

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Wendy McKamey, on March 12, 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. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Ed Hill (R)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)  
Rep. Brian Putnam (R)  
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)  
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)  
Rep. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** John Bergoffen, Committee Secretary  
Coleen Street, Remote Meeting Coordinator  
Pad McCracken, 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: SB 113, 3/8/2021; SB 224, 3/8/2021; SB 225, 3/8/2021; SB 226, 3/8/2021; SB 227, 3/8/2021

09:00:38 Chair McKamey

**HEARING ON SB 113**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:02:27 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 113, Limiting referendums to 100 words, exclusive of statute sections.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:04:57 Sen. Fitzpatrick

**HEARING ON SB 225**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:05:15 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 225, Prevent adoption of a rule that is similar to failed legislation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:07:49 Jeff Laszloffy , Montana Family Foundation

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:11:08 Lieutenant Governor Kristan Juras, Governor's Office (GOV)

**[EXHIBIT\(sth50a01\)](#)**

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:17:03 Rep. Putnam  
09:17:33 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
09:18:07 Rep. Greef  
09:18:12 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
09:20:48 Rep. Karjala  
09:22:27 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
09:23:03 Rep. Karjala  
09:23:25 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
09:23:58 Rep. Hayman  
09:24:20 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
09:24:58 Rep. Reksten  
09:25:29 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
09:26:31 Rep. Reksten  
09:26:56 Lieutenant Governor Kristan Juras, GOV

09:28:29 Rep. Walsh  
09:28:53 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
09:29:30 Rep. Walsh  
09:29:51 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
09:30:15 Rep. Walsh  
09:30:34 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
09:31:17 Chair McKamey  
09:31:51 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
09:32:37 Chair McKamey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:35:04 Sen. Fitzpatrick

**HEARING ON SB 227**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:35:29 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 227, Provide for repeal of administrative rules by joint resolution.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:36:31 Jeff Laszloffy , Montana Family Foundation

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:44:26 Lieutenant Governor Kristan Juras, Governor's Office (GOV)

[EXHIBIT\(sth50a02\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:52:07 Rep. Reksten  
09:52:31 Lieutenant Governor Kristan Juras, GOV  
09:52:59 Chair McKamey  
09:53:47 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
09:55:37 Chair McKamey  
09:56:54 Lieutenant Governor Kristan Juras, GOV

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:58:54 Sen. Fitzpatrick

**HEARING ON SB 224**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:00:50 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 224, Generally revise campaign finance laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

10:08:04 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

[EXHIBIT\(sth50a03\)](#)

**EXHIBIT(sth50a04)**

10:22:57 Jonathan Motl, Former Commissioner of Political Practices  
10:32:03 Mark Mackin, self  
10:38:24 Katjana Stutzer, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)  
10:40:13 Michelle Zizian, self  
10:41:30 C. B. Pearson, self  
10:44:03 Jaime MacNaughton, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:48:06 Rep. Greef  
10:48:25 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
10:51:33 Rep. Hayman  
10:51:42 Rep. Karjala  
10:52:53 Jonathan Motl, Former Commissioner of Political Practices  
10:55:39 Rep. Hayman  
10:56:19 Jaime MacNaughton, COPP  
10:58:06 Rep. Custer  
10:59:09 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
10:59:48 Rep. Custer  
11:00:33 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
11:03:43 Rep. Walsh  
11:04:33 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
11:06:02 Rep. Walsh  
11:06:19 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
11:07:16 Rep. Hill  
11:07:41 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
11:09:51 Chair McKamey  
11:10:29 Sen. Fitzpatrick

**Closing by Sponsor:**

11:12:12 Sen. Fitzpatrick

**HEARING ON SB 226****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

11:15:22 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 226, Generally revising laws related to candidate campaign finance loans.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

11:17:26 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

**EXHIBIT(sth50a05)**

11:22:19 Mark Mackin, self  
11:25:05 Jaime MacNaughton, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

11:26:38 Rep. Reksten  
11:27:31 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
11:28:13 Rep. Hayman  
11:29:35 Jaime MacNaughton, COPP  
11:30:28 Rep. Hayman  
11:31:22 Jaime MacNaughton, COPP  
11:32:06 Rep. Walsh  
11:32:13 Rep. Custer  
11:33:06 Jaime MacNaughton, COPP  
11:33:20 Rep. Custer  
11:33:44 Jaime MacNaughton, COPP  
11:33:58 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
11:35:02 Rep. Custer  
11:35:42 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
11:36:12 Rep. Binkley  
11:37:10 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
11:38:24 Rep. Binkley  
11:39:07 Jeff Mangan, COPP  
11:39:45 Rep. Walsh  
11:40:25 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
11:41:30 Rep. Walsh  
11:42:16 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
11:44:34 Rep. Dooling  
11:45:51 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
11:47:32 Rep. Karjala  
11:48:31 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
11:49:36 Rep. Custer  
11:51:01 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

11:51:11 Sen. Fitzpatrick  
  
11:52:29 Chair McKamey  
11:53:57 Rep. Hayman  
11:54:45 Chair McKamey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:02:34

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John Bergoffen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sth50aad.pdf](#))