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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

SEN. DEE BROWN, Chair
REP. BRYCE BENNETT, Vice Chair

SEN. LARRY JENT
SEN. DAVE LEWIS
SEN. SUE MALEK

REP. JOANNE BLYTON
REP. DOUG KARY
REP. KATHY SWANSON

STAFF PRESENT

SHERI SCURR, Lead Staff
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AGENDA & VISITORS' LIST

Agenda, Attachment #1.
Visitors' list, Attachment #2.

COMMITTEE ACTION

- Requested that staff include certain specified information in the summary tables ("Green Sheets") of the statewide public employee retirement systems.
- Adopted amended pension policy principles and approved not adopting a list of specific pension policy guidelines.
- Approved having legislative staff publish an updated Legislator's Guide to the Montana Public Retirement Plans and provided instructions to staff on what was to be updated or included.
- Approved having legislative staff provide a Pension Quick Note by the Legislative Fiscal Division and a summary table by the Legislative Services Division research staff of a pension bill fiscal note for any complex pension funding bills being considered during the 2015 Legislative Session.
- Amended and approved LC0332, a committee bill revising the allocation of employer contributions in the Public Employees' Retirement System Defined Contribution (PERS-DC) retirement plan and for university system employees who choose the Montana University System Retirement Program rather than the PERS-DC plan.
- Amended and approved LC0143, the committee's bill generally revising election laws.
- Approved a letter from the committee to the House Appropriation's Committee during the 2015 Legislative Session requesting that the House Appropriations Committee approve funding in the Montana Veterans Affairs Division budget for a new Veterans Service Office in Glasgow.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

- 00:00:42 SEN. BROWN called the meeting to order at 8:33a.m, the secretary then took the roll. Attachment #3
- 00:01:38 SEN. BROWN recognized and thanked Senator Jent and Representative Blyton for their efforts in the legislature in the past.

REVIEW OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON PENSION PLAN GREEN SHEETS

- 00:02:33 **Sheri Scurr**, Legislative Research Analyst, provided an overview of the information provided to the committee regarding FY 2014 Actuarial Valuations **(EXHIBIT 1)**.

Committee Questions

00:08:34 SEN. BROWN asked about funding regarding the coal tax and retirement plans
00:09:19 Ms. Scurr - SEN. BROWN
00:11:27 SEN. MALEK asked about contribution specifics
00:11:59 Ms. Scurr
00:12:30 SEN. MALEK asked about 100% funded scenarios
00:13:28 Ms. Scurr - SEN. MALEK
00:14:44 SEN. LEWIS made reference to a letter from MPERA regarding FY 2014 contributions and investment income (**EXHIBIT 2**). He then spoke of another letter from TRS about contributions and benefits (**EXHIBIT 3**).
00:18:02 SEN. JENT provided information to the committee about the complexity of retirement plans.
00:24:00 SEN. BROWN asked Ms. Scurr to explain the General Fund contributions.
00:24:06 Ms. Scurr
00:26:22 SEN. BROWN

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (TRS) - ACTUARIAL VALUATION RESULTS

00:26:36 **Shawn Graham**, Executive Director, distributed a packet containing results from the FY2014 valuation of TRS, he then explained the information within the packet (**EXHIBIT 4**).

Committee Questions

00:33:57 SEN. BROWN - Mr. Graham

00:35:12 Mr. Graham continued his presentation on TRS Valuation Results.

Committee Questions

00:37:24 REP. BENNETT asked about progress toward 100% funding

00:37:41 Mr. Graham

00:37:47 SEN. MALEK asked about the overall goal of TRS pertaining to actuarial soundness

00:38:33 Mr. Graham - SEN. MALEK

00:39:57 SEN. BROWN

MONTANA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATION (MPERA)- ACTUARIAL VALUATION RESULTS FOR MPERA SYSTEMS

00:40:50 **Dore Schwinden**, Executive Director, presented the committee with a packet of information regarding the Actuarial Valuation Results of MPERA for 2014, he also presented information within the packet (**EXHIBIT 5**).

Committee Questions

00:53:12 REP. KARY asked about the average annual benefit for the Highway Patrol

00:53:36 Mr. Schwinden

00:53:47 Ms. Scurr

00:54:31 Mr. Schwinden continued his presentation on the Valuation Results.

