

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: By Chairman Diane Rice, on January 23, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Diane Rice, Chairman (R)
Rep. Dave Gallik, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Ron Stoker, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Julie French (D)
Rep. Rick Jore (C)
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)
Rep. Roger Koopman (R)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Holly Raser (D)
Rep. John Ward (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: David Niss, Legislative Branch
Pam Schindler, 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: HB 312, HB 321, HB 310, HB 336, HB 324, 1/18/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 312

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:04 Rep. Michael Lange (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 312, Amend constitution to establish parental bill of rights.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:05 Steve White, Montana Coalition of Home Educators
00:15:33 Rachel Roberts, Montana Family Foundation
00:16:02 Harris Himes, Montana Values Alliance
00:16:32 Dallas Erickson, self, Montana Citizens for Decency Through Law

EXHIBIT (juh15a01)

00:17:10 Lynn Stumberg, Eagle Forum
00:18:09 Candy Matthews-Jenkins, self
00:19:07 Melissa Worthan, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:20:04 Amanda Arnold, Montana Human Rights Network
00:21:19 Eric Burke, MEA-MFT
00:23:19 Linda Gryczan, League of Women Voters
00:23:52 Steve Meloy, Executive Director, Montana Board of Public Education
00:24:34 Kathy Bramer, for Linda McCullough, Superintendent of Public Instruction
00:26:15 Debbie Smith, ACLU
00:27:52 Beth Brenneman, Montana Advocacy Council
00:29:20 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence

Informational Testimony:

00:31:11 Shirley Brown, Division Administrator, Child and Family Services, Department of Public Health and Human Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:42 Rep. Ward
00:32:17 Ms. Brenneman
00:33:00 Rep. Lange
00:34:16 Rep. Gallik
00:35:49 Rep. Lange
00:37:26 Rep. Peterson
00:38:11 Rep. Lange

00:39:11 Rep. Koopman
00:40:24 Ms. Smith
00:46:11 Ms. Arnold
00:51:52 Rep. McGillvray
00:52:34 Mr. Burke
00:55:54 Rep. Raser
00:56:53 Rep. Lange
01:04:05 Rep. Driscoll
01:04:21 Mr. Burke
01:06:01 Rep. Stoker
01:06:29 Rep. Lange
01:07:03 Rep. Kottel
01:07:59 Ms. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

01:15:11 Rep. Lange

HEARING ON HB 321

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:19:19 Rep. Tom McGillvray (R), HD 50, opened the hearing on
HB 321, Revise judicial by-pass under parental
notification of abortion.

EXHIBIT(juh15a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:28:05 Greg Trude, Executive Director, Right to Life of
Montana
01:28:19 Susan Gliko, Montana Catholic Conference, Rachel's Hope
Project

EXHIBIT(juh15a03)

01:34:37 Rachel Roberts, Montana Family Foundation
01:34:54 Cathy Matthew-Jenkins, self
01:39:25 Lynn Stumberg, Eagle Forum
01:39:40 Harris Himes, Montana Values Alliance
01:42:05 Dallas Erickson, Family Values Alliance

Opponents' Testimony:

01:42:45 Debbie Smith, ACLU

EXHIBIT(juh15a04)

01:49:50 Stacey Anderson, Public Affairs Director, Planned
Parenthood of Montana
01:54:16 Allison Hagen, Executive Directive, NARAL, Pro-Choice
of Montana

01:56:01 Kelsen Young, Executive Director, Montana Coalition
Against Sexual and Domestic Violence

EXHIBIT(juh15a05)

01:59:36 Beth Brenneman, Montana Advocacy Project

02:00:19 George Quintana, self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:01:07 Rep. Gallik

02:01:26 Rep. McGillvray

02:01:40 Rep. Peterson

02:03:31 Rep. Koopman

02:04:41 Rep. McGillvray

02:06:23 Rep. Ward

02:07:06 Rep. McGillvray

02:07:44 Rep. Ebinger

02:08:18 Mr. Himes

Closing by Sponsor:

02:10:16 Rep. McGillvray

02:14:56 Break

02:29:31 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 324

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:29:49 Rep. Diane Sands (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HB
324, Increase legislative candidate filing fee.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:32:10 Mark Simonich, Chief Deputy, Secretary of State

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:38:46 Rep. Jore

02:39:49 Mr. Simonich

Closing by Sponsor:

02:41:25__Rep. Sands_____

HEARING ON HB 310

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:42:29 Rep. Ernie Dutton (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 310, Authorize beneficiary deeds.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:49:01 Glen Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors

Opponents' Testimony:

02:49:34 Amy Grmoljez, Montana Bankers Association

Informational Testimony:

02:51:58 Jeff Buska, Administrator, Quality Financial Assessments, Department of Public Health and Human Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:53:42 Rep. Kottel
02:53:56 Rep. Dutton
02:56:33 Ms. Grmoljez
02:58:50 Rep. Everett
02:59:25 Rep. Dutton
03:01:45 Rep. Gallik
03:02:50 Rep. Dutton
03:02:15 Rep. Peterson
03:02:25 Rep. Dutton
03:10:05 Rep. McGillvray
03:10:21 Mr. Buska
03:12:48 Rep. Peterson
03:13:10 Mr. Buska
03:14:20 Rep. Kottel
03:14:59 Mr. Buska
03:16:10 Rep. Stoker
03:16:22 Mr. Buska

Closing by Sponsor:

03:17:25 Rep. Dutton

HEARING ON HB 336

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

03:18:45 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 336, Contracted government services accountability.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

03:23:13 Jani McCall, Montana Children's Initiative Providers Network

03:27:55 Jim Kembel, American Institute of Architects, Montana Chapter

03:30:35 Charlie Briggs, Montana Community of Disabilities Association, Montana Association of Rehabilitation

Informational Testimony:

03:36:45 Marvin Eicholtz, Director, Division of Administration, State of Montana

EXHIBIT(juh15a06)

03:38:33 Russ Katherman, Building Construction Division, Department of Administration, State of Montana

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:39:43 Rep. Peterson

03:40:29 Rep. Cohenour

03:44:41 Rep. French

03:45:04 Rep. Cohenour

Closing by Sponsor:

03:46:30 Rep. Cohenour

03:47:48 Chairman Rice

ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS:

EXHIBIT(juh15a07)

For HB 329, Heard 1/19/07

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:47 A.M.

REP. DIANE RICE, Chairman

PAM SCHINDLER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([juh15aad.pdf](#))