

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON RULES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN MICHAEL LANGE**, on February 8, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Michael Lange, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Bill E. Glaser, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Art Noonan, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)  
Rep. Bob Bergren (D)  
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Rep. Margaret H. Campbell (D)  
Rep. Dave Gallik (D)  
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)  
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)  
Rep. Bob Lake (R)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)  
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)  
Rep. John Parker (D)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)  
Rep. Scott Sales (R)  
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Jon Sonju (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Cindy Peterson, Committee Secretary  
Greg Petesch, Legislative Branch

**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 568, 2/7/2007  
Executive Action: HB 568

**HEARING ON HB 568**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:58 Rep. Bob Bergren (D), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 568, revise laws governing legislative branch.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:58 Rep. Sue Dickenson, HD 25, Great Falls  
00:08:48 Rep. Franke Wilmer, HD 64, Bozeman  
00:11:24 Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman, HD 42, Yellowstone County  
00:14:06 Rep. Ron Erickson, HD 93, Missoula

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:15:43 Rep. Gallik  
00:16:30 Rep. Bergren  
00:16:37 Rep. Barrett  
00:17:26 Rep. Wilmer  
00:18:37 Rep. Lange  
00:19:17 Rep. Bergren  
00:19:51 Rep. Lange  
00:19:58 Greg Petesch, Code Commissioner, Legislative Services  
Division  
00:21:29 Rep. Bergren  
00:22:44 Rep. McAlpin  
00:22:58 Rep. Bergren

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:23:42 Rep. Bergren

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON 568**

00:27:11 **Motion:** Rep. Bergren moved that HB 568 **DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

00:27:24 Rep. Parker  
00:28:57 Rep. Noonan  
00:33:49 Rep. Reinhart  
00:34:05 Mr. Petesch  
00:34:18 Rep. Lange

00:37:06 Rep. Bergren  
00:37:33 Mr. Petesch  
00:38:56 Rep. Lange  
00:39:03 Mr. Petesch  
00:39:25 Rep. Parker  
00:40:12 Rep. Lange  
00:40:51 Rep. Gallik  
00:44:36 Rep. Lange  
00:44:41 Rep. Himmelberger  
00:47:59 Rep. Parker  
00:50:49 Rep. Noonan  
00:51:53 Rep. Lange

00:51:59 **Motion:** Rep. Gallik moved that HB 568 **BE AMENDED** to include a conceptual amendment.

**Discussion:**

00:53:00 Mr. Petesch

00:53:52 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Bergren, Rep. Campbell, Rep. Gallik, Rep. McAlpin, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Parker, Rep. Reinhart, and Rep. Villa voting aye and Rep. Sonju voting no by proxy.

**Discussion:**

00:55:41 Rep. Villa  
00:59:21 Rep. MacLaren  
00:59:53 Rep. Bergren

01:02:23 **Motion:** Rep. Gallik moved that HB 568 **BE AMENDED** to include a conceptual amendment. Motion was withdrawn.

01:03:02 Rep. Lange

01:03:10 **Vote:** Do pass motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Bergren, Rep. Campbell, Rep. Gallik, Rep. McAlpin, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Parker, Rep. Reinhart, and Rep. Villa voting aye and Rep. Sonju voting no by proxy. Without objection, the vote was reversed and HB 568 **WAS TABLED**.

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:05:04 Adjournment.

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REP. MICHAEL LANGE, Chairman

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CINDY PETERSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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