Committee Questions

00:59:15 SEN. BROWN asked and commented on the VFCA information presented.

REVIEW OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON PENSION PLAN GREEN SHEETS - Cont'd.

01:01:29 Ms. Scurr presented further regarding the information that is included in Exhibit 1.

Committee Questions

01:05:11 SEN. BROWN asked about the VFCA (Volunteer Fire Fighters) numbers.

01:05:26 Ms. Scurr

01:06:42 Ms. Scurr continued her presentation on the summary document.

Committee Questions

01:10:45 SEN. BROWN asked about the length of time the VFCA has been in progress.

01:10:49 Mr. Schwinden

01:11:22 Ms. Scurr continued her presentation on the summary document.

Committee Questions

01:19:23 SEN. BROWN asked for background information on the plan fund options.

01:19:43 Ms. Scurr - SEN. BROWN

Public Comment

01:22:51 **Jim Smith**, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association
Commented about the Sheriffs' Retirement System current contributions and benefits.

01:29:06 Ms. Scurr presented information regarding the Volunteer Firefighter Association and TIAA-CREF.

Committee Questions

01:29:57 SEN. MALEK asked about retirement account standings at time of retirement according to the figures presented in Exhibit 1.

01:31:05 Ms. Scurr

01:31:20 SEN. MALEK asked about why certain safety officers are not paying in to social security

01:32:10 Ms. Scurr

01:33:43 SEN. BROWN

Public Comment

01:34:45 **Tom Schneider**, Montana Public Employees Association
Provided clarity to the question raised by SEN. MALEK regarding social security contributions.

01:37:53 BREAK

BOARD OF INVESTMENTS REPORTS

02:00:18 **David Ewer**, Executive Director, presented a handout containing information on Pensions & Investments, he also gave an overview of the information in the

handout **(EXHIBIT 6)**.

02:05:34 **Cliff Sheets**, Chief Investment Officer, presented further the information provided in Exhibit 6.

Committee Questions

02:11:04 SEN. BROWN asked about the forecast assumption information presented in the handout, and voiced her concerns with the projections.
02:11:51 Mr. Sheets - SEN. BROWN
02:18:51 Mr. Ewer

02:21:22 Mr. Sheets continued his presentation on Exhibit 6.

Committee Questions

02:29:23 SEN. BROWN asked for clarification regarding information presented on retirement plans.
02:29:55 Mr. Sheets
02:30:19 REP. BENNETT asked about the significance of a "benchmark".
02:30:45 Mr. Sheets
02:32:37 Mr. Ewer
02:34:34 REP. BENNETT asked about percentages of holdings in the portfolio.
02:34:50 Mr. Ewer
02:36:21 SEN. BROWN asked if there was a dollar amount that could be associated with a percentage figure in Exhibit 6.
02:36:45 Mr. Ewer
02:38:00 SEN. MALEK asked about any investments that have been made in hedge funds.
02:39:00 Mr. Sheets
02:40:20 SEN. BROWN

OVERVIEW OF PENSION POLICY PRINCIPLES AS GUIDELINES

02:40:53 Ms. Scurr provided the committee with information on specific policy authority that the committee has regarding retirement plans. She gave an overview of a document provided to the committee that contains the current guidelines for Montana's Public Employee Retirement Systems **(EXHIBIT 7)**.

Committee Questions

02:55:43 SEN. BROWN

02:56:09 Ms. Scurr made reference to 3 documents: Teachers Retirement System Policy 1-0600-001 Funding and Benefits **(EXHIBIT 8)**, Montana Public Employees' Retirement Board - Policy and Benefits **(EXHIBIT 9)**, Montana Public Retirement Plans - Investment Policy Statement **(EXHIBIT 10)**. She stated that these documents can be used to assist the committee in setting guidelines.

Committee Questions & Discussion

02:59:28 SEN. LEWIS asked about the time line of employment compared to the benefit rates.

03:00:18 Ms. Scurr
 03:00:49 SEN. LEWIS
 03:01:29 Ms. Scurr made reference to a packet included in the committee materials, the Legislator's Guide (**EXHIBIT 11**).

