

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

Call to Order: Chair Mike Cuffe-R, on February 06, 2023 at 3:02 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. Janet Ellis (D)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)
Sen. Mark Noland (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Dan Bartel (R)

Staff Present: Joe Carroll, Attorney
Cy Walsh, 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:

Executive Action:

SB 176 DO PASS AS AMENDED
SB 189 TO TABLE
SB 190 DO PASS

15:03:13 **Committee Discussion:** General Discussion

15:03:23 Chair Mike Cuffe

15:03:47 Joe Carroll

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

15:05:50 **Motion:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 176 RECONSIDER ACTION.**

15:05:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 8 - 2 by voice vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Hayman, voting no.

15:07:18 **Motion:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 176 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:07:52 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

15:09:33 Sen. Theresa Manzella

15:09:48 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

15:10:15 Vice Chair Denise Hayman

15:07:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Fox, Sen. Hayman, voting no.

15:13:02 **Motion:** Vice Chair Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 176 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:13:19 Sen. Janet Ellis

15:14:12 Sen. Theresa Manzella

15:15:24 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

15:17:34 Chair Mike Cuffe

15:13:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Fox, Sen. Hayman, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 189 - Supermajority vote of Legislature to hold certain special elections by mail

15:22:55 **Motion:** Sen. Theresa Manzella moved that **SB 189 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:22:10 Sen. Theresa Manzella

15:22:16 Chair Mike Cuffe
15:22:21 Joe Carroll
15:22:30 Vice Chair Denise Hayman
15:22:38 Sen. Janet Ellis
15:22:52 Sen. Theresa Manzella
15:22:57 Joe Carroll
15:24:01 **Motion:** Sen. Theresa Manzella moved that **SB 189 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:25:18 Sen. Shelley Vance
15:25:42 Sen. Theresa Manzella
15:26:08 Sen. Shelley Vance
15:26:31 Joe Carroll
15:27:05 Sen. Janet Ellis
15:24:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
15:27:55 **Motion:** Chair Mike Cuffe moved that **SB 189 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:29:18 Vice Chair Denise Hayman
15:30:14 Joe Carroll
15:30:25 Chair Mike Cuffe
15:30:38 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick
15:31:40 Sen. Theresa Manzella
15:33:16 Sen. Shelley Vance
15:37:52 Sen. Theresa Manzella
15:38:43 Chair Mike Cuffe
15:39:05 Sen. Janet Ellis
15:27:09 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Fox, Sen. Hayman, voting no.
15:40:19 **Motion:** Vice Chair Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 189 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:40:56 Sen. Janet Ellis
15:41:34 Sen. Theresa Manzella
15:41:46 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
15:43:33 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick
15:44:34 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
15:44:52 Chair Mike Cuffe
15:45:02 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick
15:45:27 Sen. Theresa Manzella
15:46:21 Sen. Dan Bartel
15:46:37 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick
15:40:35 **Vote:** Motion tied 5 - 5 roll call vote
15:47:58 **Motion:** Vice Chair Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 189 TO TABLE.**
15:47:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 9 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. Manzella, voting no.
15:28:56 Sen. Bartel has arrived

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 190 - Generally revise election laws related to recounts

15:48:55 **Motion:** Vice Chair Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 190 DO PASS.**
15:48:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 9 - 1 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, voting no.

15:50:11 **Committee Discussion:** General Discussion
15:50:11 Chair Mike Cuffe
15:50:40 Joe Carroll
15:53:04 Sen. Janet Ellis
15:53:40 Joe Carroll
15:54:47 Sen. Janet Ellis
15:55:23 Joe Carroll
15:56:22 Sen. Janet Ellis

15:57:07 Chair Mike Cuffe
15:57:24 Vice Chair Denise Hayman
15:57:32 Chair Mike Cuffe
15:57:48 Sen. Dan Bartel
15:58:41 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
15:58:59 Sen. Dan Bartel
15:59:25 Chair Mike Cuffe
16:00:02 Sen. Janet Ellis
16:00:24 Chair Mike Cuffe
16:01:38 Joe Carroll
16:02:45 Chair Mike Cuffe
16:05:07 Sen. Janet Ellis
16:05:53 Chair Mike Cuffe

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:06:29

Cy Walsh, Secretary

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