

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on March 22, 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. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Debby Barrett
Rep. Alan Olson
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: SB 459, SB 489, SB 497, SB 502,
SB 538
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 459

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:56 Sen. Jim Elliott (D), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 459, State government "buy American" products.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:29 Jason Miller, AFL/CIO Representative

00:04:28 Cheryl Olson, Deputy Director, Department of Administration

00:05:47 Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190 Representative

00:06:20 Steve Pilcher, Montana Stock Growers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:25 Rep. Ingraham

00:07:48 Sen. Elliott

00:07:55 Rep. Ingraham

00:09:11 Sen. Elliott

00:09:53 Rep. Dickenson

00:10:30 Sen. Elliott

00:10:50 Rep. Dickenson

00:11:23 Ms. Olson

00:12:33 Rep. Caferro

00:13:06 Ms. Olson

00:13:13 Rep. Caferro

00:13:37 Ms. Olson

00:13:47 Rep. Caferro

00:14:05 Ms. Olson

00:14:39 Rep. Caferro

00:15:08 Ms. Olson

00:15:58 Rep. Caferro

00:16:45 Ms. Olson

00:17:00 Rep. Caferro

00:17:18 Sen. Elliott

00:17:40 Rep. Wilmer

00:19:28 Sen. Elliott

00:21:50 Rep. Malcolm

00:21:58 Sen. Elliott

00:22:07 Rep. Malcolm

00:22:41 Sen. Elliott

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:24 Sen. Elliott

HEARING ON SB 538

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:24:13 Sen. Jim Elliott (D), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 538, Establish bill of rights day.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:38 Rep. Dickenson

00:30:07 Sen. Elliott

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:16 Sen. Elliott

HEARING ON SB 489

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:30:43 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 489, Constitutional amendment, allow investment of public funds in corporate stock.

[EXHIBIT\(sth61a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth61a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:36:54 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:38:05 Monte Mason, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:56 Rep. Wilmer
00:42:03 Sen. Cocchiarella
00:44:04 Rep. Phillips
00:44:44 Sen. Cocchiarella
00:45:20 Rep. Phillips
00:45:26 Rep. Ingraham
00:46:16 Sen. Cocchiarella
00:47:32 Rep. Jacobson
00:48:16 Sen. Cocchiarella
00:49:16 Rep. Jacobson
00:49:24 Sen. Cocchiarella
00:50:18 Chairman Himmelberger
00:50:30 Sen. Cocchiarella
00:50:43 Chairman Himmelberger
00:50:49 Sen. Cocchiarella
00:54:19 Rep. Wilmer
00:54:49 Chairman Himmelberger
00:54:58 Rep. Wilmer
00:55:05 Sen. Cocchiarella

Closing by Sponsor:

00:56:25 Sen. Cocchiarella

00:57:51 Break
01:16:29 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 502**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:16:45 Sen. Mike Cooney (D), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 502, Clarify polling place accessibility standards.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:18:54 Beth Brenneman, Attorney, Montana Advocacy Program
01:21:03 Elaine Graveley, Election Deputy, Secretary of State's Office
01:21:47 Robert Throssell, Representative of the Montana Clerk and Records and Election Administrators
01:22:27 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties
01:22:51 Jackie Boyle, AARP Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:23:23 Rep. Dickenson
01:23:43 Ms. Brenneman
01:24:47 Rep. Dickenson
01:25:12 Ms. Brenneman

Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:30 Sen. Cooney
01:29:37 Break
02:28:21 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 497

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:28:35 Sen. Lynda Moss (D), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 497, Create mural in the capital honoring women as community builders.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:36:01 Betty Babcock, Former Legislator and Former President of the Montana Capitol Restoration Foundation
[EXHIBIT \(sth61a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:42:50 Cheryl Olson, Department of Administration

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:43:11 Rep. Ingraham
02:43:45 Sen. Moss
02:44:52 Rep. Small-Eastman
02:45:25 Sen. Moss
02:45:41 Rep. Small-Eastman
02:45:51 Ms. Olson
02:46:15 Rep. Small-Eastman

02:46:31 Ms. Olson
02:46:51 Rep. Jacobson
02:47:38 Sen. Moss
02:47:43 Rep. Jacobson
02:47:55 Sen. Moss
02:48:02 Rep. Ankney
02:48:42 Sen. Moss
02:49:04 Rep. Ankney
02:49:38 Mrs. Babcock
02:49:45 Rep. Malcolm
02:50:56 Sen. Moss
02:51:23 Rep. Malcolm
02:51:40 Ms. Olson

Closing by Sponsor:

02:52:39 Sen. Moss

ADJOURNMENT

02:53:46 Adjournment

REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER, Chairman

DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([sth61aad.pdf](#))