

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Eighty-first Session  
March 30, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections was called to order by Chair James Ohrenschall at 3:49 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, 2021. Online. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. All exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator James Ohrenschall, Chair  
Senator Roberta Lange, Vice Chair  
Senator Nicole J. Cannizzaro  
Senator Heidi Seevers Gansert  
Senator Carrie A. Buck

**GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:**

Senator Pat Spearman, Senatorial District No. 1

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michael Stewart, Policy Analyst  
Bryan Fernley, Counsel  
Diane Rea, Committee Secretary

**CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:**

We have three bills on work session today. We will open the hearing on Senate Bill (S.B.) 128.

**SENATE BILL 128:** Directs the State Treasurer to conduct a study concerning publicly funded scholarship and grant programs in this State. (BDR S-535)

MICHAEL STEWART (Policy Analyst):

I will read from the work session document ([Exhibit B](#)) for S.B. 128.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 128.

SENATOR LANGE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:

We will close the hearing on S.B. 128 and open the hearing on S.B. 176.

**SENATE BILL 176**: Revises provisions relating to the Commission to Study Governmental Purchasing. (BDR 17-512)

MR. STEWART:

I will read from the work session document (Exhibit C) on S.B. 176.

SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

There was opposition to this bill because the public was not able to find information from the Commission on governmental purchasing since it does not have a website. Can the Commission partner and have a website?

I sent a proposed amendment (Exhibit D) to the sponsor because I have concerns with giving the Commission two bill drafts.

SENATOR PAT SPEARMAN (Senatorial District No. 1):

With your permission, we can agree on the proposed conceptual amendment Exhibit D for one bill draft request now.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED S.B. 176 WITH A CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT.

SENATOR LANGE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:

We will close the hearing on S.B. 176 and open the hearing on Senate Joint Resolution (S.J.R.) 6.

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 6**: Expresses support for the creation of a retirement plan for spouses of members of the military. (BDR R-384)

MR. STEWART:

I will read from the work session document ([Exhibit E](#)) on S.J.R. 6.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO MOVED TO DO PASS S.J.R. 6.

SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:

Having nothing further, I will adjourn the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Diane Rea,  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Senator James Ohrenschall, Chair

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

| EXHIBIT SUMMARY |                |                |                               |                       |
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| Bill            | Exhibit Letter | Begins on Page | Witness / Entity              | Description           |
|                 | A              | 1              |                               | Agenda                |
| S.B. 128        | B              | 1              | Michael Stewart               | Work Session Document |
| S.B. 176        | C              | 1              | Michael Stewart               | Work Session Document |
| S.B. 176        | D              | 1              | Senator Heidi Seevers Gansert | Amendment             |
| S.J.R. 6        | E              | 1              | Michael Stewart               | Work Session Document |