

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN MATT DENNY**, on March 11, 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)

Members Excused: Rep. Bill Whitehead (D)

Members Absent: None.

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SJ 6, SB 361, SB 367; (3/5/97)
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON SJ 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. FRED THOMAS, S.D. 31.
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: .1; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Mike Cooney, Secretary of State.
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 2.9; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

Betty Lund, Clerk and Recorder, Election Administrator, Ravalli County.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 4.1 through 16.5;
Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. THOMAS closes.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 14.4; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON SB 361

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. STEVE BENEDICT, S.D. 30.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 17.6; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Robert Throssell, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 20.2; Comments: None.}

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

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 22.2; Comments: None.}

Duane Winslow, Election Administrator, Yellowstone County.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 23; Comments: None.}

Betty Lund, Clerk and Recorder, Election Administrator, Ravalli County.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 24.1; Comments: None.}

Sue Haverfield, Clerk and Recorder, Election Administrator, Flathead County.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 26.7; Comments: None.}

Gail Davis, Election Administrator, Glacier County.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 28.2; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 29 through 11.2 (1/b);
Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. BENEDICT closes.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 11.2; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON SB 367

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. SUE BARTLETT S.D. 27.

EXHIBIT 1,2,3.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 15.4; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Mike Cooney, Secretary of State.

EXHIBIT 4.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 2.7; Comments: None.}

Irene Theurer, AARP.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 8.7; Comments: None.}

Tara Mele, MontPIRG.

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 9.4; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

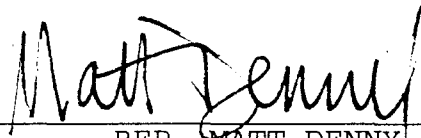
{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 10 through 3.3 (2/b);
Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. BARTLETT closes.

{Tape: 2; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 3.3; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:37 a.m.



REP. MATT DENNY, Chairman



KERI BURKHARDT, Secretary

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