

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on March 31, 2009 at 9:02 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. Betsy Hands (D)  
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** Rep. Sue Malek (D)  
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)  
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (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: SB 495, 3/27/2009

Executive Action: HB 667

**HEARING ON SB 495**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:17 Sen. Bob Story (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on  
SB 495, Revise term limits -- amend constitution.

**EXHIBIT (sth71a01)**

00:03:12 Rep. Malek joined the committee.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:05:57 Rep. Washburn  
00:06:16 Sen. Story  
00:07:14 Rep. Hands  
00:07:45 Sen. Story  
00:08:53 Rep. Hands  
00:10:00 Sen. Story  
00:12:18 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:12:38 Rep. Brown  
00:13:15 Sen. Story  
00:14:22 Rep. Ingraham  
00:14:43 Sen. Story  
00:15:32 Rep. Van Dyk joined the committee.  
00:16:22 Rep. Ingraham  
00:17:20 Sen. Story  
00:17:50 Rep. MacLaren  
00:18:05 Sen. Story  
00:18:18 Rep. Dickenson  
00:18:36 Sen. Story  
00:19:12 Rep. MacLaren  
00:19:20 Sen. Story  
00:19:33 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:19:44 Sen. Story  
00:20:10 Chairman Himmelberger

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:20:17 Sen. Story  
00:21:18 Chairman Himmelberger

**Committee Discussion:**

00:21:41 Rep. Hendrick  
00:22:07 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:22:28 Rep. Washburn  
00:22:58 Rep. MacLaren  
00:23:30 Rep. Malek  
00:24:28 Rep. Brown  
00:25:04 Chairman Himmelberger

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 667**

00:25:53 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 667 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:25:59 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:26:12 Rep. Malek  
00:26:37 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:28:14 Ms. Heffelfinger, Legislative Services Division  
00:29:04 Rep. Brown  
00:29:24 Ms. Heffelfinger  
00:29:28 Rep. Brown  
00:30:16 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:30:26 Rep. Brown  
00:30:49 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:30:59 Rep. Dickenson  
00:31:57 Rep. Van Dyk  
  
00:32:20 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. O'Hara made a substitute motion that **HB 667 BE TABLED.** Substitute motion carried 16-2 by voice vote with Rep. MacLaren and Rep. Malek voting no. Rep. Phillips and Rep. Wilmer voted by proxy.

**Committee Discussion on LC 2325:**

00:33:04 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:33:35 Rep. Brown  
00:33:53 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:34:33 Ms. Heffelfinger  
**EXHIBIT (sth71a02)**  
00:35:03 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:35:13 Rep. Brown  
00:35:23 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:36:09 Ms. Heffelfinger  
00:38:13 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:39:45 Rep. Van Dyk left the committee.

00:40:25 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brown moved to introduce **LC 2325**, a committee study resolution examining state pay plans. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Phillips, Rep. Van Dyk, and Rep. Wilmer voted by proxy.

**Committee Discussion on a Committee Dinner:**

00:41:03 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:41:30 Rep. Dickenson  
00:42:44 Rep. Caferro  
00:42:51 Rep. O'Hara  
00:43:14 Rep. Caferro  
00:43:26 Rep. Hendrick  
00:44:05 Rep. Brown  
00:44:26 Rep. Bean  
00:44:41 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:45:16 Rep. Hendrick  
00:45:19 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:45:41 Rep. Boniek  
00:45:59 Rep. Brown  
00:46:35 Rep. Dickenson  
00:46:59 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:47:16 Rep. Hands  
00:47:22 Chairman Himmelberger

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:47:45 Adjournment: 9:49 A.M.

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Marshall McEwen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([sth71aad.pdf](#))**