

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: By Chairman Diane Rice on March 8, 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)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. John Ward (R)

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: SB 50, SB 62, SB 63, SB 67, SB 73,
3/6/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 73

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:07 Sen. Dan McGee(R), SD 29, opened the hearing on SB 73,
Notice to debtor of intended removal of lien filing
with state.

[EXHIBIT\(juh49a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:53 Michael O'Brien, Business Services Director, Secretary
of State, State of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(juh49a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:38 Rep. Peterson

00:08:21 Mr. O'Brien

00:10:32 Rep. Jore

00:10:48 Mr. O'Brien

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:56 Sen. McGee

HEARING ON SB 50

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:02 Sen. Steven Gallus (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB
50, Prohibit probation and parole officer sexual
contact with probationer or parolee.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:47 Pam Bunke, Administrator, Adult Community Services,
Department of Corrections, State of Montana

00:17:33 John Connor, Chief Criminal Prosecutor, Assistant
Attorney General, Department of Justice, State of
Montana

00:22:39 Lois Menzies, Court Administrator, Montana Supreme
Court, State of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:12 Rep. Peterson

00:24:51 Ms. Bunke

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:36 Sen. Gallus

HEARING ON SB 67

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:26:02 Sen. David Wanzenried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 67, Prohibit price gouging on essential goods or services during emergencies.

[EXHIBIT\(juh49a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:04 Mike McGrath, Attorney General, State of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(juh49a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh49a05\)](#)

00:35:30 Anna Whitney Sorrell, Policy Adviser, Governors Office, State of Montana

00:36:55 Ronna Alexander, Montana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association

[EXHIBIT\(juh49a06\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:43:10 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:35 Rep. Stoker

00:46:01 Sen. Wanzenried

00:46:18 Attorney General McGrath

00:48:34 Rep. Koopman

00:49:13 Sen. Wanzenried

00:54:04 Attorney General McGrath

00:57:47 Rep. Kottel

00:58:24 Attorney General McGrath

01:04:23 Rep. McGillvray
01:04:51 Sen. Wanzenried
01:06:03 Rep. Peterson
01:06:22 Dennis Lopach, Chief Legal Counsel, Montana Petroleum
Marketers and Convenience Store Association
01:08:04 Sen. Wanzenried
01:10:19 Rep. Driscoll
01:10:37 Sen. Wanzenried
01:10:57 Attorney General McGrath
01:11:54 Rep. Kottel
01:14:08 Attorney General McGrath

Closing by Sponsor:

01:14:57 Sen. Wanzenried

HEARING ON SB 62

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:17:38 Sen. John Cobb (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 62,
Increase payment to advisory board members.

[EXHIBIT\(juh49a07\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:22:26 Sen. Cobb

HEARING ON SB 63

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:23:06 Sen. John Cobb (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 63,
Increase payment to quasi-judicial board members.

[EXHIBIT\(juh49a08\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:25:38 Sen. Cobb

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:28 A.M.

REP. DIANE RICE, Chairman

PAM SCHINDLER, Secretary

DR/ps

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([juh49aad.pdf](#))