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MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Douglas (Doug) Kary, on February 1, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary, Chair (R)
Sen. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Walt Sales (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Janet Ellis (D)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch
Alex Colafrencesco, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Jacelyn Sterling, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 13, 1/29/2021; SR 14, 1/29/2021; SR 15, 1/29/2021; SR 16, 1/29/2021; SR 21, 1/29/2021; SB 170, 1/29/2021

Executive Action: SB 15 Do Pass; SB 130 Do Pass as Amended; SR 13 Be Adopted; SR 15 Be Adopted; SR 16 Be Adopted

15:00:04 Chair Kary gave the duties of the Chair to Vice Chair Vance.

HEARING ON SB 170

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:00:34 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB170, Require annual voter registration list maintenance.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:01:32 Dana Corson, Secretary of State (SOS)

15:02:50 Sen. Ellis joined the meeting.

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(sts21a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:04:51 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders (MACR)

[EXHIBIT\(sts21a02\)](#)

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(sts21a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:10:01 Sen. Cuffe
15:16:25 Mr. Corson, SOS
15:16:53 Sen. Bennett
15:17:25 Ms. Plettenberg, MACR
15:19:50 Sen. Sales
15:20:22 Mr. Corson
15:21:28 Sen. Ellis
15:22:31 Ms. Plettenberg
15:23:50 Sen. Ellis
15:24:40 Mr. Corson
15:24:58 Sen. Ellis
15:25:47 Sen. Kary
15:26:45 Sen. Ellis
15:27:51 Sen. Kary

Closing by Sponsor:

15:28:33 Sen. Kary

HEARING ON SR 13

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:28:57 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SR13, Confirm Governor's appointees to the Board of Veterans' Affairs.

[EXHIBIT\(sts21a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:31:25 Charlotte Snyder, appointee

15:31:46 Roger Hagan, Montana Department of the American Legion

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:33:02 Sen. Kary

HEARING ON SR 14

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:33:20 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SR14, Confirm Governor's appointee to the Board of Veterans' Affairs.

[**EXHIBIT\(sts21a05\)**](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

15:36:07 Roger Hagan, Montana Department of the American Legion

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:37:20 Sen. Bennett

15:37:51 Sen. Kary

15:37:57 Chair Vance

15:38:09 Sen. Bennett

15:38:41 Mr. Hagan, American Legion

15:40:29 Sen. Bennett

15:40:48 Mr. Hagan

Closing by Sponsor:

15:41:26 Sen. Kary

HEARING ON SR 15

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:42:01 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SR15, Confirm Governor's appointees to the Facility Finance Authority.

[**EXHIBIT\(sts21a06\)**](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:47:53 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:49:17 Sen. Bennett
15:50:17 Ms. Juras
15:50:50 Sen. Bennett
15:51:26 Sen. Kary

Closing by Sponsor:

15:52:14 Sen. Kary

HEARING ON SR 16

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:52:28 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SR16, Confirm Governor's appointee to the Public Employee Retirement Systems Board.

[EXHIBIT\(sts21a07\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:54:26 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:56:04 Sen. Kary

HEARING ON SR 21

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:56:23 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SR21, Confirm Governor appointees to the State Lottery Commission.

[EXHIBIT\(sts21a08\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:58:31 Steve Morris, appointee
15:59:10 Liane Taylor, Governor's Office

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:59:56 Sen. Bennett
16:00:26 Mr. Morris, appointee

Closing by Sponsor:

16:01:34 Sen. Kary

Committee Business:

16:01:55 Chair Vance

16:02:48 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:03:09 Chair Vance

16:03:15 Sen. Kary resumed the duties of the Chair.

16:03:22 Ms. Aldrich, LSD

16:03:56 Sen. Vance

16:04:23 Chair Kary

16:04:38 Recess

16:12:56 Reconvened

16:13:36 Chair Kary

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 1316:14:42 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SR 13 BE ADOPTED.****Discussion:**

16:14:51 Chair Kary

16:15:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 15**16:15:41 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **SR 15 BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 16**16:16:36 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SR 16 BE ADOPTED.****Discussion:**

16:16:56 Sen. Bennett

16:17:33 Sen. Vance

16:18:01 Sen. Bennett

16:18:43 Sen. Vance

16:19:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 130**16:19:34 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 130 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:19:52 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
16:20:27 Sen. Vance

16:20:37 Chair Kary

16:20:45 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 130 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(sts21a09)

Discussion:

16:20:59 Sen. Ellis
16:21:17 Ms. Aldrich, LSD
16:22:16 Sen. Ellis
16:23:13 Ms. Aldrich
16:23:59 Chair Kary
16:24:54 Ms. Aldrich
16:25:04 Sen. Vance
16:25:12 Sen. Sales
16:25:42 Ms. Aldrich

16:25:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

16:26:24 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 130 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 15

16:27:05 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 15 DO PASS.**

16:27:18 **Motion:** Sen. Ellis moved that **SB 15 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(sts21a10)

Discussion:

16:30:04 Sen. Kary
16:30:40 Ms. Aldrich

16:30:54 Recess
16:32:05 Reconvened

16:32:19 Sen. Ellis
16:35:06 Chair Kary

16:35:52 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Ellis and Sen. Fox voting aye.

16:36:46 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 15 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:36:57 Sen. Ellis

16:37:19 Chair Kary

16:37:42 Alex Colafrenesco, remote meeting coordinator

16:38:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

16:38:27 Chair Kary

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:38 PM

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts21aad.pdf](#))