

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DENNIS HIMMELBERGER**, on January 9, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dennis Himmelberger, Chairman (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Hal Jacobson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. William J. Jones (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Scott Sales, Rep. Alan Olson

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Dee Barfknecht, Committee Secretary
Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 23, 1/5/2007; HB 41, 1/5/2007;
HB 52, 1/5/2007; HB 62, 1/5/2007;
HB 96, 1/5/2007

HEARING ON HB 23

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:31 Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D), HD 85, opened the hearing on HB 23, Clarify allocation of certain drivers license fees.

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony:

00:05:29 Jeff Martin

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:55 Rep. Ingraham

00:06:21 Jeff Martin

Closing by Sponsor:

00:06:42 Rep. Hiner

HEARING ON HB 41

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:11 Rep. Shannon Augare (D), HD 16, opened the hearing on HB 41, Energy conservation and assistance funds for low-income persons.

Proponents:

00:11:19 Anna Whiting-Serell

00:12:31 Jim Nolan

00:14:17 Jim Morton

00:14:55 Bill Kennedy

00:16:27 Rachael Haberman

00:17:58 Mike Pichette

00:18:28 Leon Pattyn
00:18:46 Wayne Schmidt

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:21 Rep. Ingraham
00:19:58 Rep. Augare
00:20:09 Jim Nolan
00:21:30 Rep. Caferro
00:21:51 Jim Nolan
00:21:56 Rep. Caferro
00:22:11 Jim Nolan
00:22:56 Rep. Caferro
00:23:12 Jim Nolan
00:23:19 Rep. Barrett
00:23:46 Jim Nolan
00:25:00 Rep. Hendrick
00:25:35 Jim Nolan
00:26:28 Rep. Hendrick
00:27:24 Jim Nolan
00:27:44 Rep. Malcolm
00:28:31 Jim Nolan
00:28:55 Rep. Malcolm
00:29:04 Jim Nolan
00:29:10 Rep. Ankney
00:29:46 Jim Nolan
00:30:23 Rep. Ankney
00:30:32 Jim Nolan
00:31:22 Rep. Jacobson
00:32:10 Jim Nolan
00:32:24 Rep. Jacobson
00:32:42 Rep. Phillips
00:33:11 Jim Nolan
00:33:20 Rep. Phillips
00:33:26 Jim Nolan

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:32 Rep. Augare

HEARING ON HB 52

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:19 Rep. Hal Jacobson (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 52, Revise payment of court costs for contested election.

Proponents:

00:36:32 Mark Simonich

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:13 Rep. Dickenson
00:41:17 Mark Simonich
00:43:11 Rep. Dickenson
00:43:24 Mark Simonich
00:43:37 Rep. Wilmer
00:44:00 Mark Simonich
00:44:16 Elaine Graveley
00:44:52 Rep. Wilmer
00:45:04 Elaine Graveley
00:45:13 Rep. Wilmer
00:45:39 Rep. Jacobson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:46:37 Rep. Jacobson

Additional Comments After Closing:

00:47:47 Chairman Himmelberger
00:48:15 Rep. Jacobson

HEARING ON HB 62

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:48:33 Rep. Hal Jacobson (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 62, Authorize contributions of annual leave to sick leave fund.

Proponents:

00:52:08 Connie Welsh
00:53:44 Tom Schneider

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:20 Rep. Phillips
00:56:03 Connie Welsh
00:56:29 Rep. Phillips
00:56:38 Connie Welsh
00:56:47 Rep. Ingraham
00:57:14 Connie Welsh
00:57:42 Rep. Ingraham
00:58:19 Connie Welsh
00:59:33 Rep. Henry
01:00:37 Connie Welsh
01:01:09 Rep. Henry
01:01:30 Connie Welsh
01:01:51 Rep. Small-Eastman
01:02:37 Connie Welsh
01:03:02 Rep. Ankney
01:03:21 Connie Welsh
01:03:34 Rep. Ankney
01:03:43 Connie Welsh
01:03:49 Rep. Ankney
01:04:20 Connie Welsh
01:04:30 Rep. Dickenson
01:05:08 Connie Welsh
01:06:32 Rep. Dickenson
01:06:52 Connie Welsh
01:07:34 Rep. Dickenson
01:07:59 Connie Welsh
01:08:57 Rep. Small-Eastman
01:09:29 Connie Welsh
01:09:43 Rep. Hendrick
01:10:34 Connie Welsh
01:11:17 Rep. Hendrick
01:11:37 Connie Welsh
01:12:20 Rep. Malcolm
01:13:21 Connie Welsh

Closing by Sponsor:

01:15:21 Rep. Jacobson

HEARING ON HB 96

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:16:46 Rep. Krayton Kerns (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on HB 96, Fund veteran cemetery maintenance.

Proponents:

01:18:43 Bill Kennedy
01:24:35 Sen. Dan McGee

Opponents:

01:26:25 Gary White
01:31:02 Larry Longfellow
01:31:42 Roger Hagen

Informational Testimony:

01:33:00 Joe Foster

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:33:21 Rep. Branae
01:33:40 Bill Kennedy
01:36:34 Rep. Dickenson
01:37:25 Joe Foster

Closing by Sponsor:

01:39:33 Rep. Kerns

ADJOURNMENT

01:40:12 Chairman Himmelberger

REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER, Chairman

DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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