

## MINUTES

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Douglas (Doug) Kary, on February 19, 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  
Olivia Hopkins, 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 224, 2/16/2021; SB 225, 2/16/2021; SB 226, 2/16/2021; SB 227, 2/16/2021; SJ 9, 2/16/2021

Executive Action: HB 159, SB 222

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 159**

14:47:08 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 159 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

14:47:20 Chair Kary

14:47:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by voice vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Ellis, and Sen. Fox voting no. Sen. Osmundson will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 222**

14:48:23 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 222 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

14:48:32 Chair Kary

14:48:48 Sen. Bennett

14:49:42 Chair Kary

14:50:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett and Sen. Ellis voting no.

**Discussion:**

14:50:25 Chair Kary

14:50:54 Sen. Cuffe

14:51:05 Chair Kary

14:51:10 Recess

14:57:34 Reconvene

14:57:36 Chair Kary

**HEARING ON SJ 9**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:57:40 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SJ 9, Resolution expressing support for Taiwan.

14:58:13 Sen. Bennett and Sen. Osmundson left the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

14:59:59 Chair Kary

15:00:04 Sen. Hertz

15:01:04 Chair Kary

15:02:20 Sen. Hertz

15:02:33 Chair Kary

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:02:38 Sen. Hertz

**HEARING ON SB 224**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:03:49 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 224, Generally revise campaign finance laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:10:39 Margaret Bentwood, League of Women Voters

[EXHIBIT\(sts35a01\)](#)

15:15:47 Jaime MacNaughton, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

[EXHIBIT\(sts35a02\)](#)

15:21:39 Jeff Mangan, commissioner, COPP

15:24:55 Katjana Stutzer, Montana Public Interest Research Group

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:26:26 Sen. Ellis

15:27:09 Sen. Fitzpatrick

15:28:58 Sen. Ellis

15:29:55 Sen. Fitzpatrick

15:30:37 Sen. Ellis

15:31:03 Sen. Fitzpatrick

15:31:55 Sen. Ellis

15:32:12 Sen. Cuffe

15:33:44 Sen. Fitzpatrick

15:35:29 Sen. Cuffe

15:36:05 Sen. Fitzpatrick

15:37:39 Chair Kary

15:38:02 Mr. Mangan, COPP

15:38:38 Sen. Ellis

15:39:25 Sen. Fitzpatrick

15:39:57 Sen. Ellis

15:40:11 Sen. Fitzpatrick

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:40:32 Sen. Fitzpatrick

**HEARING ON SB 225****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:41:06 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 225, Prevent adoption of a rule that is similar to failed legislation.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:43:14 Sen. Ellis

15:43:45 Sen. Fitzpatrick

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:44:43 Sen. Fitzpatrick

**HEARING ON SB 226****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:45:16 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 226, Generally revising laws related to candidate campaign finance loans.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:47:29 Jaime MacNaughton, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

15:47:59 Jeff Mangan, commissioner, COPP

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:53:21 Sen. Ellis

15:53:46 Sen. Fitzpatrick

15:56:01 Sen. Ellis

15:56:25 Sen. Fitzpatrick

15:56:42 Chair Kary

15:57:46 Mr. Mangan, COPP

16:00:27 Chair Kary

16:02:30 Mr. Mangan

16:02:50 Sen. Cuffe

16:04:23 Mr. Mangan

16:05:03 Ms. MacNaughton, COPP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:06:04 Sen. Fitzpatrick

**HEARING ON SB 227**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:07:02 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB227, Provide for repeal of administrative rules by joint resolution.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:09:50 Sen. Ellis

16:10:29 Sen. Fitzpatrick

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:11:06 Sen. Fitzpatrick

16:11:51 Chair Kary

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:12 P.M.

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Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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