

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Wendy McKamey, on March 16, 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. 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. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Marvin Weatherwax, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: John Bergoffen, Committee Secretary
Jessica Tsias, 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 162, 3/15/2021; SB 271, 3/15/2021; SB 276, 3/15/2021; SJ
19, 3/15/2021
Executive Action on: SB 169

09:03:25 Chair McKamey

HEARING ON SB 162

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:04:22 Sen. David Howard (R), SD 29, opened the hearing on SB 162, Exempting religious organizations from certain campaign finance laws.

[EXHIBIT\(sth52a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:11:01 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation

09:16:43 Mark French, self

09:18:20 Chad Heslur, self

Opponents' Testimony:

09:21:46 Liz Moore, Montana Nonprofit Association (MNA)

09:27:22 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

09:37:35 Jaime MacNaughton, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

[EXHIBIT\(sth52a02\)](#)

09:44:20 Adrian Jawort, Montana Native Vote

09:47:23 Dave Chadwick, Montana Wildlife Foundation (MWF)

09:51:25 Rev. Donna Williams, Church of the Creator FSM

09:54:38 Lauren Caldwell, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:56:16 Rep. Reksten

09:57:02 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation

09:57:30 Rep. Greef

09:59:12 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation

10:00:59 Rep. Hayman

10:02:06 Liz Moore, MNA

10:02:33 Rep. Frazer joined the Meeting

10:02:45 Rep. Kajala

10:03:48 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation

10:05:05 Rep. Karjala

10:05:49 Commissioner Mangan, COPP

10:08:58 Rep. Custer

10:09:28 Jaime MacNaughton, COPP

10:10:18 Rep. Custer

10:10:41 Jaime MacNaughton, COPP

10:11:01 Rep. Whitman

10:12:12 Commissioner Mangan, COPP

10:14:35 Rep. Whitman

10:14:54 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation

10:15:22 Rep. Putnam

10:15:41 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation

10:16:14 Chair McKamey

10:16:35 Sen. Howard

10:17:22 Chair McKamey
10:17:57 Commissioner Mangan, COPP

Closing by Sponsor:

10:20:30 Sen. Howard

[EXHIBIT\(sth52a03\)](#)

10:23:53 Recess
10:33:46 Reconvened

HEARING ON SB 271**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:33:58 Sen. Carl Glimm (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 271, Allow judicial candidates to announce endorsements.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:34:48 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation
10:39:05 Mark French, self
10:48:37 Katie French, self

Opponents' Testimony:

10:52:35 John Mudd, State Bar of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(sth52a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth52a05\)](#)

10:56:30 Sam Forstag, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:59:08 Rep. Custer
10:59:29 Sen. Glimm
10:59:41 Rep. Hill
11:00:04 Katie French, self
11:00:43 Rep. Smith
11:01:14 John Mudd, State Bar of Montana
11:03:11 Chair McKamey
11:03:30 Sen. Glimm
11:04:12 Chair McKamey
11:04:42 Sen. Glimm
11:06:20 Rep. Reksten
11:07:08 John Mudd, State Bar of Montana

Closing by Sponsor:

11:10:09 Sen. Glimm

11:14:13 Chair McKamey

HEARING ON SB 276

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

11:14:47 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 276, Eliminate secretary of state's microfilm requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

11:17:07 Angie McLaughlin, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:18:20 Rep. Reksten
11:18:40 Angie McLaughlin, SOS
11:19:05 Chair McKamey
11:19:19 Angie McLaughlin, SOS

Closing by Sponsor:

11:19:48 Sen. Cuffe

HEARING ON SJ 19

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

11:20:35 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SJ 19, Resolution to honor 75th anniversary of ending of WWII.

Proponents' Testimony:

11:30:11 Raymond Reed, Montana Military Museum
11:32:23 Roger Hagan, Montana American Legion

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:34:02 Rep. Whitman
11:34:32 Sen. Cuffe
11:34:57 Raymond Reed, Montana Military Museum
11:36:41 Rep. Dooling

Closing by Sponsor:

11:37:27 Sen. Cuffe

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 19

11:38:47 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **SJ 19 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

11:39:01 Rep. Custer
11:39:35 Rep. Smith
11:40:11 Rep. Putnam
11:40:28 Chair McKamey
11:41:10 Sen. Cuffe
11:42:11 Chair McKamey

11:42:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Walsh and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy. Rep. Smith will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 276

11:45:22 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **SB 276 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

11:45:32 Rep. Custer

11:46:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Walsh and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy. Rep. Custer will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 169

11:47:31 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **SB 169 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:47:43 **Motion:** Rep. Custer moved that **SB 169 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(sth52a06\)](#)

Discussion:

11:49:38 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division
11:51:11 Without objection, Rep. Custer withdrew the BE AMENDED motion.
11:51:59 Chair McKamey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:54:03

John Bergoffen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth52aad.pdf](#))