

10:57:23 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **SB 120 BE CONCURRED IN.**

#### **Discussion:**

10:57:38 Rep. Hayman

10:58:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop, Rep. F. Smith and Rep. Whitman voted by proxy. Chair McKamey will carry the bill.

10:59:15 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

10:59:43 Chair McKamey

11:00:02 Rep. Hayman

11:00:21 Chair McKamey

11:00:46 Pad McCracken, LSD

11:02:01 Chair McKamey

11:02:15 Rep. Walsh

11:03:03 Pad McCracken, LSD

11:03:31 Rep. Walsh

11:03:44 Rep. Hayman

11:04:34 Pad McCracken, LSD

11:05:00 Chair McKamey

#### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 547**

11:05:49 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 547 DO PASS.**

11:06:04 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 547 BE AMENDED.**  
**[EXHIBIT\(sth49a02\)](#)**

#### **Discussion:**

11:06:25 Pad McCracken, LSD

11:07:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote. Rep. Bishop, Rep. F. Smith and Rep. Whitman were excused.

11:07:38 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 547 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

#### **Discussion:**

11:07:48 Rep. Custer

11:09:55 Rep. Bertoglio

11:10:28 Rep. Putnam

11:11:04 Rep. Hill

11:11:47 Chair McKamey

11:13:16 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Greef, Rep. Hill, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Putnam and Rep. Whitman voting no. Rep. Bishop, Rep. F. Smith and Rep. Whitman voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 175**

11:15:05 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **SB 175 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

11:15:13 Rep. Custer  
11:15:45 Rep. Hayman  
11:16:38 Rep. Hill

11:17:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. F. Smith and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Bishop, Rep. F. Smith and Rep. Whitman voted by proxy. Chair McKamey will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 91**

11:18:56 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Walsh moved that **SB 91 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.** Motion carried 11-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Bishop, Rep. F. Smith and Rep. Whitman were excused.

11:21:54 Pad McCracken, LSD

11:22:06 **Motion:** Rep. Walsh moved that **SB 91 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

11:22:30 Chair McKamey  
11:22:41 Rep. Walsh  
11:25:05 Rep. Karjala  
11:27:39 Rep. Hayman  
11:29:23 Rep. Kortum  
11:30:59 Rep. Putnam  
11:31:47 Chair McKamey  
11:34:41 Rep. Hill  
11:35:05 Chair McKamey  
11:35:44 Rep. Custer

11:37:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Greef, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Hill, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kortum, Rep. F. Smith, Rep. Weatherwax and Rep. Whitman voting no. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Kortum, Rep. F. Smith and Rep. Whitman voted by proxy. Chair McKamey will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:39:31

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John Bergoffen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sth49aad.pdf](#))