

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JESSE LASLOVICH**, on January 5, 2007
at 9:00 A.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jesse Laslovich, Chairman (D)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Sen. Gerald Pease (D)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzienried (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Larry Jent (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Carol Andersen, Committee Secretary
Valencia Lane, 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: SB 18, 1/3/2007; SB 50, 1/3/2007;
SB 31, 1/3/2007; SB 27, 1/3/2007
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON SB 18

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:06 **SEN. JIM SHOCKLEY (R), SD 45**, opened the hearing on **SB 18**, Revise restrictions on sex offender residence.

Proponents:

00:02:42 Carolyn Squires, SD 40, Missoula

00:07:12 Melina Peters

00:15:05 Ali Bovingdon, Attorney General's Office

00:16:59 Pam Bucy, Department of Corrections

00:20:07 Tom Burgess, Field Consultant, MEA MFT

Opponents:

00:21:51 Ron Silvers, MT Sex Offender Treatment Assoc.

EXHIBIT (jus03a01)

00:27:09 Scott Crichton, Director, American Civil Liberties Union
Union of Montana

EXHIBIT (jus03a02)

EXHIBIT (jus03a03)

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:15 Pam Bucy

00:34:32 Brenda Elias, Attorney, Dept. of Corrections

00:36:26 Ali Bovingdon

00:38:16 Sen. Squires

00:39:58 Sen. Squires

00:41:38 Pam Bucy

00:42:34 Sen. Squires

00:51:42 Ali Bovingdon

00:52:49 Pam Bucy

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:25 Sen. Squires

HEARING ON SB 50

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:56:02 **SEN. STEVEN GALLUS (D), SD 37**, opened the hearing on **SB 50**, Prohibit probation and parole officer sexual contact with probationer or parolee.

EXHIBIT(jus03a04)

Proponents:

00:58:30 Pam Bucy, Department of Corrections

01:01:27 John Connor, Chief Criminal Counsel for Attorney General's Office

01:04:24 Tom Burgess, Field Consultant, Parole officer, MFT

01:05:02 Lois Menzies, Court Administrator, Montana Supreme Court

EXHIBIT(jus03a05)

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:07:55__Pam Bucy

01:09:55 Mr. Connor

01:11:26 Brenda Elias

01:14:12 John Connor

01:15:24 Sen. Gallus

01:16:34 Brenda Elias

01:16:53 John Connor

Closing by Sponsor:

01:21:47 Sen. Gallus

Break.

HEARING ON SB 31

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:35:24 **SEN. JOHN ESP (R), SD 31**, opened the hearing on **SB 31**,
Caretaker relative and continuing custody affidavit.

Proponents:

01:44:26 Bethany Letiecq, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

01:46:28 Jim Martin

01:55:12 Kathryn Gabriel

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony:

02:00:20 Shirley Brown, Family Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:06:46 Shirley Brown, Family Services

02:18:13 Sen. Esp

02:22:01 Shirley Brown

02:29:26 Sen. Esp

Closing by Sponsor:

02:30:43 Sen. Esp

HEARING ON SB 27

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:32:21 **SEN. JOHN ESP (R), SD 31**, opened the hearing on **SB 27**,
Revise grandparent grandchild contact law.

Proponents:

02:35:56 Jim Martin

Opponents:

02:36:41 Katie Knight

02:42:58 Dr. Walter Knight

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:46:20 Shirley Brown

02:48:09 Katie Knight

02:51:14 Sen. Esp

Closing by Sponsor:

02:52:10 Sen. Esp

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:59 A.M.

SEN. JESSE LASLOVICH, Chairman

CAROL ANDERSEN, Secretary

JL/ca

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([jus03aad.pdf](#))