

## MINUTES

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Douglas (Doug) Kary, on February 17, 2021 at 2:35 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

**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 222, 2/12/2021; SB 202, 2/12/2021; HB 178, 2/12/2021; SJ 5, 2/12/2021

Executive Action: SJ 5 Do Pass; SB 162 Do Pass as Amended; SB 196 Do Pass; SJ 4 Do Pass

**Committee Business:**

14:35:45 Chair Kary  
 14:36:17 Sen. Ellis  
 14:36:21 Chair Kary

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 162**

14:37:00 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 162 DO PASS.**

14:37:04 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 162 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT(sts33a01)**

**Discussion:**

14:38:10 Ginger Aldrich, LSD

14:38:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by voice vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Ellis and Sen. Fox voting no.

14:39:05 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 162 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

14:39:18 Sen. Bennett

14:40:38 **Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 162 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Ellis and Sen. Fox voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 196**

14:41:07 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 196 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

14:41:39 Sen. Ellis  
 14:43:03 Chair Kary  
 14:43:23 Sen. Ellis  
 14:43:28 Sen. Bennett

14:44:47 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Ellis and Sen. Fox voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 4**

14:45:18 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SJ 4 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

14:45:32 Sen. Ellis  
 14:47:12 Chair Kary

14:47:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Cuffe voting no.

14:48:18 Recess

15:00:17 Reconvened

### HEARING ON SB 202

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:00:55 Sen. Walt Sales (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on SB202, Remote work productivity accountability act.

#### Proponents' Testimony:

15:02:43 Daniel Fuchs, Triangle Public Affairs

[EXHIBIT\(sts33a02\)](#)

#### Opponents' Testimony:

15:05:24 Bryan Lockerby, administrator, Criminal Investigation, Department of Justice (DOJ)

15:09:41 Dawn Temple, DOJ

[EXHIBIT\(sts33a03\)](#)

15:13:57 Michael Harris, DOJ

15:14:30 Allen Lloyd, executive director, Montanan Society of Certified Public Accountants

[EXHIBIT\(sts33a04\)](#)

15:16:39 Matt Van Syckle, state chief information officer, Department of Administration (DOA)

[EXHIBIT\(sts33a05\)](#)

15:19:47 Don Harris, DOA

[EXHIBIT\(sts33a06\)](#)

#### Informational Testimony:

15:25:10 Will Soller, Legislative Audit Division

#### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:26:25 Chair Kary

15:27:06 Mr. Don Harris, DOA

15:27:37 Chair Kary

15:28:29 Mr. Lockerby, DOJ

15:28:58 Ms. Temple, DOJ

15:29:02 Chair Kary

15:30:22 Ms. Temple

15:30:42 Chair Kary

15:31:48 Mr. Don Harris

15:32:40 Chair Kary

15:33:15 Mr. Van Syckle, DOA

15:33:44 Chair Kary

15:33:49 Mr. Van Syckle

15:34:15 Chair Kary

15:34:46 Mr. Van Syckle

15:35:28 Chair Kary

15:37:06 Mr. Fuchs, Triangle Public Affairs

15:37:38 Chair Kary  
15:43:21 Mr. Van Syckle  
15:43:32 Sen. Osmundson  
15:43:58 Mr. Van Syckle

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:45:21 Sen. Sales

**HEARING ON HB 178**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:47:39 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB178, Revise grant dispersal procedures for county veterans' service offices.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:49:37 Roger Hagan, Montana Department of the American Legion

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:52:26 Sen. Cuffe  
15:54:04 Rep. Bedey  
15:54:12 Sen. Cuffe  
15:54:24 Sen. Ellis  
15:55:00 Rep. Bedey  
15:55:50 Sen. Ellis  
15:56:15 Rep. Bedey  
15:56:32 Chair Kary  
15:56:47 Rep. Bedey  
16:00:05 Chair Kary  
16:00:23 Rep. Bedey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:01:05 Rep. Bedey

**HEARING ON SB 222**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:01:45 Sen. Terry Gauthier (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB222, Revising name change petition process for person in DOC custody/supervision.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:04:59 Brian Gootkin, director, Department of Corrections (DOC)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

16:06:00 Josh Butterfly, Opening Doors

**[EXHIBIT\(sts33a07\)](#)**

**Informational Testimony:**

16:08:27 Colleen Ambrose, chief legal council, DOC

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:09:43 Sen. Bennett  
16:11:19 Ms. Ambrose, DOC  
16:13:04 Chair Kary  
16:13:57 Mr. Gootkin, DOC  
16:14:23 Ms. Ambrose  
16:15:30 Sen. Fox

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:16:16 Sen. Gauthier

**HEARING ON SJ 5**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:17:18 Sen. Susan Webber (D), SD 8, opened the hearing on SJ5, Urge revision of Lewis and Clark trail designation signs to include Sacajawea.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:27:59 Laurie Little Dog, Bozeman  
16:29:19 Sen. Shane Morigeau, SD 48

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:33:16 Sen. Cuffe  
16:34:17 Sen. Webber

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:35:23 Sen. Webber

**Committee Business:**

16:36:42 Chair Kary

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 5**

16:36:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **SJ 5 DO PASS**. Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson was excused.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment:

---

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

js

Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sts33aad.pdf](#))