



State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee
62nd Montana Legislature

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MINUTES

TELECONFERENCE

July 6, 2011

Room 137, Capitol Building
Helena, MT

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

SEN. RON ARTHUN
SEN. LARRY JENT
SEN. KENDALL VAN DYK
REP. JOANNE BLYTON
REP. PAT INGRAHAM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED

SEN. DAVE LEWIS
REP. BRYCE BENNETT
REP. KATHY SWANSON

STAFF PRESENT

MEGAN MOORE, Lead Staff
Cj JOHNSON, Secretary

Visitors

Roxanne Menahan, MPERA, Department of Administration

COMMITTEE ACTION

- The SAVA members voted to allow \$1,200 each for Sen. Jent and Sen. Arthun to attend the NCSL conference in San Antonio, Texas, in August 2011. If no additional funds were found, either member could decide not to attend, and the allocated \$1,200 would revert back to the SAVA budget.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

00:00:01 Rep. Ingraham called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Megan Moore took roll.

00:00:46 Ms. Moore summarized the July 5, 2011, teleconference meeting.

00:02:05 Rep. Ingraham asked if Sen. Jent was able to ask leadership about getting some funding from them. Sen. Jent said he was not able to find out any information about funding from leadership at this time. Sen. Arthun said that if he doesn't get any funding from leadership he may decide not to attend.

Motion

00:04:53 Rep. Blyton **moved** to allocate \$1,200 each from the SAVA budget for Sen. Jent and Sen. Arthun to attend the NCSL conference and if there are no scholarships available and they find it cumbersome to attend the conference, they would be released from that obligation and the funds would revert back to the SAVA budget for use at a later time.

00:05:55 The motion **passed** unanimously on a voice vote with Sen. Lewis voting aye by proxy.

Adjournment

00:07:07 Rep. Ingraham adjourned the meeting at 8:43 a.m.

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