



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL 69th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

October 29, 2024
Room 137
Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Matt Regier, Presiding Officer (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers, Vice Presiding Officer (D)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Derek Harvey (D)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Rep. Alice Buckley (D)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Allison Dunbar, Secretary
Todd Everts, Legal Division

Director
Jerry Howe, Executive Director
Candace Radovich, Secretary

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

VISITORS' LIST ([Attachment 2](#))

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

10:01:24 Vice Presiding Officer Pat Flowers called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

10:02:22 Jerry Howe, Executive Director, Legislative Services

10:04:58 Sen. Kenneth Bogner

Committee Questions/Discussion

10:13:12 Vice Presiding Officer Pat Flowers

10:13:55 Rep. Derek Harvey

10:14:25 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

10:15:47 Sen. Jason Ellsworth

10:16:42 Dale Gow, Chief Information Officer, Legislative Fiscal Division

10:16:57 Sen. Jason Ellsworth

BILL EXPLORER DEMONSTRATION

10:20:41 Audrey Hinman, Operations Services Manager, OLIS

Committee Questions/Discussion

10:38:50 Presiding Officer Matt Regier

10:40:58 Vice Presiding Officer Pat Flowers

10:44:33 Jerry Howe, LSD

PRESENTATION OF OBPP AGENCY BILL DRAFT REQUESTS

10:45:19 Amy Sassano, Deputy Budget Director, Office of Budget, and program Planning
[EXHIBIT 1](#)

Motion

10:46:55 Rep. Kim Abbott moved the council accept bill draft requests HB2-HB15.

Vote

10:47:23 Carried unanimously by voice vote.

RULES SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT/PROPOSED RULES RECOMMENDATIONS

10:47:46 Todd Everts, Legal Services Director/Code Commissioner (LSD)

[EXHIBIT 2](#)

[EXHIBIT 3](#)

Committee Questions/Discussion

10:56:45 Vice Presiding Officer Pat Flowers

10:57:01 Todd Everts, LSD

RULES SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT/PROPOSED RULES RECOMMENDATIONS- Continued

10:58:10 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

Committee Questions/Discussion

11:01:43 Rep. Sue Vinton
11:02:35 Presiding Officer Matt Regier
11:04:19 Todd Everts
11:08:53 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick
11:10:14 Rep. Kim Abbott
11:10:36 Vice Presiding Officer Pat Flowers
11:15:42 Todd Everts

Motion

11:22:06 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick moved to adopt proposed changes to the rules.

Vote

11:22:21 Carried unanimously by voice vote.

FINANCE OFFICE HIRING UPDATE

11:22:33 Angie Carter, Financial Manager Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Committee Questions/Discussion

11:25:26 Presiding Officer Matt Regier
11:25:33 Angie Carter, LSD

Motion

11:26:42 Vice Presiding Pat Flowers moved to approve the 50k for FHRO to come out of HB856.

Discussion on the Motion

11:27:11 Sen. Kenneth Bogner
11:30:58 Presiding Officer Matt Regier
11:33:28 Rep. Sue Vinton

Substitute Motion

11:35:15 Vice Presiding Officer Pat Flowers made a substitute motion to change the fund and split it between House and Senate instead of HB856.

Vote

11:35:15 Carried 11 to 1 by voice vote with Sen. Bogner voting no.

Discussion

11:35:50 Sen. Kenneth Bogner
11:36:39 Rep. Sue Vinton
11:38:16 Presiding Officer Matt Regier

LEGISLATIVE SPACE WORKGROUP REPORT

11:39:11 Rep. Sue Vinton
[EXHIBIT 4](#)

Committee Questions/Discussion

12:16:21 Presiding Officer Matt Regier

12:16:30 Rep. Sue Vinton

Motion

12:19:13 Rep. Mary Knudsen moved to authorize implementation of the work group that provides additional legislative hearing room, conference room, associate relocation.

Vote

12:19:38 Carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion

12:20:47 Rep. Mary Knudsen moved to authorize all Mid-Range Legislative Space Improvement Subcommittee to be an advisory committee during the renovations and brining documents necessary to approve renovations that were passed on 10/29.

Discussion on the motion

12:21:29 Presiding Officer Matt Regier

12:22:32 Rep. Sue Vinton

12:23:07 Vice Presiding Pat Flowers

12:23:30 Rep. Derek Harvey

12:23:41 Sen. Kenneth Bogner

12:23:55 Presiding Officer Matt Regier

Vote

12:24:23 Carried unanimously by voice vote.

12:24:38 **Recess**

12:33:20 **Reconvene**

PD 30 Bill Draft HB 856

12:34:04 Todd Everts
[EXHIBIT 5](#)

Committee Questions/Discussion

12:34:41 Vice Presiding Officer Pat Flowers

Motion

12:35:22 Vice Presiding Officer Pat Flowers made a motion to approve PD30 as it applies to the long-range plan.

Vote

12:35:41 Carried 11-1 by voice vote with Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick voting no.

PROPOSED PRICING FOR SESSION PROCEDURES

12:36:13 Todd Everts
[EXHIBIT 6](#)

Motion

12:37:22 Vice Presiding Officer Pat Flowers moved to approve the Proposed price for session proceedings 2025.
(see EXHIBIT 6)

Vote

12:37:40 Carried unanimously by voice vote.

LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

12:37:55 Legislative Calendar
EXHIBIT 7

Committee Questions/Discussion

12:38:09 Rep. Kim Abbott
12:39:02 Sen. Kenneth Bogner
12:40:02 Presiding Officer Matt Regier
12:40:36 Rep. Sue Vinton
12:41:23 Sen. Kenneth Bogner
12:41:47 Rep. Mary Knudsen
12:42:16 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick
12:43:19 Presiding Officer Matt Regier
12:44:12 Rep. Sue Vinton
12:44:33 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick
12:45:44 Vice Presiding Officer Pat Flowers

Motion

12:47:00 Sen. Bogner adopt proposed session calendar with the following adjustments
March 10 as legislative day 49; Saturdays after 15-22-29 and April 5 take those Saturdays out.

Vote

12:52:04 Tied 6-6 by a roll call vote.

Motion

12:53:13 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick moved to approve the Legislative Calendar the way it is.

Discussion on the motion

12:58:00 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

Vote

12:53:19 Carried unanimously by voice vote

PUBLIC COMMENT

12:53:19 Joshua Butterfly, Prayer Warriors Tribal Council

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 13:04:15