

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on April 13, 2007 at 9:00 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. 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. Mary Caferro
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: HJR 46, HJR 59
Executive Action: HJR 59

HEARING ON HJR 46

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:20 Rep. Diane Sands (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HJR 46, Interim study of election laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:31 Vicki Zeier, Missoula County Clerk and Recorder,
Treasurer
00:08:58 Duane Winslow, Elections Administrator in Yellowstone
County
00:13:50 Robert Throssell, Montana Clerk and Records and
Election Administrators
00:17:53 Linda Gryczan, League of Women Voters
00:18:36 Elaine Graveley, Election Deputy, Secretary of State's
Office
00:19:51 Beth Brenneman, Attorney, Montana Advocacy Group
00:21:33 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association
of Counties
00:23:01 Cyri Smilie, Montana Conservation Voters

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:23 Rep. Malcolm
00:24:55 Rep. Sands
00:26:07 Rep. Barrett
00:26:28 Mr. Winslow

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:12 Rep. Sands

HEARING ON HJR 59

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:54 Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R), HD 47, opened the hearing
on HJR 59, Study public retirement systems.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:30:14 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

00:33:02 Darrell Rud, Executive Director, School Administrators
of Montana
00:34:53 David Senn, Executive Director, Teachers Retirement
System
00:36:48 Rosanne Minnehan, Executive Director, Public Employees
Retirement System Administration and Board
00:38:31 Jim Kembel, Representative, Police Chiefs and Police
Protection Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:34 Rep. Himmelberger
00:41:52 Break
00:59:58 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJR 59

01:00:29 **Motion:** Rep. Ankney moved that **HJR 59 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

01:01:04 Rep. Olson
01:01:30 **Vote:** Motion that **HJR 59 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED** carried
unanimously by voice vote, 18-0. Reps. Sales, Caferro,
Jones and McNutt voted by proxy.

Additional Discussion:

01:02:46 Chairman Himmelberger
01:02:50 Rep. Dickenson
01:02:56 Rep. Ankney
01:03:11 Chair Himmelberger
01:03:15 Rep. Ankney
01:03:43 Chairman Himmelberger
01:03:49 Rep. Hendrick
01:04:34 Rep. Jacobson
01:04:42 Chairman Himmelberger

ADJOURNMENT

01:06:10 Adjournment

REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER, Chairman

DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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