

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on January 25, 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. 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)

Members Excused: Rep. Scott Sales
Rep. Debby Barrett
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman
Rep. Franke Wilmer

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 381, HB 399
Executive Action: HB 133, HB 163, HB 209

HEARING ON HB 399

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:29 Rep. Dan Villa (D), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 399, Health insurance option for local economic development organizations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:25 Rick Edwards, President, Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA)

EXHIBIT (sth17a01)

00:06:32 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber

EXHIBIT (sth17a02)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:16 Rep. Olson
00:08:44 Rep. Villa
00:08:53 Rep. Olson
00:09:02 Rep. Villa
00:09:16 Rep. Jacobson
00:09:23 Rep. Caferro
00:09:48 Rep. Villa
00:10:06 Rep. Ingraham
00:10:49 Rep. Villa
00:10:59 Chairman Himmelberger
00:11:10 Rep. Villa
00:11:24 Rep. McNutt
00:11:58 Rep. Villa
00:12:16 Rep. Olson
00:12:31 Rep. Villa
00:12:45 Rep. Ingraham
00:13:23 Rep. Villa
00:13:39 Chairman Himmelberger
00:14:21 Rep. Villa

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:39 Rep. Villa

Additional Discussion:

00:14:52 Chairman Himmelberger

00:16:33 Rep. Jones

00:18:23 Recess

00:49:00 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 381

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:49:19 Rep. Kevin Furey (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 381, Authorize Montana production or processing as criteria in bidding for food.

EXHIBIT (sth17a03)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:52:53 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber

Informational Testimony:

00:55:34 Marvin Eicholtz, Administrator, General Services Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:22 Rep. Dickenson

00:57:17 Rep. Furey

00:57:39 Rep. Phillips

00:58:59 Mr. Brown

00:59:15 Rep. Jones

00:59:30 Rep. Furey

01:00:23 Rep. Jones

01:00:40 Rep. Furey

01:01:17 Rep. Caferro

01:01:37 Rep. Furey

01:02:06 Rep. Hendrick

01:02:48 Rep. Furey

01:03:32 Rep. Hendrick

01:03:49 Rep. Furey

01:04:09 Rep. Ingraham

01:04:35 Rep. Furey
01:04:43 Rep. McNutt
01:06:37 Rep. Furey

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:07 Rep. Furey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 133

01:10:38 **Motion:** Rep. Dickenson moved that **HB 133 DO PASS.**

01:11:04 **Motion:** Rep. Dickenson moved that **HB 133 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (sth17a04)

Discussion:

01:11:56 Rep. Dickenson
01:12:01 Sheri Heffelfinger

01:12:47 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 133 BE AMENDED** carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Sales, Barrett, Wilmer and Small-Eastman voted by proxy.

01:13:42 **Motion:** Rep. Dickenson moved that **HB 133 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:14:02 Rep. McNutt
01:16:41 Rep. Ingraham
01:18:12 Rep. Dickenson
01:20:29 Rep. McNutt
01:21:39 Rep. Jacobson

01:24:32 **Vote:** Motion failed by roll call vote, 8-10. Reps. Jacobson, Branae, Caferro, Dickenson, Henry, Phillips, Small-Eastman and Wilmer voted aye. Reps. Sales, Barrett, Wilmer and Small-Eastman voted by proxy.

01:24:50 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Olson made a substitute motion that **HB 133 BE TABLED**, which carried unanimously by roll call vote, 18-0. Reps. Sales, Barrett, Wilmer and Small-Eastman voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 163

01:25:40 **Motion:** Rep. Ankney moved that **HB 163 DO PASS.**

01:26:08 **Motion:** Rep. Olson moved that **HB 163 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (sth17a05)

Discussion:

01:26:57 Rep. Olson
01:27:02 Ms. Heffelfinger
01:32:20 Rep. Olson
01:33:45 Rep. Caferro
01:34:09 Rep. Olson
01:34:44 Rep. Caferro
01:35:06 Rep. Olson
01:35:11 Rep. Caferro
01:35:36 Rep. Olson
01:35:41 Rep. Henry
01:36:16 Rep. Olson
01:37:04 Rep. Olson
01:37:22 Ms. Heffelfinger
01:38:04 Rep. Henry
01:38:45 Ms. Heffelfinger
01:39:01 Rep. McNutt
01:39:30 Rep. Henry
01:39:34 Ms. Heffelfinger
01:40:44 Chairman Himmelberger
01:41:23 Rep. Henry
01:41:34 Rep. Ingraham
01:42:14 Rep. Olson
01:42:22 Rep. Henry

01:44:11 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 163 BE AMENDED** carried by roll call vote, 11-7. Reps. Branae, Caferro, Dickenson, Henry, Phillips, Small-Eastman and Wilmer voted no. Reps. Sales, Barrett, Wilmer and Small-Eastman voted by proxy.

01:45:56 **Motion:** Rep. Olson moved that **HB 163 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:46:03 Rep. Phillips
01:46:20 Rep. Caferro

01:48:09 Rep. Olson
01:49:58 Rep. Phillips
01:50:04 Rep. Olson
01:50:09 Rep. Phillips
01:50:33 Rep. Olson
01:51:30 Rep. Dickenson
01:52:23 Rep. Olson
01:52:33 Rep. Dickenson
01:52:39 Rep. Olson
01:52:54 Rep. Dickenson
01:53:18 Rep. Olson
01:53:45 Rep. Dickenson
01:53:51 Rep. Olson
01:53:56 Rep. Dickenson
01:54:18 Rep. Jacobson
01:55:35 Rep. Olson
01:58:29 Chairman Himmelberger

01:59:24 **Vote:** Motion failed by roll call vote, 9-9. Reps. Himmelberger, Ankney, Barrett, Hendrick, Ingraham, Jones, McNutt, Olson and Sales voted aye. Reps. Sales, Barrett, Wilmer and Small-Eastman voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 209

02:01:17 **Motion:** Rep. Ankney moved that **HB 209 DO PASS.**

02:01:58 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 209 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT \(sth17a06\)](#)
[EXHIBIT \(sth17a07\)](#)

Discussion:

02:02:26 Rep. Caferro
02:02:34 Chairman Himmelberger
02:03:04 Rep. Caferro
02:03:20 Ms. Heffelfinger
02:04:03 Chair Himmelberger
02:04:14 Ms. Heffelfinger
02:04:18 Rep. Dickenson
02:05:03 Chairman Himmelberger
02:05:09 Rep. Ingraham

02:08:24 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 209 BE AMENDED** carried by voice vote, 17-1. Rep. Jones voted no. Reps. Sales, Barrett, Wilmer, and Small-Eastman voted by proxy.

02:09:14 **Motion:** Rep. Ankney moved that **HB 290 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:09:33 Rep. Jones

02:10:50 **Vote:** Motion carried by roll call vote, 11-7. Reps. Jacobson, Branae, Caferro, Dickenson, Phillips, Small-Eastman and Wilmer voted no. Reps. Sales, Barrett, Wilmer and Small-Eastman voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

02:12:56 Adjournment

REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER, Chairman

DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([sth17aad.pdf](#))