

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Vice Chairman O'Hara, on January 28, 2009 at 9:05 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Dennis Himmelberger, Chairman (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Betsy Hands (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: SB 7, 1/22/2009; SB 24, 1/22/2009

Executive Action: HB 248, HB 193

HEARING ON SB 7

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:22 Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 7, Code commissioner bill.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:13 Rep. Ingraham
00:07:39 Sen. Gebhardt
00:08:00 Rep. Ingraham
00:08:05 Sen. Gebhardt
00:08:42 Rep. Ingraham
00:09:16 Sen. Gebhardt
00:09:41 Rep. Brown
00:10:55 Vice Chairman O'Hara

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:06 Sen. Gebhardt
00:12:10 Vice Chairman O'Hara

HEARING ON SB 24

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:32 Sen. Carol Williams (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SB 24, Repeal Montana Consensus Council statutes.

[EXHIBIT \(sth20a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:51 Sheryl Olson, Deputy Director, Department of Administration

Opponents' Testimony:

00:19:26 John Munding, Self
[EXHIBIT \(sth20a02\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:00 Rep. Brown
00:24:32 Ms. Olson
00:25:13 Rep. Brown
00:25:28 Ms. Olson
00:25:51 Rep. Bean
00:26:26 Mr. Munding
00:26:51 Rep. MacLaren
00:27:06 Ms. Olson
00:27:11 Rep. MacLaren
00:27:21 Ms. Olson
00:27:37 Rep. MacLaren
00:27:52 Rep. Caferro
00:29:00 Ms. Olson
00:29:43 Rep. Caferro
00:30:01 Ms. Olson
00:30:15 Rep. Caferro
00:30:37 Ms. Olson
00:31:02 Rep. Dickenson
00:32:03 Mr. Munding
00:32:15 Rep. Hands entered the room.
00:35:25 Vice Chairman O'Hara
00:35:30 Rep. Hendrick
00:35:54 Ms. Olson
00:36:13 Rep. Hendrick
00:36:26 Ms. Olson
00:37:05 Rep. Hendrick
00:37:21 Ms. Olson
00:37:39 Rep. Ingraham
00:37:54 Ms. Olson
00:38:18 Vice Chairman O'Hara

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:27 Sen. Williams
00:39:56 Vice Chairman O'Hara
00:40:08 Sen. Williams
00:40:11 Vice Chairman O'Hara

00:40:25 Rep. Brown
00:40:37 Vice Chairman O'Hara

00:40:44 Committee takes a break.
00:56:55 Committee reconvenes. Rep. Wilmer is not present after the break.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 248

00:57:05 **Motion:** Rep. Brown moved that **HB 248 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:57:10 Chairman Himmelberger
00:57:34 Rep. O'Hara
00:57:55 Rep. MacLaren

00:58:04 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hands made a substitute motion that **HB 248 BE TABLED.** Substitute motion carried 16-1 by voice vote with Rep. Himmelberger voting no. Rep. Wilmer's vote was not recorded.

00:58:41 Chairman Himmelberger

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 193

00:59:00 **Motion:** Rep. Boss Ribs moved that **HB 193 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:59:04 Chairman Himmelberger
00:59:36 Rep. Bean
01:00:03 Chairman Himmelberger
01:00:12 Ms. Heffelfinger

01:01:04 **Motion:** Rep. Boss Ribs moved that **HB 193 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (sth20a03)

Discussion:

01:01:26 Chairman Himmelberger
01:01:50 Ms. Heffelfinger
01:02:49 Chairman Himmelberger
01:02:53 Rep. Brown
01:03:10 Ms. Heffelfinger
01:03:14 Chairman Himmelberger

01:03:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Wilmer voted by proxy.

01:03:47 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Boss Ribs moved that **HB 193 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Rep. Wilmer voted by proxy.

01:04:34 Chairman Himmelberger

01:04:45 Rep. Phillips

01:04:58 Chairman Himmelberger

01:05:43 Rep. Brown

01:05:53 Chairman Himmelberger

ADJOURNMENT

01:06:19 Adjournment: 10:11 a.m.

Marshall McEwen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([sth20aad.pdf](#))