

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on February 4, 2009
at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dennis Himmelberger, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Russell Bean (R)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Sue Dickenson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Dee Brown (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Joel Boniek (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

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 393, 1/30/2009; SB 196, SJ 14,
1/29/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SJ 14

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:58 Sen. Cliff Larsen (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SJ
14, Study cooperative arrangements between state
agriculture labs.

00:03:04 Rep. Malek and Rep. Boniek entered the room

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:43 Christian MacKay, Executive Office, Department
of Livestock

00:07:03 Bill Layton, Director, Veterinary Diagnostic
Laboratory, Bozeman, Montana, Department of Livestock

00:07:50 Rep. Caferro entered the room.

00:10:18 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator,
Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

00:12:18 Cathy Conover, Montana State University

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:13:33 Greg Ames, Administration, Agriculture Sciences
Division, Department of Agriculture

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:54 Rep. Ingraham

00:17:22 Mr. MacKay

00:18:32 Rep. Ingraham

00:19:01 Mr. MacKay

00:19:50 Rep. Washburn

00:20:18 Mr. Layton

00:20:26 Rep. Washburn

00:20:34 Mr. Layton

00:20:35 Rep. Washburn

00:20:37 Mr. Layton

00:21:19 Chairman Himmelberger

00:21:26 Rep. Hands
00:22:02 Mr. MacKay
00:22:47 Rep. Hands
00:23:00 Mr. MacKay
00:23:18 Rep. Hands
00:23:55 Mr. MacKay
00:24:24 Chairman Himmelberger
00:24:30 Rep. Washburn
00:24:37 Chairman Himmelberger
00:24:57 Sen. Larsen
00:25:39 Chairman Himmelberger
00:26:23 Sen. Larsen
00:27:17 Chairman Himmelberger

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:21 Sen. Larsen
00:28:11 Chairman Himmelberger

HEARING ON HB 393

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:35 Rep. Jeffery Welborn (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on
HB 393, Special contract for city police fund to
transfer to statewide retirement plan.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:30:19 W.G. Gilbert III, City Attorney, Dillon, Montana
00:44:09 Thomas Straugh, President, City Council, Dillon,
Montana
00:45:11 Ty Cobb, City Treasurer, Dillon, Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:46:20 Roxanne Minnehan, Executive Director, Montana Public
Employees' Retirement Administration
00:51:20 Rep. Brown entered the room.
00:51:51 Chairman Himmelberger
00:51:54 Ms. Minnehan

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:52:41 Rep. Ingraham
00:53:27 Mr. Gilbert
00:53:57 Rep. Ingraham

00:54:18 Mr. Gilbert
 00:54:40 Rep. Washburn
 00:55:10 Ms. Minnehan
 00:55:35 Rep. Washburn
 00:55:49 Ms. Minnehan
 00:57:06 Rep. O'Hara
 00:57:39 Ms. Minnehan
 00:58:16 Rep. O'Hara
 00:58:33 Ms. Minnehan
 00:59:25 Rep. Hands
 00:59:42 Ms. Minnehan
 00:59:49 Rep. Hands
 01:00:31 Rep. Welborn
 01:01:34 Rep. Brown
 01:01:50 Chairman Himmelberger
 01:01:58 Rep. Brown
 01:02:20 Rep. Welborn
 01:02:27 Rep. Brown
 01:02:33 Rep. Boniek
 01:03:20 Mr. Gilbert
 01:04:07 Chairman Himmelberger
 01:04:11 Rep. MacLaren
 01:04:30 Ms. Minnehan
 01:05:00 Chairman Himmelberger

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:05 Rep. Welborn
 01:06:00 Chairman Himmelberger

HEARING ON SB 196

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:06:15 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), SD 16, opened the hearing
 on SB 196, Designate American Indian Heritage Day.
 01:06:20 Chairman Himmelberger turned the gavel over to Vice
 Chairman O'Hara

Proponents' Testimony:

01:08:32 Joseph Quincy, Hays Lodge Pole Schools, Fort Belknap
 Reservation
 01:10:18 Charmayne Healy, Hays Lodge Pole Schools, Fort Belknap
 Reservation
 01:10:57 Samantha Webb, Hays Lodge Pole Schools, Fort Belknap
 Reservation
 01:12:07 Charlene Healy, Hays Lodge Pole Schools, Fort Belknap
 Reservation

01:12:53 Jennifer Perez Cole, Coordinator, Indian Affairs,
Governor's Office

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:14:27 Rep. Ingraham
01:14:50 Sen. Windy Boy
01:15:07 Rep. Ingraham
01:16:10 Sen. Windy Boy
01:19:05 Rep. Brown
01:19:33 Sen. Windy Boy
01:19:42 Rep. Brown
01:20:07 Sen. Windy Boy
01:20:39 Rep. Brown
01:20:44 Rep. Hendrick
01:21:39 Sen. Windy Boy
01:23:17 Rep. Brown
01:23:36 Sen. Windy Boy
01:25:18 Rep. Wilmer
01:25:49 Mr. Quincy
01:26:18 Rep. Wilmer
01:26:51 Mr. Quincy
01:27:50 Rep. Boss Ribs
01:28:16 Rep. Ingraham
01:29:00 Rep. Bean
01:29:52 Rep. Caferro
01:30:45 Sen. Windy Boy
01:31:19 Rep. Caferro
01:31:23 Vice Chairman O'Hara

Closing by Sponsor:

01:31:29 Sen. Windy Boy
01:31:43 Vice Chairman O'Hara

ADJOURNMENT

01:32:24 Adjournment: 10:32 a.m.

Marshall McEwen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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