

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on February 2, 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. Ted Washburn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Absent: Rep. Mary Caferro (D)

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 155, SB 156, 1/27/2009

Executive Action: SB 24, HB 363

HEARING ON SB 156

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:14 Sen. Mike Cooney (D), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 156, Revise law to coordinate certain political candidate filing deadlines.

00:03:48 Rep. Caferro entered the room.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:15 Lisa Kimmert, Election Deputy, Montana Secretary of State's Office

EXHIBIT (sth24a01)

00:06:46 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties

00:06:59 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:07:31 Mary Baker, Program Supervisor, Political Practices

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:12 Rep. Washburn

00:08:27 Ms. Baker

00:09:04 Rep. Washburn

00:09:14 Ms. Baker

00:09:39 Rep. Washburn

00:09:42 Rep. Brown

00:10:15 Sen. Cooney

00:12:16 Rep. Brown

00:12:31 Sen. Cooney

00:14:41 Rep. Brown

00:14:51 Chairman Himmelberger

00:15:00 Rep. Brown

00:15:12 Ms. Kimmert

00:15:36 Rep. O'Hara

00:16:05 Chairman Himmelberger

00:16:13 Sen. Cooney

00:16:16 Chairman Himmelberger

00:16:46 Sen. Cooney

00:16:50 Chairman Himmelberger

00:17:18 Sen. Cooney

00:17:27 Rep. MacLaren

00:17:33 Chairman Himmelberger

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:38 Sen. Cooney
00:17:49 Chairman Himmelberger

HEARING ON SB 155

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:02 Sen. Mike Cooney (D), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 155, Require post-election audits of vote-counting machines.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:47 Linda McCulloch, Montana Secretary of State
EXHIBIT (sth24a02)
00:23:31 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Clerks and
Recorders
00:23:58 Rep. Wilmer entered the room.
00:24:25 Drew Geiger, Montana League of Women Voters
00:24:59 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties
00:25:20 Carl Peil, AARP Montana
EXHIBIT (sth24a03)
00:26:13 Kate Cholewa, Montana Common Cause

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:48 Rep. O'Hara
00:27:09 Ms. McCulloch
00:27:18 Chairman Himmelberger
00:27:21 Ms. Kimmet
00:28:07 Rep. O'Hara
00:28:21 Ms. Kimmet
00:29:24 Rep. Bean
00:29:47 Sen. Cooney
00:30:38 Chairman Himmelberger
00:30:46 Ms. Kimmet
00:31:43 Rep. Bean
00:32:15 Ms. Kimmet
00:32:23 Rep. Bean
00:32:35 Chairman Himmelberger
00:32:40 Rep. Boniek
00:33:02 Ms. Kimmet
00:34:05 Rep. Boniek

00:34:19 Ms. Kimmet
00:34:37 Chairman Himmelberger
00:34:40 Rep. MacLaren
00:34:58 Ms. Kimmet
00:35:39 Rep. MacLaren
00:35:50 Ms. Kimmet
00:36:20 Rep. MacLaren
00:36:52 Ms. Kimmet
00:37:19 Rep. MacLaren
00:37:27 Ms. Kimmet
00:37:34 Rep. Brown
00:38:03 Ms. Kimmet
00:38:08 Rep. Brown
00:38:11 Rep. Dickenson
00:38:30 Ms. Kimmet
00:38:41 Rep. Washburn
00:39:08 Ms. Kimmet
00:39:21 Rep. Washburn
00:39:27 Chairman Himmelberger
00:39:51 Ms. Wood
00:40:24 Chairman Himmelberger
00:40:51 Ms. Wood
00:41:02 Chairman Himmelberger
00:41:05 Ms. Kimmet
00:41:09 Chairman Himmelberger
00:41:28 Ms. Kimmet
00:41:34 Chairman Himmelberger
00:41:48 Ms. Kimmet
00:41:58 Chairman Himmelberger
00:42:38 Ms. Kimmet
00:43:09 Chairman Himmelberger
00:43:24 Ms. Kimmet
00:43:28 Chairman Himmelberger

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:37 Sen. Cooney
00:47:26 Chairman Himmelberger

00:47:37 Sen. Cooney
00:48:02 Chairman Himmelberger
00:48:41 Rep. Brown
00:48:43 Chairman Himmelberger

00:48:56 Committee takes a break.
01:12:26 Committee reconvenes. Rep. Dickenson is absent after
the break.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 24

01:13:31 **Motion:** Rep. Brown moved that **SB 24 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:13:36 Chairman Himmelberger

01:13:46 Rep. Hendrick

01:14:33 Rep. Van Dyk

01:14:42 Rep. Dickenson entered the room.

01:15:55 Rep. Brown

01:16:09 Rep. Caferro

01:16:56 Chairman Himmelberger

01:17:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Ingraham will carry the bill on to the House floor.

01:17:20 Chairman Himmelberger

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 363

01:18:00 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 363 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:18:05 Chairman Himmelberger

01:18:17 Rep. Brown

01:19:13 Rep. Bean

01:20:17 Rep. Belcourt

01:21:15 Chairman Himmelberger

01:21:32 Rep. Boniek

01:22:27 Chairman Himmelberger

01:22:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:22:53 Chairman Himmelberger

01:23:09 Rep. Caferro

01:23:29 Chairman Himmelberger

ADJOURNMENT

01:23:32 Adjournment: 10:23 A.M.

Marshall McEwen, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits

EXHIBIT (sth24a04) Testimony pertaining to SB 155

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([sth24aad.pdf](#))