

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on April 2, 2009 at 10:37 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol. Chairman Himmelberger turned the gavel over to Vice Chairman O'Hara.

#### 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. Sue Malek (D)  
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** 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: HJ 35, 4/1/2009

Executive Action: HJ 35

**HEARING ON HJ 35**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:23 Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R), HD 47, opened the hearing on HJ 35, Interim study of state employee bonus payments.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:52 Linda McCulloch, Montana Secretary of State

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:05:00 Rep. Boniek

00:05:19 Ms. McCulloch

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:07:15 Rep. Himmelberger

00:07:59 Vice Chairman O'Hara

00:08:10 Vice Chairman O'Hara returned the gavel to Chairman Himmelberger.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 35**

00:08:15 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Dickenson moved that **HJ 35 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Phillips, Rep. Van Dyk, and Rep. Wilmer voted by proxy.

**Committee Discussion on a Committee Dinner:**

00:09:13 Chairman Himmelberger

00:09:43 Rep. Malek

00:09:59 Chairman Himmelberger

00:10:40 Rep. Brown

00:10:48 Chairman Himmelberger

00:11:02 Rep. Dickenson

00:12:22 Rep. Brown

00:12:28 Rep. Dickenson  
00:12:54 Rep. O'Hara  
00:13:18 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:13:26 Rep. O'Hara  
00:13:39 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:13:48 Rep. Dickenson  
00:14:35 Rep. Bean  
00:14:49 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:15:28 Rep. Hands  
00:15:41 Chairman Himmelberger

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:15:43 Adjournment: 10:52 A.M.

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Marshall McEwen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([sth73aad.pdf](#))**