

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on March 9, 2009 at 9:30 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. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Russell Bean (R)
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)
Rep. Dee Brown (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch
Katie Butcher, 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: SB 413, SB 348

Executive Action: None

00:00:00 Call to order

HEARING ON SB 413

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:59 Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 413, Government not to racially profile immigrants.

EXHIBIT (sth52a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:12 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

00:13:41 Niki Zupanic, Montana American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

00:15:40 Jamee Greer, Montana Human Rights Network, Montanan's for Health Care

00:17:58 Don Judge, Working for Equality and Economic Liberation (WEEL)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:55 Rep. Washburn

00:20:31 Sen. Kaufmann

00:25:12 Rep. Belcourt

00:25:22 Sen. Kaufmann

00:26:10 Rep. Wilmer

00:26:19 Ms. Young

(Rep. Bean arrived.)

00:29:24 Rep. Caferro

00:29:54 Sen. Kaufmann

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:07 Sen. Kaufmann

HEARING ON SB 348

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:21 Sen. Jeff Essmann (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 348, Constitutional referendum on annual legislative sessions, split into regular and budget.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:44:13 Sen. Carol Williams, SD 46, Missoula, Montana
00:46:36 John Vincent
00:56:07 Gladys Hardin, Montana League of Woman Voters
[EXHIBIT \(sth52a02\)](#)
00:59:00 John Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

(Rep. Boniek arrived.)

01:03:32 Rep. O'Hara
01:04:28 Sen. Essmann
01:06:00 Rep. Dickinson
01:06:20 Mr. Vincent
01:11:06 Chairman Himmelberger
01:11:24 Rep. Washburn
01:12:21 Sen. Essmann
01:16:43 Rep. Bean
01:17:24 Sen. Essmann
01:18:23 Rep. Wilmer
01:18:57 Sen. Essmann
01:21:25 Rep. Hendrick
01:22:28 Sen. Essmann
01:24:38 Rep. Hands
01:25:04 Sen. Essmann
01:26:17 Rep. Malek
01:27:05 Sen. Essmann
01:29:57 Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Services Division
01:30:25 Sen. Essmann
01:30:38 Rep. Ingraham
01:32:00 Sen. Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

01:33:35 Sen. Essmann

ADJOURNMENT

01:37:03 Adjournment

Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([sth52aad.pdf](#))