

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN MATT DENNY**, on January 15, 1997, at 9:00 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:** None

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

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 106, HB 85, HB 36; (1/9/97)  
Executive Action: HB 123, HB 72, HB 19

**HEARING ON HB 36**

**Sponsor:** REP. DAVID EWER, H.D. 53.

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**Proponents:**

Carroll South, Executive Director, Board of Investments,  
Department of Commerce, EXHIBIT 1.

*{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 2.6; Comments: None.}*

**Peter Blouke, Director, Department of Commerce.**

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 5.6; Comments: None.}

Opponents: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 6.1 through 27.2;  
Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. EWER closes.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 27.2; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 85

Sponsor: REP. HAL HARPER, H.D. 52.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 1.1; Comments: None.}

Proponents:

Joe Kerwin, Director of Elections and Legislative Bureau,  
Secretary of State.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 3.3; Comments: None.}

Deborah Smith, Montana Common Cause.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 6.8; Comments: None.}

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony:

Ed Argenbright, Commissioner of Political Practice.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 9.3; Comments: None..}

Dulcy Hubbert, Office Administrator, Commissioner of Political  
Practice.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 11.6; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 7.4 through 12.3;  
Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. HARPER closes.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 12.4; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON 106

Sponsor: REP. HAL HARPER, H.D. 52.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 13.4; Comments: None.}

Proponents:

Joe Kerwin, Director of Elections and Legislative Bureau,  
Secretary of State.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 15.1; Comments: None.}

**Robert Throssell, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders.**  
{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 16.7; Comments: None.}

Opponents: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 19.4 through end of tape;  
Comments: None.}

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: .1 through 18.3; Comments:  
None.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. HARPER closes.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 18.3; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 123

Motion: REP. REHBEIN MOVED DO PASS ON HB 123.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 21.5; Comments: None.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 22; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion carried 16-0.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 28; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 72

Motion: REP. HAGENER MOVED DO PASS ON HB 72.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 28.7; Comments: None.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 28.7 through 30.4;  
Comments: None.}

Amendments: REP. MILLS MOVED TO AMEND HB 72, EXHIBIT 2.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 30.4; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: REP. MILLS MOVED TO DO PASS AS AMENDED/ Motion  
carried 16-0.

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: .9; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 19

Amendments: REP. BRAINARD MOVED TO AMEND HB 19, EXHIBIT 3.

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 2.3; Comments: None.}

Motion: REP. HAGENER MOVED DO PASS OF HB 13.

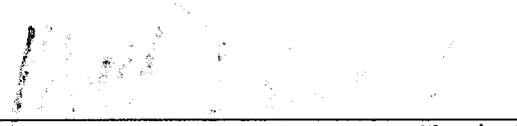
{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 2.1; Comments: None.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 2.4 through 16.9;  
Comments: Executive Action on HB 19 was postponed for further  
information from the staff.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:00 a.m.

  
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Rep. Matt Denny, Chairman

  
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Keri Burkhardt, Secretary

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