

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

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Mike Lang-R, on February 14, 2023 at 8:03 AM, in 335

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Mike Lang, Chair (R)
Sen. John Esp, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Research Analyst
Jacelyn Sterling, 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 150 02/10/2023
SB 193 02/10/2023
SB 233 02/10/2023

Executive Action:

HB 150

HEARING ON HB 150 - Revise legislative constituent services allowance laws

Opening Statement:

08:03:50 Rep. Kim Abbott (D), HD 83, opened the hearing on HB 150, Revise legislative constituent services allowance laws.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

08:05:39 Rep. Kim Abbott (D), HD 83, closed the hearing on HB 150.

HEARING ON SB 193 - Require legal review notes be provided to the legislature and the public

Opening Statement:

08:06:05 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), SD 84, opened the hearing on SB 193, Require legal review notes be provided to the legislature and the public.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230214LESa1\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

08:08:32 Hal Harper, self

08:12:33 Patrick Yawakie, Black Feet Tribe

08:13:19 Senator Andrea Olsen, SD 50 Missoula

Opponent Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:16:11 Sen. John Esp
08:16:47 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick left the meeting.
08:17:02 Hal Harper
08:17:14 Sen. Mike Lang
08:18:33 Sen. John Esp
08:19:01 Todd Everts
08:19:49 Sen. John Esp
08:20:27 Todd Everts
08:22:52 Sen. John Esp
08:22:59 Todd Everts
08:24:08 Sen. Mike Lang
08:24:31 Todd Everts
08:27:43 Sen. Mike Lang
08:28:03 Todd Everts

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:17:32 Todd Everts, Chief Legal Council

[EXHIBIT\(230214LESa2\)](#)

Closing Statement:

08:28:44 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), SD 84, closed the hearing on SB 193.

HEARING ON SB 233 - Enhance legislative understanding of state-tribal relations

Opening Statement:

08:29:55 Sen. Shane Morigeau (D), SD 95, opened the hearing on SB 233,
Enhance legislative understanding of state-tribal relations.

Proponent Testimony:

08:37:48 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe
[EXHIBIT\(230214LESa3\)](#)

08:39:03 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov left the meeting.

08:41:43 Keegan Medrano, American Civil Liberties Union

08:45:46 Jade Bahr, Montana Budget and Policy Center

08:46:56 Mark Baker, ABS Legal

08:48:53 Ta'Jin Perez, Director, Western Native Voice

08:53:00 Sue Cliff, self
[EXHIBIT\(230214LESa4\)](#)

08:54:38 Alyssa Kelly, American Civil Liberties Union

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:56:32 Sen. John Esp

08:57:10 Sen. Shane Morigeau-D

08:57:53 Sen. John Esp

08:58:13 Sen. Shane Morigeau-D

08:58:35 Sen. John Esp

Closing Statement:

08:58:48 Sen. Shane Morigeau (D), SD 95, closed the hearing on SB 233.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 150 - Revise legislative constituent services allowance laws

09:01:44 **Motion:** Sen. John Esp moved that **HB 150 BE CONCURRED IN.**

09:01:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:01:44 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Mike Lang

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:02:56

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230214LESaad\)](#)