

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Douglas (Doug) Kary, on March 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. Walt Sales (R)

**Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:**

Sen. Janet Ellis (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch  
Coleen Street, 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 31, 3/12/2021; HB 319, 3/12/2021; HB 506, 3/12/2021

Executive Action: HB 146 Be Concurred In as Amended; HB 176 Be Concurred In as Amended; HB 221 Be Concurred In as Amended

14:33:58 Chair Kary

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 221**

14:34:16 Chair Kary

14:34:37 Sen. Bennett

14:35:36 Chair Kary

14:36:59 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 221 BE CONCURRED IN.**

14:37:06 **Motion:** Sen. Bennett moved that **HB 221 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT(sts55a01)**

**Discussion:**

14:37:30 Sen. Sales

14:37:42 Sen. Bennett

14:38:11 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

14:39:45 Sen. Vance

14:39:51 Ms. Aldrich, LSD

14:40:04 Sen. Vance

14:40:06 Sen. Bennett

14:40:27 Ms. Aldrich

14:41:12 Sen. Bennett

14:41:32 Chair Kary

14:41:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Osmundson and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

14:42:11 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 221 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 6-2 by voice vote with Sen. Osmundson and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Small will carry the bill.

14:42:58 Ms. Aldrich

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 176**

14:43:19 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 176 BE CONCURRED IN.**

14:43:36 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 176 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 7-1 by voice vote with Sen. Bennett voting no. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

**EXHIBIT(sts55a02)**

14:44:28 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 176 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

14:44:44 Chair Kary

14:44:53 Sen. Bennett

14:46:57 Sen. Fox

14:47:24 Sen. Ellis

14:48:45 Sen. Cuffe  
 14:49:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Ellis and Sen. Fox voting no. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Cuffe will carry the bill.

### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 146

14:50:16 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 146 BE CONCURRED IN.**

14:50:29 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **HB 146 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(sts55a03\)](#)

#### Discussion:

14:51:28 Sen. Bennett  
 14:52:13 Sen. Vance  
 14:52:28 Chair Kary  
 14:53:21 Sen. Vance  
 14:53:26 Sen. Sales  
 14:54:01 Sen. Ellis

14:54:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett voting no. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

14:55:09 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 146 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Kary will carry the bill.

#### Discussion:

14:56:22 Sen. Cuffe  
 14:56:36 Chair Kary  
 14:57:25 Recess  
 15:01:15 Reconvened

### HEARING ON HB 31

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:25 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB31, Clarify terminology on military titles and command authority.

#### Proponents' Testimony:

15:02:58 Major General J. Peter Hronek, Department of Military Affairs  
[EXHIBIT\(sts55a04\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

#### Informational Testimony:

15:06:32 Mike Talia, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

#### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:06:56 Chair Kary  
15:07:11 Mr. Talia, DMA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:07:34 Rep. Buttrey

**HEARING ON HB 506**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:08:53 Rep. Paul Fielder (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB506, Generally revise election laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:10:36 Dana Corson, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:12:27 Regina Plettenberg, Clerk and Recorders

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:12:55 Chair Kary  
15:13:30 Mr. Corson, SOS  
15:13:52 Chair Kary  
15:13:58 Mr. Corson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:14:26 Rep. Fielder

**HEARING ON HB 319**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:15:33 Rep. Alice Buckley (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB319, Revise dates for special purpose elections.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:18:13 Anna Saverud, assistant city attorney, Bozeman  
15:18:28 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders (MACR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:18:50 Sen. Sales  
15:19:16 Rep. Buckley  
15:19:34 Ms. Plettenberg, MACR  
15:20:50 Chair Kary  
15:21:22 Ms. Plettenberg  
15:22:01 Chair Kary

15:22:38 Ms. Plettenberg  
15:24:30 Chair Kary  
15:24:38 Ms. Saverud, Bozeman  
15:25:38 Chair Kary  
15:26:25 Ms. Saverud

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:26:55 Rep. Buckley

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:28 PM

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Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sts55aad.pdf](#))