

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Bob Keenan, on February 1, 2021 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Bob Keenan, Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Lang, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Diane Sands, Vice Chair (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Susan Fox, Legislative Branch
Olivia Hopkins, Committee Secretary
Clara Bentler, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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 120, 1/26/2021; SB 122, 1/26/2021; SB 128, 1/26/2021

HEARING ON SB 122

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:01:24 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB122, Revise laws related to interim and statutory committee membership.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:05:33 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation

Opponents' Testimony:

08:11:51 Beth Brennehan, Disability Rights Montana

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:15:26 Sen. Gross
08:16:27 Sen. Regier
08:17:05 Sen. Gross
08:18:04 Sen. Regier
08:23:36 Sen. Sands
08:26:08 Sen. Regier
08:26:56 Sen. Sands
08:31:00 Sen. Regier
08:31:51 Sen. Gross
08:32:49 Susan Fox, Legislative Service Division
08:33:36 Sen. Gross
08:33:57 Chair Keenan
08:34:14 Sen. Gross
08:34:29 Sen. Lang
08:34:48 Sen. Regier

Closing by Sponsor:

08:35:03 Sen. Regier

08:35:30 Chair Keenan

HEARING ON SB 120

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:35:47 Sen. John Esp (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB120, Revise appointment and employment of legislative auditor.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:37:16 Rep. Denise Hayman, HD 66

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

08:39:26 Deborah Butler, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:40:06 Sen. Gross
08:40:26 Ms. Butler, LAD
08:41:03 Sen. Sands
08:41:33 Susan Fox, Legislative Service Division

Closing by Sponsor:

08:42:30 Sen. Esp

08:42:44 Chair Keenan

HEARING ON SB 128

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:43:24 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB128, Prohibiting certain conditioning of the legislative auditor's contract.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

08:46:03 Deborah Butler, Legislative Audit Division

Opponents' Testimony:

08:46:31 Rep. Denise Hayman, HD 66

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:49:11 Sen. Sands
08:50:51 Rep. Hayman
08:52:27 Sen. Sands
08:52:53 Sen. Fitzpatrick

Closing by Sponsor:

08:54:24 Sen. Fitzpatrick

08:54:59 Chair Keenan
08:55:42 Sen. Sands
08:56:08 Chair Keenan

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:56 A.M.

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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