

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on February 11, 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. Mary Caferro (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)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** Rep. Betsy Hands (D)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer (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 458, HB 463, 2/6/2009

Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 458**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:28 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 458, Repeal term limits.

**EXHIBIT (sth32a01)**

00:02:36 Rep. Wilmer and Rep. Hands entered the room.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:10:03 Kate Cholewa, Montana Common Cause

00:11:07 Gordon Morris, Self

00:12:53 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:14:14 Travis Butcher, Montanans' for Eight Year Term Limits

00:18:48 Robert Snyder, Self

00:19:58 William Biernat, Self

00:22:18 Jeremy Hofer, Self

00:22:46 Bob Adney, Self

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:25:24 Rep. Phillips

00:26:03 Rep. Cohenour

00:27:50 Rep. Hands

00:28:53 Rep. Cohenour

00:30:41 Rep. Hands

00:32:09 Rep. Cohenour

00:33:43 Rep. Wilmer

00:34:12 Rep. Cohenour

00:34:47 Rep. Wilmer

00:35:38 Ms. Cholewa

00:35:41 Rep. Wilmer

00:36:02 Ms. Cholewa

00:36:43 Rep. Wilmer

00:37:01 Ms. Cholewa

00:37:07 Rep. Wilmer

00:37:23 Rep. Boniek

00:38:04 Mr. Adney  
00:38:50 Rep. Dickenson  
00:39:11 Mr. Butcher  
00:39:46 Rep. Dickenson  
00:40:06 Mr. Butcher  
00:40:35 Rep. Dickenson  
00:40:42 Mr. Butcher  
00:41:19 Rep. Van Dyk  
00:42:03 Mr. Butcher  
00:42:30 Rep. Van Dyk  
00:42:47 Mr. Butcher  
00:43:12 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:44:49 Mr. Biernat  
00:46:01 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:46:24 Mr. Biernat  
00:46:46 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:47:50 Mr. Biernat  
00:48:02 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:48:09 Rep. Phillips  
00:48:40 Mr. Biernat  
00:49:53 Rep. Hendrick  
00:51:11 Mr. Biernat  
00:51:15 Rep. Hendrick  
00:51:18 Mr. Biernat  
00:51:50 Rep. Hendrick  
00:52:13 Mr. Biernat  
00:52:46 Rep. Hands  
00:54:25 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:54:30 Mr. Biernat  
00:54:32 Rep. Hands  
00:54:35 Mr. Biernat  
00:55:02 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:56:00 Mr. Butcher  
00:57:49 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:58:06 Mr. Butcher  
00:58:37 Chairman Himmelberger

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:58:41 Rep. Cohenour  
01:03:57 Chairman Himmelberger

**HEARING ON HB 463**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:04:19 Rep. Julie French (D), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 463, Teacher retirement creditable service for active military duty.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:07:24 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT  
01:09:14 Colonel Jim Jacobsen, Legislative Representative,  
American Legion  
01:09:53 Dan Antonietti, State Director, Veterans of Foreign  
Wars Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:10:44 David Senn, Executive Director, Teachers' Retirement  
System

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:14:38 Rep. Dickenson  
01:15:17 Mr. Senn  
01:17:07 Rep. Dickenson  
01:17:39 Mr. Senn  
01:17:50 Rep. Brown  
01:18:43 Rep. French  
01:19:57 Rep. Brown  
01:20:46 Col. Jacobsen  
01:20:55 Rep. Brown  
01:20:58 Rep. Phillips  
01:21:18 Col. Jacobsen  
01:21:23 Rep. Phillips  
01:21:37 Mr. Senn  
01:21:45 Rep. Boniek  
01:22:03 Mr. Feaver  
01:22:49 Chairman Himmelberger

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:22:54 Rep. French  
01:24:06 Chairman Himmelberger  
01:24:15 Rep. Van Dyk  
01:25:09 Chairman Himmelberger

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:25:13 Adjournment: 10:25 a.m.

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Marshall McEwen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([sth32aad.pdf](#))**