

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: by Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on January 8,
2009 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dennis Himmelberger, Chairman (R)
Rep. Sue Dickenson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Russell Bean (R)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Dee Brown (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch
Marshall McEwen, Committee Secretary

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 & Date Posted:	HB 23, 1/5/09; HB 37, 1/5/09; HB 155, 1/5/09
Executive Action:	None
Agency Presentations:	Department of Administration, Department of Military Affairs, Veterans' Affairs Division

Depart of Administration:

00:01:25 Janet Kelly, Director of Department, Administration

EXHIBIT(sth04a01)

00:09:15 Chairman Himmelberger

Department of Military Affairs:

00:09:36 Brigadier General John Walsh, Director, Department of
Military Affairs

EXHIBIT(sth04a02)

00:20:28 Chairman Himmelberger

00:20:34 Rep. Ingraham

00:20:49 Brigadier General Walsh

00:21:45 Rep. Brown

00:22:36 Brigadier General Walsh

00:23:19 Rep. Brown

00:23:47 Brigadier General Walsh

00:24:11 Rep. Dickenson

00:24:42 Brigadier General Walsh

00:25:54 Chairman Himmelberger

00:25:58 Rep. MacLaren

00:26:33 Brigadier General Walsh

00:27:33 Rep. MacLaren

00:27:38 Brigadier General Walsh

00:28:04 Rep. Wilmer

00:28:35 Brigadier General Walsh

00:32:37 Rep. Wilmer

00:32:54 Brigadier General Walsh

00:33:41 Chairman Himmelberger

00:33:49 Brigadier General Walsh

00:33:51 Chairman Himmelberger

Veterans' Affairs Division:

00:34:02 Joe Foster, Administrator for Montana Veteran Affairs
Division

EXHIBIT(sth04a03)

00:37:38 Chairman Himmelberger

00:37:42 Rep. Brown

00:38:00 Mr. Foster

00:38:33 Rep. Brown

00:38:47 Mr. Foster

00:40:31 Rep. Brown

00:40:43 Mr. Foster

00:40:50 Rep. Dickenson

00:41:22 Mr. Foster

00:41:41 Rep. Dickenson

00:42:08 Mr. Foster
00:42:27 Chairman Himmelberger

Format for Hearings:

00:42:35 Chairman Himmelberger

HEARING ON HB 155

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:44:41 Rep. Jp Pomnichowski (D), Hd 63, opened the hearing on
 HB 155, Require state agencies to develop procedures to
 protect personal information.
00:48:00 Chairman Himmelberger

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:11 Dick Clark, Chief Information Officer, State of Montana
EXHIBIT(sth04a04)
00:53:12 Chairman Himmelberger
00:53:33 Scott Crichton, Executive Director of ACLU
EXHIBIT(sth04a05)
00:59:08 Chairman Himmelberger
00:59:35 John Barrows, Executive Director, Montana Newspaper
 Association
01:02:09 Chairman Himmelberger

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:02:29 Rep. Phillips
01:03:07 Rep. Pomnichowski
01:04:01 Rep. Phillips
01:04:48 Mr. Clark
01:06:12 Rep. Brown
01:06:58 Mr. Clark
01:08:34 Rep. Brown
01:08:59 Mr. Clark
01:09:27 Rep. Brown
01:10:11 Mr. Clark
01:11:38 Rep. Wilmer
01:11:54 Mr. Clark
01:12:45 Rep. MacLaren
01:13:08 Mr. Clark

01:14:02 Chairman Himmelberger
 01:14:09 Rep. Hendrick
 01:14:30 Mr. Clark
 01:14:35 Rep. Hendrick
 01:14:57 Mr. Clark
 01:15:23 Chairman Himmelberger
 01:15:54 Mr. Clark
 01:17:10 Chairman Himmelberger
 01:17:27 Mr. Clark
 01:17:31 Chairman Himmelberger
 01:18:08 Rep. Pomnichowski
 01:18:14 Mr. Clark
 01:18:44 Chairman Himmelberger
 01:18:53 Rep. Boniek
 01:19:14 Chairman Himmelberger
 01:19:25 Rep. Brown
 01:19:48 Chairman Himmelberger

Closing by Sponsor:

01:20:00 Rep. Pomnichowski
 01:23:47 Chairman Himmelberger
 01:24:20 Committee Takes a Break.
 01:32:03 Committee Called Back to Order by Chairman Himmelberger.

HEARING ON HB 37

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:32:38 Rep. Margaret Campbell (D), Hd 31, opened the hearing on **HB 37**, Language modernization of MCA for comprehensibility and gender neutrality.
 01:33:07 Chairman Himmelberger
 01:33:28 Rep. Campbell
 01:35:01 Chairman Himmelberger

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:35:29 Rep. Brown
 01:36:24 Greg Petesch, Code Commissioner for Legislative Services Division
 01:37:02 Rep. Brown

01:37:24 Mr. Petesch
01:37:42 Rep. Brown
01:37:55 Mr. Petesch
01:38:14 Rep. Ingraham
01:39:36 Mr. Petesch
01:40:02 Rep. Ingraham
01:40:27 Mr. Petesch
01:41:57 Rep. Caferro
01:42:33 Mr. Petesch
01:43:02 Rep. MacLaren
01:43:21 Mr. Petesch
01:43:30 Rep. Boniek
01:44:18 Chairman Himmelberger
01:44:53 Rep. Phillips
01:45:07 Mr. Petesch
01:46:42 Chairman Himmelberger

Closing by Sponsor:

01:46:51 Rep. Campbell
01:47:15 Chairman Himmelberger

HEARING ON HB 23

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:47:44 Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R), Hd 47, opened the hearing
on **HB 23**, Remove statutory references to Legislative
Administration Committees.
01:49:26 Vice Chairman O'Hara

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:50:03 Rep. Phillips
01:50:29 Rep. Himmelberger
01:50:35 Vice Chairman O'Hara

Closing by Sponsor:

01:50:44 Rep. Himmelberger

Closing of Meeting:

01:51:29 Chairman Himmelberger

01:52:00 Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Services Division

01:53:12 Chairman Himmelberger

ADJOURNMENT

01:53:24 Adjournment

REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER, Chairman

MARSHALL MCEWEN, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([sth04aad.pdf](#))