

## MINUTES

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Douglas (Doug) Kary, on March 24, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present in the Committee Room:**

Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary, Chair (R)  
Sen. Gordon Vance, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Sen. Walt Sales (R)

**Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:**

Sen. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)  
Sen. Mike Fox (D)

**Members Excused:**

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: HB 477, 3/17/2021; HB 469, 3/17/2021; HB 483, 3/17/2021; HJ 9, 3/17/2021

**HEARING ON HB 447****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:02:26 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB447, Generally revising laws related to legislative oversight of administrative rules.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:06:58 Nick Domitrovich, chief legal council, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:08:00 Sen. Ellis  
15:12:29 Rep. Mercer  
15:13:49 Chair Kary  
15:14:21 Rep. Mercer  
15:16:47 Chair Kary  
15:18:45 Mr. Domitrovich, DPHHS  
15:21:10 Chair Kary  
15:21:17 Mr. Domitrovich  
15:21:48 Chair Kary  
15:23:02 Rep. Mercer  
15:25:45 Chair Kary  
15:26:23 Rep. Mercer  
15:26:34 Chair Kary  
16:26:38 Mr. Domitrovich  
15:28:01 Sen. Ellis  
  
15:28:04 Sen. Sales left the meeting.  
  
15:29:11 Rep. Mercer  
15:32:23 Sen. Ellis  
15:33:47 Rep. Mercer  
15:34:22 Sen. Esp  
15:34:48 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division  
15:37:58 Rep. Mercer

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:38:23 Rep. Mercer

**HEARING ON HB 469****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:39:53 Rep. Sara Novak (D), HD 77, opened the hearing on HB469, Allow emergency funds to be used for the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

**EXHIBIT(sts58a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:44:43 Dave Maslowski, Montana State Council of Professional Firefighters

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:47:15 Delila Bruno, Montana Disaster and Emergency Services (MTDES)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:47:38 Chair Kary  
15:48:04 Ms. Bruno, MTDES  
15:48:28 Chair Kary  
15:48:53 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
15:49:03 Chair Kary  
15:49:14 Sen. Bennett  
15:49:34 Ms. Aldrich, LSD  
15:50:12 Chair Kary  
15:53:26 Rep. Novak  
15:53:52 Chair Kary  
15:54:24 Ms. Bruno  
15:55:40 Sen. Ellis  
15:57:23 Ms. Bruno

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:59:12 Rep. Novak

**HEARING ON HB 483**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:00:20 Rep. Casey Knudsen (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB483, Generally revise laws related to the legislature.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:01:43 Sen. Ellis  
16:04:04 Rep. Knudsen  
16:04:26 Sen. Cuffe  
16:05:06 Rep. Knudsen  
16:07:08 Sen. Cuffe  
16:07:46 Sen. Ellis  
16:08:21 Rep. Knudsen  
16:09:30 Sen. Ellis

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:09:40 Rep. Knudsen

16:12:24 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division

**HEARING ON HJ 9**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:13:14 Rep. Ron Marshall (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HJ9, A joint resolution on endless foreign intervention.

**[EXHIBIT\(sts58a02\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:16:56 Chris Enget, Concerned Veterans of America

**[EXHIBIT\(sts58a03\)](#)**

16:21:32 Henry Kriegel, Americans For Prosperity

16:25:27 Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard; Department of the American Legion

16:27:31 David Eckroth, veteran

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:28:39 Chair Kary

16:28:54 Rep. Marshall

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:29:23 Rep. Marshall

**Committee Business:**

16:31:48 Sen. Cuffe

16:31:58 Chair Kary

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:33 PM

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Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sts58aad.pdf](#))