

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on March 6, 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. 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. Mary Caferro
Rep. Sue Dickenson
Rep. Scott Sales

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: SB 10, SB 11, SB 35, SB 47
Executive Action: SB 35, SB 11, SB 47, SB 10

HEARING ON SB 35

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:52 Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 35, Include state as member of statewide mutual aid system.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:36 Dan McGowan, Montana Homeland Security Advisor

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:06:10 Sen. Tropila

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 35

00:08:29 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hendrick moved that **SB 35 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, 18-0. Reps. Caferro, Dickenson, Wilmer, Sales and Barrett voted by proxy. Rep. Hendrick will carry the bill.

00:09:28 Break

00:19:43 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 47

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:19:54 Sen. John Esp (R), SD 31, opened the hearing on SB 47, Clarify sponsor notification for administrative rules.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:24 Rep. Henry
00:22:29 Sen. Esp
00:23:06 Rep. Phillips
00:24:11 Sen. Esp
00:24:15 Rep. Phillips
00:25:15 Sen. Esp

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:37 Sen. Esp.

HEARING ON SB 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:25:54 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 11, PERS exemption for legislative session staff.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:27:52 Kim Flatow, Bureau Chief, Public Employees Retirement System

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:25 Rep. Barrett
00:28:41 Ms. Flatow

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:03 Sen. Cocchiarella

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 11

00:30:49 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Olson moved that **SB 11 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, 18-0. Reps. Dickenson, Caferro and Sales voted by proxy. Chairman Himmelberger will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 47

00:31:53 **Motion:** Rep. McNutt moved that **SB 47 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:32:18 Rep. Barrett

00:32:51 Rep. McNutt

00:33:22 **Vote:** Motion that **SB 47 BE CONCURRED IN** carried unanimously by voice vote, 18-0. Reps. Dickenson, Caferro and Sales voted by proxy. Rep. Ankney will carry the bill. Standing Committee report not released pending further action. On March 28, 2007 the Standing Committee Report was released. It is included in this set of minutes.

00:35:12 Break

01:59:52 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 10

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:00:03 Sen. Dan Harrington (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 10, Revise travel reimbursement for legislators.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

02:02:33 Sen. Harrington

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 10

02:03:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Olson moved that **SB 10 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, 18-0. Reps. Dickenson, Caferro and Sales voted by proxy. Rep. Wilmer will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

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REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER, Chairman

DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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