

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Wendy McKamey, on March 17, 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. 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:

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: John Bergoffen, Committee Secretary
Coleen Street, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch
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 319, 3/15/2021; SB 339, 3/15/2021; SB 350, 3/15/2021
Executive Action: SB 169, 3/15/2021

09:03:11 Chair McKamey

HEARING ON SB 339

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:04:24 Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 339, Solely correcting an erroneous campaign finance statutory reference.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:05:40 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

[EXHIBIT\(sth53a01\)](#)

Closing by Sponsor:

09:06:54 Sen. Pomnichowski

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 339

09:07:35 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Greef moved that **SB 339 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy. Rep. Running Wolf will carry the bill.

09:08:33 Recessed

09:11:46 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 169

09:12:09 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **SB 169 BE CONCURRED IN**.

09:12:23 **Motion:** Rep. Custer moved that **SB 169 BE AMENDED**.

Discussion:

09:12:50 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

09:21:01 Rep. Custer

09:22:09 Chair McKamey

09:22:34 Rep. Karjala

09:23:41 Chair McKamey

09:24:23 Rep. Custer

09:25:03 Chair McKamey

09:25:23 Rep. Custer

09:25:42 Rep. Karjala

09:26:51 Rep. Hayman

09:28:18 Rep. Whitman

09:29:30 Rep. Reksten

09:30:22 Hope Stockwell, LSD

09:31:05 Rep. Walsh

09:31:21 Rep. Custer

09:32:38 Chair McKamey

09:33:07 Rep. Custer

09:33:28 Chair McKamey

09:33:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Karjala voting no. Rep. Bishop and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

09:34:56 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **SB 169 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

09:35:26 Rep. Putnam
09:35:40 Rep. Karjala
09:36:50 Rep. Custer
09:38:55 Chair McKamey
09:39:10 Rep. Kortum

09:40:07 **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 and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy. Rep. Stromswold will carry the bill.

HEARING ON SB 350

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:41:46 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 350, Generally revise election laws related to minor parties.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:44:47 Dana Corson, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Informational Testimony:

09:46:13 Austin James, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)
09:46:27 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:46:50 Rep. Hayman
09:48:02 Austin James, SOS
09:49:17 Rep. Hayman
09:49:48 Austin James, SOS
09:51:01 Rep. Karjala
09:52:17 Dana Corson, SOS

Closing by Sponsor:

09:52:44 Sen. Hertz

HEARING ON SB 319

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:54:04 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB319, Generally revise campaign finance laws.

Informational Testimony:

09:57:54 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

EXHIBIT(sth53a02)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:58:35 Rep. Reksten
09:59:12 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP
09:59:55 Rep. Walsh
10:00:23 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP
10:02:33 Sen. Hertz
10:03:50 Rep. Walsh
10:04:21 Sen. Hertz
10:05:52 Rep. Hayman
10:06:13 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP
10:09:34 Rep. Kortum
10:10:21 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP
10:10:58 Rep. Custer
10:11:37 Sen. Hertz
10:12:37 Rep. Custer
10:12:42 Sen. Hertz
10:12:51 Rep. Custer
10:13:41 Sen. Hertz
10:15:36 Chair McKamey
10:16:01 Sen. Hertz
10:17:45 Chair McKamey
10:18:37 Commissioner Jeff, Mangan, COPP
10:20:03 Chair McKamey
10:20:39 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP
10:21:26 Chair McKamey
10:22:22 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP
10:22:46 Chair McKamey
10:23:11 Sen. Hertz
10:24:39 Rep. Custer
10:25:26 Sen. Hertz
10:26:20 Rep. Karjala

Closing by Sponsor:

10:27:07 Sen. Hertz

10:27:59 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
10:28:32 Chair McKamey
10:29:35 Pad McCracken, LSD
10:30:25 Chair McKamey
10:30:38 Pad McCracken, LSD
10:31:13 Chair McKamey
10:31:44 Pad McCracken, LSD
10:32:31 Chair McKamey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:33:21

John Bergoffen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth53aad.pdf](#))