03:02:26 SEN. JENT
 03:03:08 SEN. BROWN
 03:03:26 SEN. MALEK asked where the 50% rate is stated within the guideline.
 03:03:45 Ms. Scurr
 03:05:27 SEN. MALEK
 03:06:41 SEN. BROWN
 03:07:45 REP. BENNETT
 03:08:59 SEN. BROWN
 03:10:30 Ms. Scurr referenced the guidelines for TRS and PERS to assist the committee in addressing pension funding being a contemporary obligation.

03:13:32 SEN. BROWN
 03:14:38 SEN. MALEK
 03:17:34 SEN. BROWN
 03:18:21 SEN. JENT
 03:19:48 SEN. BROWN

Public Comment

03:20:18 **Jerry Williams**, Executive Director, Montana Police Protectors Association
 Provided clarification to the comments made about police officers retiring age and their life after retirement.

REVIEW OF LEGISLATOR'S GUIDE TO MONTANA'S PENSION PLANS

03:24:16 Ms. Scurr again made reference to the Legislators Guide. She provided a brief overview of the information provided within the guide and asked the committee to think of anything they would like added or revised from the guide.

Committee Questions and Discussion

03:28:12 SEN. BROWN asked about the layout of the guide
 03:28:27 Ms. Scurr
 03:28:53 SEN. BROWN suggested removing the mid section of the text to cut down on reprint costs.

03:29:53 SEN. JENT
 03:31:08 SEN. BROWN
 03:32:32 REP. BENNETT suggested the insertion of the 2013 legislation on pensions in to the guides texts, as well as the lawsuit that followed.

03:33:29 Ms. Scurr
 03:34:15 REP. BENNETT
 03:34:33 SEN. BROWN

Public Comment

03:35:10 None.
 03:35:40 Lunch

04:42:33 SEN. BROWN called the meeting back to order. She thanked Sheri Scurr, Senator Jent and all veterans for their services to our country. She informed the committee and the public of current veterans events going on in Montana.

REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE STAFF ANALYSIS TEMPLATES FOR PENSION BILLS

04:44:20 Ms. Scurr referenced a document included in committee materials that shows a bill sample chart (**EXHIBIT 12**) she also provided the committee with background material pertaining to bill proposals.

04:47:00 Stephanie Morrison, Senior Fiscal Analyst, presented and explained a packet documenting Pension Fund Fiscal Note 2015 Biennium(**EXHIBIT 13**). She also made reference to and provided an overview of Fiscal Quick notes from prior pension bills (**EXHIBIT 14**).

Committee Questions

04:51:49 SEN. BROWN commented that she appreciates the addition of the quick notes to assist in understanding fiscal evaluations.

04:52:45 REP. BENNETT

04:53:22 SEN. LEWIS

04:53:46 SEN. BROWN stated the committees consensus agreement that the quick notes be included with the fiscal notes during the 2015 Legislative Session.

04:55:40 Ms. Scurr provided a further explanation to the bill sample chart previously mentioned.

Committee Questions

05:00:22 SEN. BROWN asked for clarification about who would receive all of the proposed materials and how

05:00:47 Ms. Scurr

05:02:37 SEN. MALEK asked for clarification to the mention of 5, 10 and 20 years

05:02:48 Ms. Scurr

05:04:19 SEN MALEK asked about the inclusion of GABA

05:04:34 Ms. Scurr - SEN. MALEK

05:07:39 REP. KARY

05:08:24 SEN. BROWN stated the committees consensus agreement to include the bill chart with bill materials during the 2015 Legislative Session.

Public Comment

05:09:53 **Shawn Graham**, Executive Director, TRS
Commented about the 5, 10 and 20 year subject brought up earlier in committee discussion.

Committee Questions

05:11:29 SEN. BROWN asked about actuary employment at TRS.

05:11:38 Mr. Graham

05:13:12 **Dore Schwinden**, Executive Director, PERS
Stated his agreement with Mr. Graham's comments about the 5, 10 and 20 year

evaluations.

OVERVIEW OF PENSION POLICY PRINCIPLES AS GUIDELINES

05:15:46 Ms. Scurr read the proposed change of language to bullet point 2 in the Pension Policy Guidelines (**EXHIBIT 15**).

