

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CAROLYN SQUIRES**, on April 20, 2007 at 1:40 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Carolyn Squires, Chairman (D)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch
Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 59, 4/17/2007
Executive Action: HJ 59

00:05:53

HEARING ON HJ 59

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:06:09 **REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER (R), HD 47**, opened the hearing on **HJ 59**, Study public retirement systems.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:32 Roxanne Minnehan, Executive Director, Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration (MPERA)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:13 Sen. Jeff Essmann to Rep. Himmelberger

00:11:19 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella to Ms. Minnehan, MPERA

00:11:57 Sen. Cocchiarella to Dave Bohyer, Research Director, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:12:37 Sen. Carolyn Squires

00:14:00 Mr. Bohyer, LSD

00:14:32 Sen. Squires

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:58 Rep. Himmelberger

Discussion:

00:18:16 Rep. Cocchiarella

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 59

00:16:38 **Motion/Vote:** **SEN. GALLUS** moved that **HJ 59 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 6-4 by voice vote with **SEN. COCCHIARELLA**, **SEN. JENT**, **SEN. LEWIS**, and **SEN. SQUIRES** voting no. **SEN. LASLOVICH** was excused. **SEN. BALYEAT** will carry the resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 2:05 P.M.

SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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