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

Call to Order: Chair Douglas (Doug) Kary, on February 22, 2021 at 2:49 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 Fox (D)
Sen. Walt Sales (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Janet Ellis (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

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 229, 2/18/2021; SB 232, 2/18/2021; SB 254, 2/18/2021; SB 287, 2/18/2021

Executive Action: SB 225 Do Pass; SB 227 Do Pass; SJ 9 Do Pass; SR 23 Be Not Adopted as Amended; SR 24 Be Tabled

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 225

14:50:29 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 225 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

14:50:35 Chair Kary

14:51:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis voting no. Sen. Cuffe and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 227

14:51:42 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 227 DO PASS.** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Ellis and Sen. Fox voting no. Sen. Cuffe and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 9

14:52:51 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **SJ 9 DO PASS.** Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 23

Discussion:

14:53:44 Sen. Vance

14:53:53 Chair Kary

14:53:56 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

14:54:03 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved to **RECONSIDER THE ACTION TAKEN ON SR 23.** (committee action taken on 2/15/2021)

Discussion:

14:54:12 Chair Kary

14:54:41 Sen. Bennett

14:55:46 Chair Kary

14:55:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Ellis and Sen. Fox voting no. Sen. Cuffe and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

Discussion:

14:56:17 Sen. Vance

14:56:26 Ms. Aldrich, LSD

14:56:36 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved **THAT SR 23 BE NOT ADOPTED AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote, with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Ellis, and Sen. Fox voting no. Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Ellis, and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

14:57:21 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **SR 23 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Ellis and Sen. Fox voting no. Sen. Cuffe and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

HEARING ON SB 232

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:07 Sen. Terry Gauthier (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB232, Revise laws related to highway patrol compensation.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:03:08 Mark Taylor, Association of Montana Troopers

15:06:14 Quint Nyman, deputy executive director, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

15:09:08 Brandon Uhl, Montana Highway Patrol trooper (MHP)

15:10:33 James Humiston, MHP

15:12:08 Gabriel Bernard, MHP

[EXHIBIT\(sts37a01\)](#)

15:14:15 Tyler Brant, MHP

15:20:48 Alex Becken, MHP

15:23:17 Amanda Villa, MHP

[EXHIBIT\(sts37a02\)](#)

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(sts37a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:25:37 Bonnie Shoemaker, Department of Administration (DOA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:26:01 Sen. Osmundson

15:28:20 Mr. Nyman, MFPE

15:30:45 Sen. Osmundson

15:30:52 Sen. Bennett

15:31:22 Mr. Nyman

15:31:52 Chair Kary

15:32:49 Ms. Shoemaker, DOA

15:33:17 Chair Kary

Closing by Sponsor:

15:33:30 Sen. Gauthier

Committee Business:

15:35:50 Chair Kary

15:36:40 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:36:47 Chair Kary

15:36:51 Ms. Aldrich, LSD

15:37:15 Sen. Ellis
 15:37:37 Ms. Aldrich
 15:37:54 Chair Kary
 15:38:00 Ms. Aldrich

HEARING ON SB 229

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:38:32 Sen. Janet Ellis (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB229, Generally revise public record laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:45:20 Rob Cook, Montana Newspaper Association
 15:47:12 Sam Forstag, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:48:46 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns

Informational Testimony:

15:49:57 Nick Domitrovich, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:50:40 Sen. Sales
 15:52:47 Sen. Ellis
 15:52:58 Sen. Bennett
 15:53:31 Sen. Ellis
 15:54:02 Chair Kary
 15:54:20 Sen. Ellis
 15:55:12 Chair Kary
 15:56:06 Mr. Domitrovich, DPHHS
 15:56:29 Chair Kary
 15:58:47 Sen. Ellis
 15:59:17 Chair Kary

Closing by Sponsor:

15:59:37 Sen. Ellis

HEARING ON SB 287

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:01:29 Sen. Walt Sales (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on SB287, Generally revise public project financing laws.

[EXHIBIT\(sts37a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

16:05:05 Cary Hegreberg, CEO, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)
 16:11:31 Chris Puyear, Montana Independent Banking Association
 16:12:16 Aimee Grmoljez, MBA

 16:13:58 Alex Colafrancesco, remote meeting coordinator

16:14:17 Tom Severson, First Interstate Bank
16:16:06 Mike Seppala, Western Security Bank, Billings

Opponents' Testimony:

16:18:07 Megan Holmlund, Department of Administration

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:20:24 Chair Kary
16:20:47 Mr. Hegreberg, MBA
16:21:03 Chair Kary
16:23:57 Ms. Grmoljez, MBA

Closing by Sponsor:

16:24:26 Sen. Sales

16:26:48 Chair Kary

16:26:51 Recess
16:28:44 Reconvened

HEARING ON SB 254

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:28:48 Sen. Mary McNally (D), SD 24, opened the hearing on SB254, Revising daylight savings time.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:32:30 Sen. John Esp, SD 30
16:33:34 George Moncure, Billings
16:36:20 Scott Yates, Lock of the Clock

Opponents' Testimony:

16:41:08 Ross Morgan, citizen

[EXHIBIT\(sts37a05\)](#)

16:47:46 Margaret Morgan, Montana Independent Electrical Contractors

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

16:50:29 Sen. McNally

[EXHIBIT\(sts37a06\)](#)

Committee Business:

16:54:53 Chair Kary

16:55:22 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 16:56:11 Chair Kary
 16:56:15 Ms. Aldrich, LSD

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 24

16:56:43 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SR 24 BE NOT ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

16:57:02 Sen. Bennett
 16:57:12 Chair Kary
 16:57:28 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 16:57:43 Jacelyn Sterling, committee secretary
 16:58:24 Chair Kary
 16:58:47 Ginger Aldrich, LSD

16:59:03 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Bennett made a substitute motion that **SR 24 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Sen. Ellis voted by proxy. Sen. Cuffe and Sen. Osmundson were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 23

17:00:11 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **SR 23 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.** Motion carried 4-1 by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Bennett voted no.

17:00:59 **Motion:** Sen Vance moved that **SR 23 BE NOT ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:01:07 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 17:01:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote, with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Ellis and Sen. Fox voting no. Sen. Cuffe and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

17:02:10 Chair Kary

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:02 PM

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts37aad.pdf](#))