

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Mike Cuffe-R, on January 30, 2023 at 2:59 PM, in 335

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Mike Cuffe, Chair (R)
Sen. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)
Sen. Mark Noland (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Dan Bartel (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Denise Hayman (D)

Staff Present: Joe Carroll, Attorney
Daisy Rhodes, 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 164 01/26/2023

SB 175 01/26/2023

SB 176 01/27/2023

Executive Action:

SB 164 DO PASS

16:19:19

Committee Discussion:

16:19:20 Sen. Mike Cuffe

16:21:03 Joe Carroll

16:21:52 Sen. Mike Cuffe

HEARING ON SB 164 - Name MHP headquarters for Kris Hansen

Opening Statement:

15:00:55 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 164, Name MHP headquarters for Kris Hansen.

Proponent Testimony:

15:02:54 Austin Knudsen, Montana Department of Justice (MT DOJ)

15:05:20 Steve Lavin, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)

15:07:10 Bowen Greenwood, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:02:03 Sen. Bartel has arrived

15:09:15 Sen. Wendy McKamey

15:10:43 Sen. Mike Cuffe

15:12:48 Sen. Dan Bartel

Closing Statement:

15:13:05 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, closed the hearing on SB 164.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 164 - Name MHP headquarters for Kris Hansen

15:14:56 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 164 DO PASS.**

15:14:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

HEARING ON SB 175 - Generally revise economic laws related to public works contracts

Opening Statement:

15:20:17 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), SD 84, opened the hearing on SB 175, Generally revise economic laws related to public works contracts.

Proponent Testimony:

15:22:31 Adam Haight, Laborers' Local Union (IUOE #1686)

15:25:15 Amanda Frickle, Montana American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (MT AFL-CIO)

15:27:50 Al Ekblad, International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE #400)

15:29:20 Mario Martinez, Northwest Carpenters Union

15:30:38 Linda Beischel, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:16:50 Recessed

15:20:03 Reconvened

15:33:51 Sen. Mark Noland

15:35:07 Adam Haight, IUOE #1686

15:36:32 Sen. Wendy McKamey
15:38:04 Adam Haight, IUOE #1686
15:39:07 Sen. Mark Noland
15:39:57 Adam Haight, IUOE #1686
15:40:31 Sen. Theresa Manzella
15:43:56 Adam Haight, IUOE #1686
15:45:07 Sen. Mike Cuffe
15:45:23 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell-D
15:46:33 Sen. Mike Cuffe
15:47:34 Amanda Frickle, MT AFL-CIO
15:50:24 Adam Haight, IUOE #1686
15:51:56 Sen. Mike Cuffe
15:54:33 Adam Haight, IUOE #1686
15:54:55 Sen. Wendy McKamey
15:55:11 Sen. Mike Cuffe
15:55:37 Adam Haight, IUOE #1686
15:56:03 Sen. Dan Bartel
15:56:26 Adam Haight, IUOE #1686

Closing Statement:

15:57:01 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), SD 84, closed the hearing on SB 175.

HEARING ON SB 176 - Revise interim and statutory committee membership

Opening Statement:

15:59:04 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 176, Revise interim and statutory committee membership.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

16:03:11 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:05:42 Sen. Theresa Manzella

16:06:08 Sen. Keith Regier-R

16:06:26 Sen. Dan Bartel

16:06:57 Sen. Keith Regier-R

16:07:33 Sen. Mike Cuffe

16:08:06 Sen. Keith Regier-R

16:09:36 Sen. Shelley Vance

16:10:20 Sen. Keith Regier-R

16:10:26 Sen. Mike Cuffe

16:10:45 Sen. Mike Fox

16:12:04 Sen. Keith Regier-R

16:13:05 Sen. Mike Cuffe

16:15:08 Anne Hedges, MEIC

16:16:54 Sen. Mike Cuffe

Closing Statement:

16:17:22 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, closed the hearing on SB 176.

Discussion:

16:19:19

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:22:35

Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230130STSaad\)](#)