Committee Questions

05:16:50 SEN. BROWN

05:17:00 REP. KARY

05:17:39 SEN. BROWN

05:18:10 SEN. BROWN called for a vote on whether to adopt the changed language proposed to the guidelines. SEN JENT and SEN BENNETT OPPOSED. MOTION PASSED.

05:19:28 SEN. BROWN asked Ms. Scurr to speak about the guidelines significance.

05:19:33 Ms. Scurr

05:20:40 SEN. BROWN asked the committee to comment on the guidelines.

05:20:50 REP. BENNETT

05:22:31 SEN. JENT

05:23:23 SEN. BROWN called for a roll call vote on whether to keep the guidelines on the same sheet as the principles.

COMMITTEE BILLS - LC144 AND LC332 - REVISING CONTRIBUTIONS IN PERS

05:25:15 Ms. Scurr provided the committee with an explanation to the reason for the proposed bill drafts LC0144 (**EXHIBIT 16**), LC144B (**EXHIBIT17**), and LC144C (**EXHIBIT 18**). She also provided a brief overview of each bill draft.

Committee Questions

05:31:42 SEN. BROWN asked about changes in discretion for the retirement boards.

05:32:26 Ms. Scurr - SEN. BROWN

05:34:07 SEN. MALEK commented about prior discussions with the counties and voiced the concerns that they have with the bill proposal. She suggested placing the bill on hold until 2017.

05:35:59 SEN. BROWN stated the committees consensus agreement to put this particular bill draft on hold.

05:36:47 Ms. Scurr made reference to LC0332 and explained the specifics of the bill draft (**EXHIBIT 19**).

Committee Questions

05:47:02 SEN. BROWN asked about the general goal of the bill.

05:47:10 Ms. Scurr

05:48:30 SEN. MALEK

Public Comment

05:48:49 **Terry Smith**, Defined Contribution Plan participant
Commented about his support for LC0332, stating that all elements are necessary. He also explained an amendment that he would like seen made to the bill draft.

Committee Questions

05:52:29 SEN. BROWN

05:53:26 Ms. Scurr commented in response to the suggestions Mr. Smith made about LC0332.

05:56:38 **Melanie Simmons**, MPERA

Stated that the board does not meet until December and would be reviewing the bill draft at that time. She also mentioned that similar agency legislation is in the process of being drafted, and responded to the concern raised by Mr. Smith.

06:00:39 SEN. BROWN

06:01:11 SEN. JENT

06:01:55 SEN. LEWIS moved to approve LC0332.

06:02:11 SEN. BROWN

06:02:20 SEN. JENT moved to amend LC0332 by striking language in section 1, subsection (2)(b)(ii).

06:02:33 SEN. BROWN called for a vote on the amendment to strike language in section 1, subsection (2)(b)(ii) in LC0332. Motion Passed.

06:03:02 SEN. JENT moved to approve LC0332 as amended. Motion Passed.

06:03:40 BREAK

COMMITTEE BILL - LC143 - REVISING ELECTION LAWS

06:18:26 REP. BENNETT explained the significance and process leading up to the draft of LC0143. He referenced a packet included in the committee materials: Section-by-Section Summary of LC0143 General Revision of Election Laws (**EXHIBIT 20**)

06:22:53 Ms. Scurr provided the committee with a document to emphasize the changes made in LC0143 (**EXHIBIT 21**). She also reviewed the summary of the bill and explained the specific changes made.

06:26:13 REP. BENNETT called for objection. None. Committee consensus to approve changes.

06:26:50 Ms. Scurr continued her explanation of LC0143.

06:27:27 REP. BENNETT called for objection. None. Committee consensus to approve changes.

06:27:40 Ms. Scurr continued her explanation of LC0143.

Committee Questions

06:29:23 SEN. BROWN

06:29:56 REP. BENNETT
06:30:15 SEN. MALEK
06:30:52 Ms. Scurr
06:31:42 REP. BENNETT called for objection. None. Committee consensus to approve changes.

06:32:00 Ms. Scurr continued her explanation of LC0143.

06:33:14 REP. BENNETT called for objection. None. Committee consensus to approve changes.

06:33:19 Ms. Scurr continued her explanation of LC0143.

