

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: By Chairman Diane Rice on March 13, 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 124, SB 125, SB 130, SB 133, SB
141, 3/6/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 133

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:13 Sen. Jeff Essmann (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 133, Generally revise exemptions from execution of judgment.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:28 Brian Salonen, Guardian Life Insurance Company
EXHIBIT(juh53a01)
00:07:23 Doug Lowney, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors
00:10:27 John Kreidel, Vice-President, Northern Rockies Financial Group
00:13:29 Peter Sullivan, Sullivan Insurance Group
00:14:16 Larry Houser, Guardian Life Insurance Company
00:15:49 Greg Van Horsen, State Farm Insurance, also for Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association
00:16:37 Jacqueline Lenmark, American council of Life Insurers, American Insurance Association
00:17:15 Nick Taber, Guardian Life Insurance Company
00:17:30 Don Allen, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:14 Rep. Koopman
00:19:16 Sen. Essmann
00:22:29 Ms. Lenmark
00:24:05 Rep. Kottel
00:24:27 Sen. Essmann
00:24:36 Mr. Lowney
00:32:46 Rep. Peterson
00:33:21 Mr. Lowney

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:05__Sen. Essmann

HEARING ON SB 141

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:55 Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 141, Revise fingerprint and photo provisions of criminal justice information act.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:40:44 Ali Bovington, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, State of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(juh53a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:12 Rep. Stoker
00:44:48 Ms. Bovington
00:48:05 Rep. Peterson
00:48:38 Sen. Laslovich
00:50:10 Rep. Stoker
00:50:38 Ms. Bovington
00:52:47 Rep. Ebinger
00:53:00 Sen. Laslovich

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:45 Sen. Laslovich

HEARING ON SB 124

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:55:52 Sen. Dan Harrington (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 124, Cost for state hospital forensic commitment for court-ordered exam.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:58:48 Laurie Lamson, Director, Business and Financial Services Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services, State of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(juh53a03\)](#)

01:00:35 Ed Amberg, Director, Montana State Hospital, Warm Springs, Montana

01:02:35 Lois Menzies, Court Administrator, Montana Supreme Court, State of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(juh53a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:06:04 Sen. Harrington

HEARING ON SB 125

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:06:33 Sen. Dan Harrington (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 125, State hospital forensic exam, treatment, commitment, transfer.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:09:17 Ed Amberg, Director, Montana State Hospital, Warm Springs, Montana

01:12:39 Virginia Hill, Forensic Psychiatrist, Montana State Hospital, Warm Springs, Montana

[EXHIBIT\(juh53a05\)](#)

01:15:22 Paulette Kohman, Attorney, Addictive and Mental Services Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services, State of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(juh53a06\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:26:59 Beth Brenneman, Attorney, Montana Advocacy Program

01:33:49 Marty Wangen, Montana Psychological Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:34:14 Rep. French

01:34:52 Ms. Hill

01:41:12 Ms. Kohman

01:43:56 Rep. Stoker

01:44:51 Ms. Brenneman
01:46:36 Rep. Rice
01:47:03 Sen. Harrington

Closing by Sponsor:

01:47:20 Sen. Harrington

01:47:52 Break
02:01:44 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 130

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:01:51 Sen. Bob Story (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB
130, Revise laws governing governmental fire agencies.
[EXHIBIT\(juh53a07\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:05:38 Randy Brodehl, Fire Chief, City of Kalispell,
Kalispell, Montana
02:06:12 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties
02:10:10 Craig Trapp, Fire Marshall, City of Helena, Helena,
Montana
02:10:31 Leonard Lundby, Fire Chief, Manchester Fire Department,
Manchester, Montana, Montana State Volunteer
Firefighters Association
02:11:06 Janie McCall, City of Billings, Billings, Montana
[EXHIBIT\(juh53a08\)](#)
02:11:29 Jim Kembel, American Institute of Architects-Montana
Chapter

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:11:52 Nancy Butler, State Fund of Montana

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:12:40 Rep. Cordier
02:13:07 Sen. Story
02:13:56 Mr. Blattie
02:14:49 Rep. Jore
02:16:10 Mr. Lundby

Closing by Sponsor:

02:17:47 Sen. Story

Committee Business:

02:19:13 Chairman Rice

02:20:14 Rep. Cordier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:21 A.M.

REP. DIANE RICE, Chairman

PAM SCHINDLER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([juh53aad.pdf](#))