

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on January 19, 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. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Scott Sales

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing:	HB 279, HB 342
Executive Action:	HB 81, HB 85, HB 129, HB 153
	HB 241, HJ 7

HEARING ON HB 279

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:37 Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D), HD 51, opened the hearing on
HB 279, Restrict signature gatherers to hourly wage.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:49 Rhonda Wiggers, Environomics
00:11:49 Carrie Minow, Montana Education Association, Montana
Federation of Teachers (MEA/MFT)
00:14:28 Jessica Rhoades, Montana Democratic Party
00:16:03 Derf Johnson, Montana Public Interest Research Group

Opponents' Testimony:

00:17:03 Rep. Ed Butcher
00:26:38 Mike Fellows, Montana Libertarian Party

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:50 Rep. Dickenson
00:28:38 Mr. Johnson
00:29:07 Rep. Dickenson
00:30:02 Mr. Johnson
00:30:21 Rep. Dickenson
00:30:32 Rep. Driscoll
00:30:56 Rep. Wilmer
00:31:36 Rep. Driscoll
00:32:10 Rep. Barrett
00:33:07 Rep. Driscoll
00:33:39 Rep. Barrett
00:34:00 Mr. Fellows
00:34:14 Rep. Dickenson
00:34:31 Mr. Johnson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:04 Rep. Driscoll

00:37:24 Recess
00:41:53 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 342

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:42:16 Rep. Wayne Stahl (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 342, Comprehensive and systematic performance audits.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:41 Rep. Jones
00:46:09 Rep. Stahl
00:46:51 Rep. Jones
00:47:30 Rep. Stahl
00:48:15 Rep. Jones
00:49:39 Rep. Stahl
00:50:11 Rep. Jones
00:50:26 Rep. Stahl
00:51:44 Chairman Himmelberger
00:52:17 Rep. Wilmer
00:52:44 Rep. Stahl

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:04 Rep. Stahl

00:54:21 Recess
01:06:38 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 81

01:07:38 **Motion:** Rep. McNutt moved that **HB 81 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:08:37 Rep. Jones
01:09:20 Rep. Wilmer
01:09:56 Rep. Phillips
01:10:25 Rep. Wilmer
01:10:30 Rep. Phillips
01:10:37 Sheri Heffelfinger

01:11:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Sales and Olson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 85

01:12:19 **Motion:** Rep. Hendrick moved that **HB 85 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:12:38 Rep. McNutt
01:13:29 Rep. Wilmer
01:14:13 Rep. Malcolm
01:17:29 Rep. Jones
01:19:38 Rep. Barrett
01:21:03 Rep. Ankney

01:21:35 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. McNutt made a substitute motion that **HB 85 BE TABLED.** Substitute motion carried unanimously by roll call vote, 18-0. Reps. Sales and Olson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 129

01:23:16 **Motion:** Rep. Small-Eastman moved that **HB 129 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:23:28 Rep. Henry

01:23:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Sales and Olson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 153

01:25:03 **Motion:** Rep. Jacobson moved that **HB 153 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:25:25 Rep. Jacobson
01:28:24 Rep. Malcolm
01:28:49 Rep. Jacobson
01:29:17 Chairman Himmelberger
01:30:38 Janis Doggett, Secretary of State's Office
01:31:52 Rep. Ingraham

01:32:23 Rep. Jacobson

01:33:24 Rep. McNutt

01:33:54 Rep. Jacobson

01:34:03 Rep. McNutt

01:34:15 **Vote:** Motion carried by roll call vote, 17-1. Rep.
Sales voted no. Rep. Sales voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 241

01:35:45 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 241 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:36:08 Rep. Barrett

01:36:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep.
Sales voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 7

01:37:06 **Motion:** Rep. Jacobson moved that **HJ 7 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:37:19 Rep. Jacobson

01:38:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep.
Sales voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

01:40:25 Adjournment

REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER, Chairman

DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([sth13aad.pdf](#))