06:34:16 REP. BENNETT called for objection. None. Committee consensus to approve changes.

06:34:23 Ms. Scurr continued her explanation of LC0143.

06:34:46 REP. BENNETT

06:34:59 Ms. Scurr continued her explanation of LC0143.

06:36:02 REP. BENNETT called for objection. None. Committee consensus to approve changes.

06:36:09 Ms. Scurr continued her explanation of LC0143.

06:36:42 REP. BENNETT called for objection. None. Committee consensus to approve changes.

06:36:45 Ms. Scurr continued her explanation of LC0143.

06:37:43 REP. BENNETT called for objection. None. Committee consensus to approve changes.

06:37:57 Ms. Scurr continued her explanation of LC0143.

06:38:17 REP. BENNETT called for objection. None. Committee consensus to approve changes.

06:38:19 Ms. Scurr continued her explanation of LC0143.

06:39:44 REP. BENNETT

Committee Questions

06:40:04 SEN. BROWN

Public Comment

06:40:39 **Bob Vogl**, Montana School Boards Association

Commented that he is unaware of challenges that may arise from changing "may" to "shall" in section 160.

- 06:41:30 Ms. Scurr addressed issues brought forth about the language change
06:41:56 SEN. BROWN
- 06:42:27 REP. BENNETT called for objection. None. Committee consensus to approve changes.
- 06:42:47 Ms. Scurr continued her explanation of LC0143.
- 06:44:14 REP. BENNETT called for objection. None. Committee consensus to approve changes.
- 06:44:21 Ms. Scurr continued her explanation of LC0143.
- 06:45:13 **Linda McCulloch**, Secretary of State
Provided clarification to the language in section 171, pertaining to general and primary elections.
- 06:46:22 REP. BENNETT called for objection. None. Committee consensus to approve changes.
- 06:46:24 Ms. Scurr continued her explanation of LC0143.
- 06:48:07 REP. BENNETT provided clarification to the change of filing dates that are proposed in LC0143.

Committee Questions

- 06:48:57 SEN. MALEK
- 06:49:11 REP. BENNETT called for objection. None. Committee consensus to approve changes.
- 06:49:26 Ms. Scurr continued her explanation to LC0143.
- 06:49:47 REP. BENNETT

Public Comment

- 06:50:13 **Bob Vogl**, Montana School Boards Association
Commented about the hard work put forth to get to the current draft. He also mentioned specific concerns that his association has with the bill draft.
- 06:55:58 **Nicole Thuotte**, Office of Public Instruction
Thanked the staff for their hard work on the bill and voiced the concerns that the Office of Public Instruction has with the bill draft.
- 06:57:12 **Harold Blattie**, Montana Association of Counties
Thanked Ms. Scurr for her hard work on the bill and commented on specific

sections that may be problematic.

Committee Questions and Comments

07:01:55 SEN. BROWN
07:02:46 REP. BENNETT
07:02:51 Ms. Scurr read language from LC0143 that was left out during her original summary of the bill.
07:04:24 REP. BENNETT clarified and explained specific changes in the bill that we brought up as conflicting during public comment.
07:06:52 SEN. BROWN
07:07:16 REP. BENNETT
07:08:54 SEN. BROWN moved to approve LC0143 and bring it forth to the 2015 Legislature. Motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

07:10:11 **Linda McCulloch**, Secretary of State, provided the committee with preliminary numbers from the recent election.

Committee Questions and Comments

07:14:35 SEN. BROWN asked for clarification to the issues with the website and possible solutions.
07:15:11 Ms. McCulloch
07:16:46 SEN. BROWN
07:17:16 SEN. MALEK
07:18:11 SEN. BROWN

07:18:29 **Ginger Aldrich**, Staff Attorney, presented the committee with information she researched regarding a U.S. Senate vacancy. **(EXHIBIT 22)**.

