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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
60th LEGISLATURE – REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on March 19, 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. Debby Barrett (R)
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. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:
Hearing & Date Posted: SB 269, SB 270, SB 295, HB 814, HJR 45
Executive Action: HJR 45, SB 102, SB 168, SB 239, SB 359

HB 95, HB 125, HB 131, HB 159
HEARING ON SB 295

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:30 Sen. Bill Tash (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 295, Statutorily providing for Montana National Guard Youth Challenge program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:32 Reid Lund, Director, Montana Youth Challenge Program
00:06:50 Erik Feaver, MEA-MFT

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:32 Rep. Ingraham
00:08:00 Sen. Tash
00:08:41 Rep. Dickenson
00:09:05 Sen. Tash
00:10:39 Rep. Dickenson
00:11:09 Mr. Lund
00:14:07 Rep. Barrett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:46 Sen. Tash

HEARING ON HJR 45

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:28 Rep. Bill Thomas (D), HD 26, opened the hearing on HJR 45, Study to examine options for state document systems to reflect actual names.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:51 Rep. Barrett
00:20:05 Rep. Thomas
Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:30 Rep. Thomas

HEARING ON HB 814

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:15 Rep. Robin Hamilton (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 814, Revise post retirement benefits and increases in statewide police retirement system.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:22 Frank Cole

EXHIBIT (sth58a01)
EXHIBIT (sth58a02)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:39:38 Melanie Symons, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration

EXHIBIT (sth58a03)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:46:36 Rep. Malcolm
00:46:48 Ms. Symons
00:48:08 Rep. Malcolm
00:48:16 Mr. Cole
00:49:23 Rep. Dickenson
00:49:53 Ms. Symons
00:50:10 Roxanne Minnehan, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:23 Rep. Hamilton

HEARING ON SB 269

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:52:02 Sen. Lane Larson (D), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 269, Revise standards for recorded documents.
Proponents' Testimony:

00:53:02 Russ Gowen, Montana Land and Title Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:53 Sen. Larson

HEARING ON SB 270

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:59:18 Sen. Lane Larson (D), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 270, Revise filing deadline for independent candidates, minor parties.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:00:34 Cheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
01:01:11 Robert Throssell, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders
01:02:24 Elaine Gravely, Secretary of State's Office
01:02:48 Bonny Ramey, Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:03:34 Sen. Larson
EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJR 45

01:04:31 Motion: Rep. Olson moved that HJR 45 BE ADOPTED.

Discussion:

01:04:52 Rep. Hendrick
01:05:20 Rep. Olson
01:05:38 Rep. Jones


EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 102

01:11:08 Motion: Rep. Ingraham moved that SB 102 BE CONCURRED IN.

01:11:16 Motion: Rep. Ingraham moved that SB 102 BE AMENDED.

EXHIBIT (sth58a06)


EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 168

01:16:14 Motion: Rep. Olson moved that SB 168 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

01:16:49 Rep. Dickenson
01:18:27 Rep. Olson
01:18:36 Rep. Dickenson
01:19:09 Rep. Jones

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 239

01:20:43 **Motion:** Rep. Olson moved that **SB 239 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:20:55 Rep. Ingraham


EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 359

01:22:01 **Motion:** Rep. Olson moved that **SB 359 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:25:08 Rep. Wilmer
01:25:22 Rep. Dickenson
01:26:04 Rep. Jones
01:26:34 Rep. Olson
01:31:02 Rep. Hendrick
  (Rep. Phillips arrived)
01:35:30 Rep. Dickenson


01:38:44 Sheri Heffelfinger
01:41:07 Break
02:32:44 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 95

02:33:01 **Motion:** Rep. Olson moved that **HB 95 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:34:12 Rep. Ingraham
02:34:31 Rep. Olson

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 125**

02:46:53 **Motion:** Rep. Olson moved that **HB 125 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:47:21 Rep. Wilmer
02:47:57 Rep. Olson
02:48:26 Rep. Ingraham
02:49:37 Sheri Heffelfinger
02:49:59 Rep. Dickenson
02:50:31 Rep. Olson


**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 131**

02:52:53 **Motion:** Rep. Olson moved that **HB 131 DO PASS.**

02:53:50 **Motion:** Rep. Olson moved that **HB 131 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT**(sth58a07)

**Discussion:**

02:56:01 Rep. Olson
02:56:27 Sheri Heffelfinger
02:57:46 Rep. Jones
03:02:06 Rep. Phillips
03:02:49 Rep. Wilmer
03:03:48 Rep. Olson

03:07:50 **Motion:** Rep. Ankney moved that **HB 131 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT** (sth58a08)

**Discussion:**

03:11:59 Sheri Heffelfinger
03:18:45 Rep. Henry
03:21:00 Rep. Phillips
03:21:38 Sheri Heffelfinger
03:22:00 Rep. Wilmer
03:23:52 Sheri Heffelfinger


03:26:14 **Motion:** Rep. Olson moved that **HB 131 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

03:26:56 Rep. Ankney
03:27:40 Rep. Henry
03:28:16 Rep. Olson
03:30:28 Rep. Dickenson
03:33:07 Rep. Malcolm


**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 159**

03:36:07 **Motion:** Rep. Hendrick moved that **HB 159 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

03:36:20 Rep. Olson
03:36:46 Rep. Caferro
03:37:01 Rep. Himmelberger
03:37:16 Sheri Heffelfinger
03:37:41 **Motion:** Rep. Olson moved that **HB 159 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT**(sth58a09)

**Discussion:**

03:37:45 Sheri Heffelfinger
03:40:03 Rep. Olson
03:41:05 Rep. Dickenson
03:42:04 Rep. Olson
03:42:08 Sheri Heffelfinger
03:42:27 Rep. Ingraham


03:44:09 **Motion:** Rep. Olson moved that **HB 159 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

03:44:31 Rep. Barrett


03:47:29 Rep. Olson

**Additional Exhibits:**
Document pertaining to SB 269.

**EXHIBIT**(sth58a10)
ADJOURNMENT

03:47:42 Adjournment

REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER, Chairman

KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary
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Additional Exhibits:

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