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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on April 3, 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. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Scott Sales
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman

Members Absent: None

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

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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: HJR 53
Executive Action: HB 792, HJR 53

HEARING ON HJR 53

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:50 Rep. Wanda Grinde (D), HD 48, opened the hearing on HJR 53, Study revision of campaign finance laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:26 Rep. Diane Sands
EXHIBIT(sth71a01)
00:10:31 Rita Blouke, Vice President, Helena Area League of Women Voters of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:12:19 Dennis Unsworth, Commissioner of Political Practices

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:31 Rep. Phillips
00:15:17 Rep. Grinde
00:15:28 Rep. Wilmer
00:16:23 Rep. Sands
00:17:58 Rep. Malcolm
00:18:48 Rep. Sands

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:36 Rep. Grinde

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 792

00:21:51 **Motion**: Rep. Ankney moved that **HB 792 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:22:03 Chairman Himmelberger
00:22:24 Rep. McNutt
00:22:58 Chairman Himmelberger

00:23:14 **Substitute Motion/Vote**: Rep. McNutt made a substitute motion that **HB 792 BE TABLED.** Substitute motion carried unanimously by voice vote, 18-0. Reps. Sales, Olson, Small-Eastman and Barrett voted by proxy.

<u>Discussion Regarding Committee Study Resolution</u>:

00:23:18 Chairman Himmelberger
00:23:46 Rep. Jacobson
<u>EXHIBIT</u>(sth71a02)

00:25:59 Break
00:57:49 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJR 53

00:58:13 **<u>Motion</u>**: Rep. Branae moved that **HJR 23 BE ADOPTED.**

<u>Discussion</u>:

00:58:36 Rep. Jones
00:58:47 Rep. Henry
00:59:03 Rep. McNutt
01:00:00 Rep. Jones

01:00:47 **<u>Vote</u>**: Motion that **HJR 23 BE ADOPTED** carried by roll
          call vote, 15-3. Reps. Himmelberger, Malcolm and Sales
          voted no. Reps. Sales, Olson, Phillips and Small-
          Eastman voted by proxy.

<u>Additional Discussion Regarding Committee Study Resolution</u>:

01:01:51 Rep. McNutt
01:02:31 Rep. Wilmer
01:03:06 Chairman Himmelberger
01:04:12 Rep. McNutt
01:04:36 Rep. Henry
01:05:56 Rep. Wilmer
01:06:33 Rep. Jones
01:09:33 Rep. McNutt
01:10:09 Rep. Dickenson
01:12:23 Rep. Henry
01:14:51 Rep. Hendrick
01:15:48 Rep. Jacobson
01:17:18 Rep. Dickenson
01:18:13 Rep. Ankney
01:19:47 Rep. McNutt
01:20:55 Chairman Himmelberger
01:21:50 Rep. Olson
01:23:16 Rep. Wilmer
01:23:53 Rep. Olson
01:24:39 Sheri Heffelfinger

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01:29:48  Rep. Olson
01:30:58  Rep. Hendrick
01:31:21  Sheri Heffelfinger
01:33:01  Rep. Wilmer
01:33:37  Ms. Heffelfinger
01:34:09  Rep. Wilmer
01:35:14  Rep. Olson
01:35:45  Ms. Heffelfinger
01:37:09  Rep. Barrett
01:38:07  Rep. Wilmer
01:39:06  Chairman Himmelberger
01:39:54  Rep. Henry
01:40:43  Chairman Himmelberger
01:41:44  Rep. McNutt
01:42:50  Rep. Henry
01:43:18  Chairman Himmelberger
01:44:02  Ms. Heffelfinger
01:44:50  Chairman Himmelberger
01:45:36  Ms. Heffelfinger
01:48:15  Chairman Himmelberger
01:48:53  Rep. Caferro
01:49:27  Chairman Himmelberger
01:50:35  Rep. Dickenson
01:49:29  Ms. Heffelfinger
01:49:40  Rep. Olson
01:50:42  Rep. Hendrick
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ADJOURNMENT

01:51:33 Adjournment

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REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER, Chairman

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DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT([sth71aad.pdf](sth71aad.pdf))