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

Call to Order: Chair Douglas (Doug) Kary, on February 3, 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. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Walt Sales (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Janet Ellis (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 113, 1/29/2021; SB 169, 1/29/2021; SR 22, 1/29/2021; SR 23, 1/29/2021; SR 24, 1/29/2021; SR 25, 1/29/2021; SR 26, 1/29/2021

Executive Action: SB 89 Do Pass as Amended; SB 170 Do Pass; SB 107 Be Tabled

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 89

14:30:28 Chair Kary

14:30:56 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 89 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

14:31:19 Sen. Bennett

14:31:39 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 89 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(sts23a01)

Discussion:

14:31:59 Chair Kary

14:32:09 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

14:34:00 Chair Kary

14:34:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Sales voted by proxy.

14:34:37 **Motion:** Sen. Bennett moved that **SB 89 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(sts23a02)

Discussion:

14:35:41 Sen. Vance

14:35:46 Sen. Bennett

14:35:54 Chair Kary

14:36:06 Sen. Bennett

14:36:47 Chair Kary

14:37:04 Sen. Bennett

14:37:49 Ms. Aldrich, LSD

14:38:33 Chair Kary

14:38:48 Sen. Bennett

14:39:36 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Ellis and Sen. Fox voting aye. Sen Sales was excused.

14:40:20 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 89 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Ellis and Sen. Fox voting no. Sen. Sales voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 170

14:41:17 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 170 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

14:41:41 Chair Kary

14:42:09 Sen. Cuffe

14:42:13 Chair Kary

14:42:27 Sen. Vance

14:42:38 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

14:43:22 Sen. Vance
 14:43:27 Ms. Aldrich, LSD
 14:43:49 Chair Kary
 14:43:53 Sen. Bennett
 14:44:04 Chair Kary
 14:44:37 Sen. Bennett
 14:45:18 Chair Kary
 14:45:57 Sen. Ellis
 14:48:01 Sen. Vance
 14:48:13 Sen. Ellis
 14:48:49 Chair Kary
 14:49:46 Ms. Aldrich
 14:50:41 Sen. Vance
 14:50:57 Chair Kary

14:51:17 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Ellis and Sen. Fox voting no. Sen. Sales voted by proxy. (bill reported out of committee on 2/8/2021 after the fiscal note was received)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 107

14:51:43 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 107 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

14:51:53 Sen. Bennett

14:52:54 Sen. Sales entered the meeting.

14:53:16 Sen. Sales

14:53:30 Sen. Vance

14:53:47 Sen. Sales

14:54:12 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

14:54:20 Chair Kary

14:54:29 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Ellis and Sen. Fox voting aye.

14:54:57 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 107 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

14:55:44 Sen. Vance

14:56:10 Recess

15:00:11 Reconvened

HEARING ON SB 113

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:00:22 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB113, Limiting referendums to 100 words, exclusive of statute sections.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:04:11 Sen. Cuffe
15:04:20 Sen. Fitzpatrick
15:04:34 Sen. Ellis
15:05:36 Sen. Fitzpatrick

Closing by Sponsor:

15:06:52 Sen. Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON SB 169

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:07:25 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB169, Generally revise voter ID laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:14:00 Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State

[EXHIBIT\(sts23a03\)](#)

15:16:02 Cindi Hamilton, citizen

15:16:37 Sen. Ellis objected.

15:16:48 Ms. Hamilton

15:17:59 Jane Hamman, Clancy

15:22:19 Pam Purinton, Billings

[EXHIBIT\(sts23a04\)](#)

15:23:36 Jed Husbey, Bozeman

[EXHIBIT\(sts23a05\)](#)

15:25:31 Dana Fraley, Kalispell

[EXHIBIT\(sts23a06\)](#)

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(sts23a07\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:27:06 Nancy Leifer, Montana League of Women Voters

[EXHIBIT\(sts23a08\)](#)

15:29:32 Ruthie Barbour, Forward Montana

[EXHIBIT\(sts23a09\)](#)

15:31:30 Katjanna Stutzer, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)
15:36:09 Keaton Sunchild, Montana Native Vote
15:38:10 Sam Forstag, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU)

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(sts23a10\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

15:39:41 Dana Corson, Montana Secretary of State (SOS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:40:12 Sen. Bennett
15:41:33 Mr. Forstag, ACLU
15:42:28 Sen. Ellis
15:48:18 Mr. Corson, SOS
15:48:49 Sen. Ellis
15:49:03 Sen. Bennett
15:54:04 Sen. Cuffe
15:54:50 Chair Kary
15:57:19 Ms. Stutzer, MontPIRG
15:58:01 Chair Kary

Closing by Sponsor:

15:58:25 Sen. Cuffe

16:01:03 Sen. Kary gave the duties of the Chair over to Vice Chair Vance.

HEARING ON SR 22

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:01:23 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SR22, Confirm Governor's appointees to the Board of Investments.

[EXHIBIT\(sts23a11\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

16:06:38 Liane Taylor, Governor's Office
16:07:34 Jack Prothero, appointee
16:07:56 Maggie Peterson, appointee
16:08:52 Jeff Greenfield, appointee
16:09:41 Diane Fladmo, member, Montana Board of Investments
16:10:45 Jeff Meredith, appointee

Additional Testimony Received

[EXHIBIT\(sts23a12\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:12:19 Dan Villa, executive director, Montana Board of Investments

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

16:12:53 Sen. Kary

HEARING ON SR 23

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:13:02 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SR23, Confirm Governor's appointees to Public Employees Retirement System Board.

[EXHIBIT\(sts23a13\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

16:17:22 Dore Schwinden, executive director, Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration

16:19:15 Aaron Pratt, appointee

Opponents' Testimony: none

Informational Testimony:

16:20:41 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:21:06 Sen. Bennett

16:21:34 Mr. Pratt, appointee

16:22:52 Sen. Bennett

16:23:19 Mr. Pratt

Closing by Sponsor:

16:24:40 Sen. Kary

HEARING ON SR 24

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:24:59 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SR24, Confirm Governor's appointees to the Board of County Printing.

[EXHIBIT\(sts23a14\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:26:01 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

16:26:50 Sen. Kary

HEARING ON SR 25

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:27:02 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SR25, Confirm Governor's appointees to Board of County Printing.

[EXHIBIT\(sts23a15\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

16:27:40 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

16:28:27 Sen. Kary

HEARING ON SR 26

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:28:41 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SR26, Confirm Governor's appointee to the State Lottery Commission.

[EXHIBIT\(sts23a16\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:29:33 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

16:30:06 Sen. Kary

Committee Business:

16:30:34 Chair Vance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:31 PM

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts23aad.pdf](#))