

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

Call to Order: Chair Mike Cuffe-R, on February 03, 2023 at 2:35 PM, in 335

ROLL CALL

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

Members Excused: Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)

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 222 01/31/2023

Executive Action:

SB 153 DO PASS
SB 117 POSTPONE FURTHER
ACTION ON SB117
SB 175 TO TABLE
SB 176 DO PASS

14:38:04 **Committee Discussion:** Chairman Cuffe Announcement

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 153 - Revise ballot initiative laws

14:39:14 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 153 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

Discussion:

14:38:55 Chair Mike Cuffe

14:39:25 Sen. Theresa Manzella

14:39:40 Chair Mike Cuffe

14:39:14 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

14:40:30 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 153 DO PASS.**

14:40:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 117 - Prohibiting use of certain funds for conducting an election

14:41:19 **Motion:** Sen. Shelley Vance moved that **SB 117 MOVE TO RECOCIDER.**

Discussion:

14:42:09 Chair Mike Cuffe

14:42:44 Sen. Shelley Vance

14:41:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

14:43:15 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Shelley Vance moved that **SB 117 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

14:43:34 Sen. Janet Ellis

14:44:21 Sen. Shelley Vance

14:47:23 Chair Mike Cuffe

14:48:23 Sen. Mike Fox

14:49:08 Sen. Dan Bartel

14:49:37 Sen. Shelley Vance

14:50:03 Sen. Janet Ellis

14:50:41 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
14:51:21 Chair Mike Cuffe
14:51:45 Sen. Shelley Vance
14:51:51 Joe Carroll
14:52:31 Sen. Theresa Manzella
14:53:42 **Motion:** Sen. Shelley Vance moved that **SB 117 POSTPONE FURTHER ACTION ON SB117.**
14:53:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

14:54:56 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 175 DO PASS.**
Discussion:
14:55:02 Joe Carroll
14:55:23 Chair Mike Cuffe
14:55:53 Sen. Janet Ellis
14:56:12 Chair Mike Cuffe
14:56:51 Eric Straus, Department of Labor and Industry
14:58:52 Chair Mike Cuffe
14:59:02 Sen. Theresa Manzella
15:00:24 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
15:01:10 Chair Mike Cuffe
15:01:19 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
15:01:30 Joe Carroll
15:02:17 Sponsor
15:02:33 Chair Mike Cuffe
14:54:56 **Vote:** Motion failed 6 - 4 by voice vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Fox, Sen. Hayman, Sen. McKamey, voting yes.
15:04:06 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 175 TO TABLE.**
15:04:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 3 by voice vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Fox, Sen. Hayman, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 176 - Revise interim and statutory committee membership

15:05:11 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 176 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:05:21 Joe Carroll

15:05:51 Vice Chair Denise Hayman

15:08:22 Sen. Mark Noland

15:08:43 Sen. Janet Ellis

15:10:03 Chair Mike Cuffe

15:05:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Fox, Sen. Hayman, voting no.

HEARING ON SB 222 - Establish the Montana Individual Freedom Act

Opening Statement:

15:12:32 Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 222, Establish the Montana Individual Freedom Act.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230203STSa1\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

15:15:34 Don Harris, Department of Administration (DOA)

15:18:58 Lyla Brown, Forward Montana

15:21:16 Angelina Gonzalez-Aller, Executive Director, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)

15:24:18 Meshayla Cox, Co-Equity Consulting

15:27:46 Marsha Christine Young-Greer, The Montana Racial Equity Project (MTREP)

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:32:30 Sen. Janet Ellis
15:33:05 Don Harris, DOA
15:33:25 Sen. Janet Ellis
15:34:26 Sen. Jeremy Trebas-R
15:34:55 Vice Chair Denise Hayman
15:35:52 Sen. Jeremy Trebas-R
15:36:42 Vice Chair Denise Hayman
15:37:35 Sen. Theresa Manzella
15:38:44 Sen. Jeremy Trebas-R
15:39:16 Sen. Mark Noland
15:41:07 Sen. Jeremy Trebas-R
15:41:08 Sen. Mark Noland
15:41:24 Don Harris, DOA
15:41:39 Chair Mike Cuffe
15:43:32 Sen. Janet Ellis
15:44:16 Angelina Gonzalez-Aller, MHRN

Closing Statement:

15:45:11 Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R), SD 26, closed the hearing on SB 222.

15:46:31 **Committee Discussion:**

15:47:54 Joe Carroll
15:48:06 Chair Mike Cuffe
15:48:07 Sen. Shelley Vance
15:48:24 Chair Mike Cuffe

15:50:19 Joe Carroll
15:51:23 Chair Mike Cuffe
15:54:34 Joe Carroll
15:55:15 Vice Chair Denise Hayman
15:56:52 Chair Mike Cuffe

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:58:11

Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230203STSaad\)](#)