

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: by Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on March 13, 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. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Debby Barrett
Rep. Alan Olson
Rep. Mike Phillips
Rep. Scott Sales

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: SB 82, SB 91, SB 168, SB 175
Executive Action: SB 82

HEARING ON SB 175

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:41 Sen. Carolyn Squires (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on SB 175, Prohibit application of rule until rule is effective as law.

EXHIBIT(sth53a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:01 Dal Smilie, Department of Administration
00:08:47 Ann Yates, Attorney, Department of Natural Resources
00:10:08 Jean Branscum, Deputy of Administrative Rules,
Secretary of State's Office

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:03 Sen. Squires

HEARING ON SB 91

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:05 Sen. Carol Williams (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SB 91, Regulate constituent accounts.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:42 Linda Gryczan, League of Women Voters
EXHIBIT(sth53a02)
00:17:58 Elizabeth Andrews, Montana Common Cause
EXHIBIT(sth53a03)
00:20:41 Pam Bucy, Assistant Attorney General

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:21:43 Dennis Unsworth, Commissioner of Political Practice

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:27 Rep. Dickenson
00:24:04 Ms. Andrews
00:24:22 Rep. Dickenson
00:24:47 Ms. Andrews
00:24:55 Rep. Small-Eastman
00:25:41 Sen. Williams
00:26:12 Rep. McNutt
00:26:28 Sen. Williams
00:27:13 Rep. McNutt
00:27:45 Sen. Williams

Closing by Sponsor:

00:28:48 Sen. Williams

HEARING ON SB 82

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:29:57 Sen. John Brueggeman (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 82, Revise authority to adopt rules for legislative computer technology.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:58 Sen. Brueggeman

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 82

00:31:50 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Dickenson moved that **SB 82 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, 18-0. Reps. Sales, Phillips, Olson and Barrett voted by proxy. Rep. Wilmer will carry SB 82.

HEARING ON SB 168

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:33:06 Sen. Larry Jent (D), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB 168, Transfer public employee accrued leave into post-retirement health care account.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:35:43 Connie Welsh, Benefit Administrator, Department of Administration
00:37:27 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association
00:37:59 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:43 Rep. Dickenson
00:40:19 Ms. Welsh
00:41:08 Rep. Dickenson
00:41:24 Ms. Welsh
00:42:14 Rep. Dickenson
00:42:45 Ms. Welsh
00:43:09 Rep. McNutt
00:43:22 Ms. Welsh
00:43:38 Rep. Jacobson
00:44:04 Ms. Welsh
00:44:44 Chairman Himmelberger
00:45:01 Ms. Welsh
00:46:23 Chairman Himmelberger
00:46:39 Ms. Welsh
00:46:51 Chairman Himmelberger
00:47:02 Ms. Welsh
00:47:27 Chairman Himmelberger
00:47:37 Ms. Welsh

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:11 Sen. Jent

ADJOURNMENT

00:49:37 Adjournment

REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER, Chairman

DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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