

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on February 15, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dennis Himmelberger, Chairman (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Hal Jacobson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. William J. Jones (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Alan Olson (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Debby Barrett
Rep. Scott Sales

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dee Barfknecht, Committee Secretary
Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch

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: HB 594, HB 632, HB 640, HB 650
Executive Action: HB 594, HB 288

HEARING ON HB 632

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:45 Rep. Brady Wiseman (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on HB 632, Mandatory random audit of elections.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:05 Sarah Busey, League of Women Voters of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(sth34a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth34a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth34a03\)](#)

00:30:09 Jeanne Souvigney, Montana Conservation Voters

00:30:40 Terry Kendrick, Montana Women Vote

00:31:38 Derf Johnson, Montana Public Interest Research Group

00:32:50 Beth Brenneman, Staff Attorney, Montana State Advocacy Program

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:33:18 Mark Simonich, Secretary of State's Office

00:47:52 Robert Throssell, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:50:22 Rep. Ingraham

00:51:31 Rep. Wiseman

00:52:19 Rep. Ingraham

00:52:25 Rep. Wiseman

00:52:59 Rep. Ingraham

00:54:05 Rep. Wiseman

00:56:39 Rep. Dickenson

00:57:15 Rep. Wiseman

00:58:34 Rep. Branae

00:59:12 Mr. Simonich

00:59:48 Rep. Caferro

01:01:05 Rep. Wiseman

01:02:35 Rep. Caferro

01:02:48 Rep. Wiseman

01:02:58 Rep. Caferro

01:03:29 Mr. Simonich

01:05:32 Rep. Caferro

01:06:03 Ms. Busey

01:06:57 Rep. Ingraham

01:09:29 Rep. Wiseman

Closing by Sponsor:

01:14:36 Rep. Wiseman

HEARING ON HB 640

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:18:16 Rep. Wanda Grinde (D), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 640, Clarifying the definition of public building in the context of Architecture.

EXHIBIT (sth34a04)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:20:21 Jim Kembel, Montana Association of Architects

01:21:36 Mike Dowling, President American Institute of Architects, Architectural Firm Owner

01:22:22 Rick Schlenker, Architectural Firm Owner

01:23:17 Susan Bjerke, Architectural Firm Owner

01:24:24 Jay Skoog, Executive Director, American Engineering Council

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:25:24 Dave Cook, Bureau of Building and Measurement Standards

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:25:49 Rep. Malcolm

01:26:23 Mr. Cook

01:26:26 Rep. Malcolm

01:26:44 Mr. Kembel

01:28:00 Rep. Malcolm

01:28:07 Mr. Dowling

01:28:30 Rep. Malcolm

01:29:01 Mr. Dowling

01:30:24 Rep. Jones

01:31:11 Mr. Cook

01:31:42 Rep. Dickenson

01:32:03 Mr. Cook

01:32:32 Rep. Dickenson

01:33:06 Mr. Cook
01:34:35 Rep. Henry
01:35:01 Mr. Cook
01:35:20 Rep. Henry
01:35:58 Mr. Cook
01:36:14 Rep. Henry
01:36:43 Mr. Cook
01:36:57 Rep. Ingraham
01:37:14 Mr. Cook
01:37:29 Rep. Ingraham
01:38:10 Mr. Kembel

Closing by Sponsor:

01:38:45 Rep. Grinde
[EXHIBIT \(sth34a05\)](#)
[EXHIBIT \(sth34a06\)](#)

HEARING ON HB 650

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:40:12 Rep. Roger Koopman (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB
650, Liberty day proclamation.
[EXHIBIT \(sth34a07\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:49:33 Jack Hane, Retired Teacher
01:59:01 Jeff Garrard, Secretary of State's Office

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:00:45 Rep. Ingraham
02:01:19 Rep. Koopman

Closing by Sponsor:

02:01:37 Rep. Koopman

02:03:49 Break
02:22:37 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 594

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:23:27 Rep. Wayne Stahl (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 594, Designate state lullaby.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:24:13 Ken Overcast, Lullaby Artist

02:24:45 Rep. Branae

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:25:53 Rep. Wilmer

02:26:10 Mr. Overcast

02:26:13 Rep. Phillips

02:27:31 Mr. Overcast

02:27:46 Rep. Ingraham

02:28:32 Mr. Overcast

02:28:52 Rep. Ingraham

02:29:16 Mr. Overcast

Closing by Sponsor:

02:29:29 Rep. Stahl

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 594

02:29:56 **Motion:** Rep. Olson moved that **HB 594 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:30:18 Rep. Olson

02:30:47 Rep. Jacobson

02:31:55 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 594 DO PASS** carried unanimously by voice vote 18-0. Reps. Caferro, Small-Eastman, Malcolm, Barrett and Sales voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 288

02:32:59 **Motion:** Rep. Henry moved that **HB 288 BE TABLED**.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, 18-0. Reps.
Caferro, Small-Eastman, Malcolm, Barrett and Sales
voted by proxy.

Additional Discussion:

02:35:17 **Motion:** Rep. Henry moved to draft a committee bill to
replace **HB 288**.

EXHIBIT (sth34a08)

02:37:03 Chairman Himmelberger
02:38:59 Rep. Dickenson
02:39:30 Rep. Henry
02:40:14 Rep. Dickenson
02:40:20 Rep. Henry
02:40:25 Rep. Phillips

02:41:00 **Vote:** Motion to draft a committee bill to replace
HB 288 carried unanimously by voice vote 18-0. Reps.
Small-Eastman, Malcolm, Barrett and Sales voted by
proxy.

Additional Discussion:

02:43:04 Chairman Himmelberger
02:43:41 Ms. Himmelberger

ADJOURNMENT

02:44:07 Adjournment

REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER, Chairman

DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([sth34aad.pdf](#))