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**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN MATT DENNY, on January 8, 1997, at 8:00 a.m., in room 420.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Matt Denny, Chairman (R)
Rep. Matt Brainard, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)
Rep. Antoinette R. Hagener, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)
Rep. Haley Beaudry (R)
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)
Rep. Harriet Hayne (R)
Rep. George Heavy Runner (D)
Rep. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Rep. Norm Mills (R)
Rep. Doug Mood (R)
Rep. William Rehbein, Jr. (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Dorothy C. Simpson (D)
Rep. Allan Walters (R)
Rep. Bill Whitehead (D)

Members Excused: none

Members Absent: Rep. Tim Dowell

Staff Present: Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Services Division
Keri Burkhardt, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 26/posted 1-3-97
Executive Action: none

HEARING ON HB 26

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 12; Comments: None.}

Sponsor: Rep. John Cobb, house district 50, gave opening statement on HB 26; placement of a name on the ballot for the presidential preference primary.

EXHIBIT 1

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{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15; Comments: Different qualifications in other states for presidential primaries.}

EXHIBIT 2

{Tape:1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16; Comments: Table of individual contributions (of \$200 or more) by the state for each candidate.}

EXHIBIT 3

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17; Comments: Amendment rewrite (line 23 through 26.)}

EXHIBIT 4

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 18; Comments: Chart of recipients of public funding from 1992 presidential election.}

Proponents: Joe Kerwin, Chief of Elections and Legislative Bureau, representing secretary of state, gave testimony in support of HB 26.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19; Comments: None.}

QUESTIONS

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22;; Comments: Rep. Norm Mills questions the use of, "may" as apposed to, "shall."}

CLOSING

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24; Comments: Rep. Cobb makes his closing statement on HB 26.}

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25; Comments: Rep. Denny closes hearing on HB 26.}

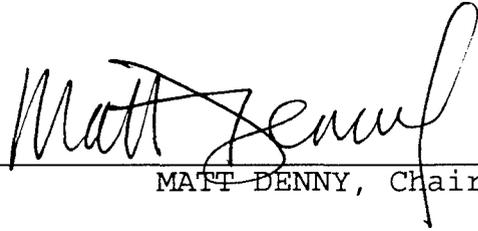
DISCUSSION

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26; Comments: Rep. Denny discusses committees coffee fund, proxy voting, and new minute taking procedures.}

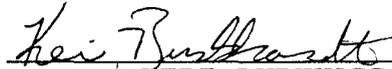
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:31 a.m.



MATT DENNY, Chairman



KERI BURKHARDT, Secretary

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