

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on January 29, 2009
at 9:00 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. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)

Staff Present: Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch
Marshall McEwen, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 274, 1/23/2009

Executive Action: HB 109, HB 182, HB 197, SB 7,
HB 289

00:01:23 Rep. Hands entered the room.

HEARING ON HB 274

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:12 Rep. Robin Hamilton (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on
HB 274, Allow travel reimbursement for poet laureate at
same rates as state employees.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:04 Drew Geiger, Montana Cultural Advocacy
00:07:40 Chairman Himmelberger exited the room.
00:07:44 Rick Newby, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:09:40 Arni Fishbaugh, Director, Montana Arts Council

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:04 Rep. Ingraham
00:10:46 Rep. Hamilton
00:11:13 Chairman Himmelberger entered the room.
00:11:40 Ms. Fishbaugh
00:12:07 Rep. Ingraham
00:12:29 Ms. Fishbaugh
00:12:50 Rep. Brown
00:13:08 Ms. Fishbaugh
00:13:24 Rep. Hands
00:13:43 Ms. Fishbaugh
00:14:35 Mr. Newby
00:15:23 Rep. Boniek
00:15:37 Ms. Fishbaugh

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:11 Rep. Hamilton
00:17:32 Chairman Himmelberger

00:18:15 Committee takes a break.
00:37:09 Committee reconvenes. Rep. Caferro is not present after the break.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 109

00:37:32 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 109 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:37:34 Chairman Himmelberger
00:37:43 Rep. Brown
00:38:15 Chairman Himmelberger
00:38:20 Rep. Wilmer
00:38:39 Rep. Brown
00:38:46 Rep. Dickenson
00:39:05 Chairman Himmelberger

00:39:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Caferro voted by proxy.

00:39:59 Chairman Himmelberger

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 182

00:40:24 **Motion:** Rep. Brown moved that **HB 182 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:40:28 Chairman Himmelberger
00:40:45 Rep. Phillips
00:41:33 Chairman Himmelberger
00:41:45 Rep. Phillips
00:42:03 Rep. Caferro entered the room.
00:42:09 Chairman Himmelberger
00:42:18 Rep. O'Hara
00:42:42 Rep. Van Dyk
00:44:33 Rep. Brown
00:45:30 Rep. Bean
00:46:30 Rep. Hands
00:47:22 Rep. Brown
00:48:01 Rep. Hands
00:48:07 Chairman Himmelberger
00:48:14 Rep. Washburn
00:48:46 Rep. Boniek
00:49:29 Rep. MacLaren
00:50:11 Chairman Himmelberger

00:51:37 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Bean, Rep. Boniek, Rep. Hendrick, Rep. Himmelberger, Rep. Ingraham, and Rep. Washburn voting aye.

00:52:42 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Phillips moved that **HB 182 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 16-2 by voice vote with Rep. Boniek and Rep. Brown voting no.

00:53:12 Chairman Himmelberger

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 197

00:53:23 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 197 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:53:26 Chairman Himmelberger

00:53:30 Rep. Wilmer exited the room.

00:53:36 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 197 BE AMENDED**.
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Discussion:

00:53:54 Chairman Himmelberger

00:54:01 Rep. Ingraham

00:55:04 Rep. Brown

00:55:25 Mr. Bohyer

00:55:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Wilmer voted by proxy.

00:56:18 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 197 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

00:56:26 Chairman Himmelberger

00:56:35 Rep. Ingraham

00:56:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Wilmer voted by proxy.

00:57:16 Chairman Himmelberger

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 7

00:57:19 **Motion:** Rep. Brown moved that **SB 7 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

00:57:25 Chairman Himmelberger

00:57:50 Rep. Dickenson

00:58:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Wilmer voted by proxy. Rep. Brown will carry the bill onto the House floor.

00:58:52 Chairman Himmelberger

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 289

00:59:09 **Motion:** Rep. Phillips moved that **HB 289 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:59:15 Chairman Himmelberger

00:59:21 Rep. Phillips

01:01:48 Chairman Himmelberger

01:01:53 Rep. Brown

01:02:27 Rep. Phillips

01:02:48 Rep. Van Dyk

01:03:02 Rep. Phillips

01:03:32 Rep. Boniek

01:03:49 Rep. Phillips

01:04:59 Rep. Van Dyk

01:06:08 Chairman Himmelberger

01:06:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Wilmer voted by proxy.

01:07:14 Chairman Himmelberger

01:07:26 Rep. Phillips

01:07:50 Chairman Himmelberger

ADJOURNMENT

01:08:37 Adjournment

Marshall McEwen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([sth21aad.pdf](#))