

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

Call to Order: Chairman Jim Shockley, on April 15, 2009 at 3:42 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jim Shockley, Chairman (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch
Libby Goodwin, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 35, 4/14/2009; SR 37, 4/14/2009
Executive Action: SR 33, SR 34, SR 35, SR 37, HJ 35

HEARING ON HJ 35

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:26 Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R), HD 47, opened the hearing on HJ 35, Interim study of state employee bonus payments.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:13 None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:02:16 None

Informational Testimony:

00:02:18 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:02:24 Sen. Balyeat
00:03:11 Rep. Himmelberger
00:03:56 Sen. Balyeat
00:04:09 Rep. Himmelberger
00:06:26 Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:19 Rep. Himmelberger

00:07:59 Chairman Shockley relinquished the chair to Sen. Balyeat.

HEARING ON SR 37

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:20 Sen. Jim Shockley (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SR 37, Confirm appointees to board of investments.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:00 Teresa Cohea, Board of Investments
00:09:33 Jack Prothero, Board of Investments

00:10:20 Jim Turcotte, Board of Investments

00:11:42 Patti Keebler, Governor's Office

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00:13:48 Sen. Tropila, SD 13

Opponents' Testimony:

00:14:04 None

Informational Testimony:

00:14:07 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:11 Sen. Brenden

00:14:59 Ms. Cohea, Board of Investments

00:16:13 Sen. Brenden

00:16:24 Ms. Cohea, Board of Investments

00:17:17 Sen. Brenden

00:17:45 Ms. Cohea, Board of Investments

00:19:21 Sen. Brenden

00:20:44 Ms. Cohea, Board of Investments

00:21:12 Chairman Balyeat

00:21:25 Mr. Turcotte, Board of Investments

00:25:24 Sen. Tropila

00:25:38 Mr. Turcotte, Board of Investments

00:26:28 Sen. Tropila

00:26:42 Sen. Squires

00:29:04 Ms. Cohea, Board of Investments

00:30:24 Sen. Squires

00:31:34 Ms. Cohea, Board of Investments

00:32:05 Chairman Balyeat

00:33:46 Mr. Prothero, Board of Investments

00:34:44 Chairman Balyeat

00:35:05 Mr. Prothero, Board of Investments

00:35:58 Mr. Turcotte, Board of Investments

00:37:27 Chairman Balyeat

00:37:52 Mr. Turcotte, Board of Investments

00:38:15 Chairman Balyeat

00:38:24 Mr. Turcotte, Board of Investments

00:38:49 Chairman Balyeat

00:39:01 Ms. Cohea, Board of Investments

00:39:40 Chairman Balyeat

00:40:00 Ms. Cohea, Board of Investments

00:40:39 Chairman Balyeat

00:40:43 Ms. Cohea, Board of Investments

00:41:02 Sen. Tropila
00:41:15 Mr. Turcotte, Board of Investments

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:36 Sen. Shockley

00:42:56 Sen. Shockley resumed the chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 35

00:42:28 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **HJ 35 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Bales, Sen. Black, Sen. Cooney, and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 37

00:43:05 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **SR 37 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Bales, Sen. Black, Sen. Cooney, and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 33

00:44:08 Sen. Balyeat
00:44:24 Dave Bohyer

00:44:27 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **SR 33 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Bales, Sen. Black, Sen. Cooney, and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 34

00:44:50 **Motion:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **SR 34 BE ADOPTED**.

00:45:00 Sen. Balyeat
00:45:48 Mr. Bohyer
00:45:55 Chairman Shockley

00:46:09 **Motion:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **SR 34 BE AMENDED**.
EXHIBIT (sts80a02)

00:46:23 Sen. Squires

00:47:04 Chairman Shockley

00:47:08 Sen. Squires

00:47:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Bales, Sen. Black, Sen. Cooney, and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:47:39 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **SR 34 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Bales, Sen. Black, Sen. Cooney, and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 35

00:48:19 **Motion:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **SR 35 BE ADOPTED**.

00:48:25 Sen. Squires

00:48:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-2 by voice vote with Sen. Squires and Sen. Tropila voting no. Sen. Bales, Sen. Black, Sen. Cooney, and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

Libby Goodwin, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([sts80aad.pdf](#))