07:27:20 SEN. BROWN
07:27:38 SEN. LEWIS
07:29:14 SEN. BROWN asked Ms. McCulloch to present the committee with her understanding of the U.S. Senate seat.
07:29:54 Ms. McCulloch- SEN. BROWN
07:36:05 REP. BENNETT
07:36:36 SEN. BROWN
07:41:08 Ms. McCulloch
07:41:39 SEN. MALEK
07:42:30 SEN. BROWN
07:43:25 Ms. McCulloch
07:44:00 SEN. BROWN
07:44:43 SEN. MALEK
07:45:31 SEN. BROWN

VETERANS OUTREACH

07:46:37 Ms. Scurr referenced and briefly gave an overview of a document containing a

draft of House Joint Resolution 30: Benefits for Military Personnel and Veterans (**EXHIBIT 23**). She also referenced a document containing a response from the U.S Department of Veteran's Affairs and various data at the request of SEN. BROWN (**EXHIBIT 24**). Ms. Scurr spoke of the request for veteran demographic data, and referenced a summary (**EXHIBIT 25**) and a packet of responses (**EXHIBIT 26**) from SEN. BROWN regarding veterans outreach.

07:54:25 **Joe Foster**, Administrator, Montana Veterans' Affairs Division, presented the response to Sen. Brown's request for Montana veteran demographics. He presented the committee with a packet of documents containing pertinent information (**EXHIBIT 27**).

Committee Questions and Comments

08:03:02 SEN. BROWN requested that the statistics presented be included in the biennium report.

08:04:35 SEN. BROWN provided explanation to the documents she included for committee review regarding veteran outreach and reviewed a letter she drafted concerning a budget request for a Veteran Service Officer in Glasgow.

Committee Questions and Comments

08:11:16 SEN. JENT

08:12:13 Mr. Foster

08:13:55 SEN. JENT moved to approve the letter requesting that the house appropriations committee fund a Glasgow Veterans Service Office. Motion passed unanimously.

08:14:49 Ms. Scurr

08:15:47 SEN. BROWN

Public Comment

08:17:04 **Joe Foster**, Military Retiree/Veteran
Commented about the outstanding character of a Bill Willing, a veteran whom received many awards for his military service.

08:19:10 **Bill Willing**, Montana Board of Veterans' Affairs
Stated his thanks for the humble comments that were made about him, and described the effects that war has on service members and their families. He spoke about the importance of the Board of Veterans' Affairs and the work that they do.

Committee Questions and Comments

08:27:14 SEN. BROWN

08:27:25 Mr. Willing

08:28:01 **Deb Matteucci**, Dept. of Addictive and Mental Health Disorders, DPHHS
Commented about the work that her department does and the grant that they did not receive this year for funding. She spoke of the challenges that are encountered when trying to gather data and tracking veterans across the state.

- 08:32:55 **Colonel Jim Jacobson**, US Army Retiree/ Disabled Veteran
Commented about the importance of the Montana Board of Veterans' Affairs. He spoke about the importance of focusing emphasis on the positive things for veterans', rather than the negative.
- 08:35:04 Terry Smith, Montana Public Employees Defined Contribution Plan Member
Distributed documentation regarding the defined contribution plan legislation that will be brought forth during the 2015 Legislature. **(EXHIBIT 28)**.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

- 08:36:32 **Matt Quinn**, Director, Montana Department of Military Affairs, presented documents for 2 additional agency legislative proposals from the Montana Department of Military Affairs **(EXHIBIT 29)(EXHIBIT 30)**

Public comment

- 08:40:40 None.
- 08:40:43 REP. BENNETT moved to authorize the drafting of the legislation from the Montana Department of Military Affairs. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES (COPP)

- 08:41:32 **Jonathon Motl**, Commissioner of Political Practices, handed out a letter to the committee explaining that he would not be requesting legislation as was originally planned **(EXHIBIT 31)**.

Committee Questions

- 08:43:30 SEN. BROWN asked about the current complaints at COPP.
- 08:43:49 Mr. Motl
- 08:46:19 REP. BENNETT
- 08:47:23 Mr. Motl

RULE REVIEW

- 08:48:46 Ms. Aldrich presented the committee with MAR NOTICES:
2-5-518 **(EXHIBIT 32)**
44-2-200 **(EXHIBIT 33)**
44-2-201 **(EXHIBIT 34)**

WRAP UP

- 08:49:51 SEN. BROWN
- 08:50:22 SEN. LEWIS
- 08:50:36 SEN. BROWN

Adjournment

08:50:48 SEN. BROWN adjourned the November 17, 2014 meeting at 5:23 p.m.