

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Douglas (Doug) Kary, on March 17, 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

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: HB 146, 3/10/2021; HB 221, 3/10/2021; HB 277, 3/10/2021; HB 497, 3/10/2021

HEARING ON HB 221

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:11:47 Rep. Alice Buckley (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB221, Allow campaign contributions to be used for candidate childcare.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:14:37 Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Opponents' Testimony:

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Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:17:00 Sen. Sales
15:18:40 Rep. Buckley
15:18:52 Chair Kary
15:19:23 Mr. Mangan, COPP
15:20:20 Chair Kary
15:22:02 Rep. Buckley
15:22:36 Chair Kary
15:22:46 Mr. Mangan
15:23:05 Sen. Cuffe
15:24:01 Mr. Mangan
15:24:28 Sen. Osmundson
15:24:45 Mr. Mangan
15:24:55 Sen. Sales
15:25:12 Rep. Buckley

15:25:16 Sen. Cuffe left the meeting.

Closing by Sponsor:

15:25:51 Rep. Buckley

HEARING ON HB 146

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:27:04 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB146, Require OBPP to report actual costs to cost projected in fiscal notes.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:30:20 Chair Kary
15:32:11 Rep. Mercer

15:33:27 Chair Kary
15:33:45 Sen. Ellis
15:34:22 Rep. Mercer
15:35:15 Sen. Bennett
15:35:44 Rep. Mercer
15:38:05 Sen. Sales
15:38:39 Rep. Mercer

Closing by Sponsor:

15:39:14 Rep. Mercer

HEARING ON HB 497

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:40:42 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB497, Establish interim budget committees.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:45:57 Sen. Ellis
15:52:20 Rep. Mercer
15:54:08 Sen. Bennett
15:59:43 Rep. Mercer
16:02:09 Sen. Sales
16:02:49 Rep. Mercer
16:05:16 Sen. Sales
16:06:19 Sen. Ellis
16:07:07 Rep. Mercer
16:07:12 Sen. Ellis
16:08:24 Rep. Mercer
16:09:03 Sen. Sales
16:10:58 Rep. Mercer
16:12:17 Sen. Osmundson
16:13:12 Rep. Mercer
16:14:11 Sen. Osmundson
16:14:19 Sen. Cuffe

16:15:13 Sen. Vance entered the meeting.

16:15:26 Rep. Mercer

Closing by Sponsor:

16:16:14 Rep. Mercer

16:17:56 Sen. Kary gave the duties of the Chair to Vice Chair Vance and left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 277

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:18:08 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB277, Provide for a state government performance and results act.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:30:18 Sen. Osmundson

16:30:42 Rep. Mercer

16:33:01 Sen. Ellis

16:33:45 Rep. Mercer

16:35:22 Sen. Ellis

16:36:02 Sen. Bennett

16:37:02 Rep. Mercer

Closing by Sponsor:

16:39:11 Rep. Mercer

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:40 PM

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

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