

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on January 17, 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. Alan Olson (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: None

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: HB 163, HB 202, HB 225, HB 241

HEARING ON HB 241

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:55 Rep. Wayne Stahl (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 241, Require audit committee to submit single bill to address audit findings.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:23 Rep. Jones
00:05:49 Rep. Stahl
00:06:04 Rep. Ingraham
00:06:22 Rep. Stahl
00:06:29 Rep. Ingraham
00:06:44 Rep. Stahl
00:06:58 Rep. Barrett
00:07:22 Rep. Stahl
00:08:20 Rep. Wilmer
00:08:28 Rep. Stahl
00:08:36 Rep. Jacobson
00:09:17 Rep. Stahl
00:10:09 Rep. Ingraham
00:10:40 Rep. Stahl

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:40 Rep. Stahl

Additional Discussion:

00:11:55 Chairman Himmelberger
00:12:06 Sheri Heffelfinger

00:13:16 Recess
01:00:30 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 202

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:00:43 Rep. Mike Jopek (D), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 202, Revise laws relating to public officials and lobbyists.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:03:06 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association
01:05:03 Linda Gryczan, League of Women Voters
01:07:50 Bob Gilbert, Private Citizen - Sidney
01:08:37 Ronna Alexander, Montana Society of Association Executives
01:10:44 Gary Marbut, President of the Montana Shooting Sports Association
01:11:15 Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:11:55 Rep. Dickenson
01:12:44 Ms. Gryczan
01:13:59 Rep. Jones
01:15:22 Rep. Jopek

Closing by Sponsor:

01:17:44 Rep. Jopek

HEARING ON HB 225

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:18:50 Rep. Roger Koopman (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 225, Provide for private enforcement of code of conduct and campaign laws.

[EXHIBIT\(sth11a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth11a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:29:07 Mr. Marbut
01:30:32 Doug Nulle, Retired Attorney

Opponents' Testimony:

01:31:35 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director for the Montana
Association of Counties

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:33:01 Rep. McNutt
01:34:05 Rep. Koopman
01:35:22 Rep. Ingraham
01:36:18 Rep. Koopman
01:37:51 Rep. Ingraham
01:37:56 Dennis Unsworth, Commissioner of Political Practices
01:40:56 Rep. Phillips
01:41:18 Rep. Koopman

Closing by Sponsor:

01:41:34 Rep. Koopman

HEARING ON HB 163

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:45:19 Rep. Roger Koopman (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB
163, Limit public employees from and expenditure of
public funds on lobbying.

[EXHIBIT\(sth11a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:56:48 Mr. Marbut
[EXHIBIT\(sth11a04\)](#)
02:02:44 Becky Stockton, Private Citizen - Helena
[EXHIBIT\(sth11a05\)](#)
02:06:03 Tom Burnett, Bozeman Business Owner
02:07:41 Mr. Nulle
02:09:48 Phil Olson, Private Citizen - Manhattan
02:13:34 Tim Ravndal, Montana's Multiple Use Association
02:19:54 Rep. Ken Peterson

Opponents' Testimony:

02:24:41 Mark Simonich, Chief Deputy, Secretary of State
02:29:05 Darryl Rude, School Administrators of Montana
02:35:14 Hal Harper, Governor's Office
02:44:05 Mr. Gilbert
02:46:51 Rhonda Wiggers, County Treasurer's Association
02:50:24 Ms. Wood
02:55:30 Tom Burgess, Field Consultant, Montana Education
Association/Montana Federation of Teachers

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:57:06 Rep. Phillips
02:59:33 Rep. Koopman
03:00:06 Rep. Phillips
03:00:21 Rep. Koopman
03:00:55 Rep. Ingraham
03:01:42 Rep. Koopman
03:02:58 Rep. Phillips
03:03:10 Rep. Koopman
03:04:26 Rep. Phillips
03:04:32 Rep. Koopman
03:04:48 Rep. Ankney
03:05:12 Rep. Koopman
03:05:23 Rep. Barrett
03:06:38 Mr. Burgess
03:08:56 Rep. Caferro
03:09:10 Ms. Wood

Closing by Sponsor:

03:09:16 Rep. Koopman

Additional Discussion:

03:16:18 Chairman Himmelberger

ADJOURNMENT

03:18:04 Adjournment

REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER, Chairman

DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([sth11aad.pdf](#))