

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on February 13, 2009
at 9:01 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. Joel Boniek (R)
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Dee Brown (R)
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. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Mary Caferro (D)

Members Absent: Rep. Tony Belcourt (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 358, HB 479, HB 493, 2/9/2009

Executive Action: None

00:01:54 Rep. Belcourt entered the room.

HEARING ON HB 358

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:23 Rep. Bob Bergren (D), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 358, Prohibit statewide office holders from giving bonuses at end of term.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:39 Linda McCulloch, Montana Secretary of State
[EXHIBIT\(sth34a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:39 Rep. Brown
00:07:19 Rep. Bergren
00:07:37 Rep. Brown
00:07:44 Rep. Malek
00:08:03 Rep. Bergren
00:08:38 Chairman Himmelberger
00:09:07 Rep. Bergren
00:09:24 Chairman Himmelberger

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:29 Rep. Bergren
00:10:04 Chairman Himmelberger

HEARING ON HB 479

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:10:41 Rep. Joel Boniek (R), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 479, Clarify and specify role of Home Guard.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:51 Doug Nulle, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:33:37 Brigadier General Stan Putnam, Department of Military
Affairs

EXHIBIT (sth34a02)

Informational Testimony:

00:44:59 Ken Mesch, Administrator, Department of Military
Affairs

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:08 Rep. Brown
00:48:56 Brig. Gen. Putnam
00:50:41 Rep. Brown
00:51:08 Brig. Gen. Putnam
00:51:47 Rep. O'Hara
00:52:12 Rep. Boniek
00:53:38 Rep. Phillips
00:54:04 Rep. Boniek
00:54:08 Rep. Phillips
00:54:39 Brig. Gen. Putnam
00:56:06 Rep. Ingraham
00:56:35 Brig. Gen. Putnam
00:57:56 Rep. Ingraham
00:58:47 Brig. Gen. Putnam
00:58:53 Rep. Malek
00:59:08 Brig. Gen. Putnam
00:59:39 Rep. Malek
00:59:56 Brig. Gen. Putnam
01:00:33 Rep. Malek
01:00:46 Brig. Gen. Putnam
01:01:39 Rep. Belcourt
01:01:56 Rep. Boniek
01:02:16 Rep. MacLaren
01:03:03 Brig. Gen. Putnam
01:04:15 Rep. MacLaren
01:04:38 Chairman Himmelberger
01:04:59 Brig. Gen. Putnam
01:05:42 Chairman Himmelberger
01:06:07 Brig. Gen. Putnam
01:07:03 Chairman Himmelberger
01:07:25 Brig. Gen. Putnam
01:08:38 Chairman Himmelberger

01:08:46 Rep. Boss Ribs
01:09:05 Brig. Gen. Putnam
01:10:00 Rep. Boss Ribs
01:10:11 Brig. Gen. Putnam
01:10:17 Chairman Himmelberger

Closing by Sponsor:

01:10:21 Rep. Boniek
01:16:23 Chairman Himmelberger

HEARING ON HB 493

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:16:38 Rep. Dan Villa (D), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 493, Revise board of research and commercialization technology.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:20:50 Evan Barrett, Chief Business Development Officer,
Governor's Office
01:29:40 Kelly Casillas, Attorney, Department of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:32:38 Rep. Brown
01:33:14 Ms. Casillas
01:33:58 Rep. Ingraham
01:34:35 Rep. Villa
01:35:23 Rep. Ingraham
01:35:42 Rep. Villa
01:36:27 Rep. Wilmer
01:36:51 Mr. Barrett
01:37:55 Rep. Wilmer
01:38:01 Rep. Hands exited the room.
01:38:39 Mr. Barrett
01:41:39 Rep. Wilmer
01:42:04 Ms. Casillas
01:43:19 Rep. MacLaren
01:43:34 Rep. Villa
01:43:36 Rep. MacLaren
01:43:41 Chairman Himmelberger
01:43:53 Rep. Bean

01:44:26 Rep. Villa
01:45:00 Rep. Boniek
01:45:45 Ms. Casillas
01:46:06 Rep. Ingraham
01:46:26 Rep. Villa
01:46:38 Chairman Himmelberger
01:46:45 Rep. Villa

Closing by Sponsor:

01:46:59 Rep. Villa
EXHIBIT(sth34a03)
01:49:44 Chairman Himmelberger

01:50:47 Rep. MacLaren
01:50:54 Rep. Phillips
01:51:05 Chairman Himmelberger
01:51:51 Rep. Phillips
01:51:59 Chairman Himmelberger

ADJOURNMENT

01:52:20 Adjournment: 10:53 a.m.

Marshall McEwen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([sth34aad.pdf](#))