

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BRANCH, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND JUSTICE

Call to Order: Chair Steve Gibson, on February 3, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 317A
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Steve Gibson, Chair (R)
Sen. Ryan Zinke, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Sen. Edward Walker (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Sen. Steven Gallus (D)

Staff Present: Stephanie Fletcher, Committee Secretary
Pat Gervais, Legislative Branch
Brent Doig, OBPP

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: Judicial Branch

00:00:08 Chairman Gibson
00:00:59 Pat Gervais, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
[EXHIBIT\(jch27a01\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jch27a02\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jch27a03\)](#)
00:12:59 Chairman Gibson

JUDICIAL BRANCH

00:13:18 Mike McGrath, Chief Justice, Judicial Branch
00:29:32 Chairman Gibson
00:29:37 Lois Menzies, Court Administrator, Judicial Branch
[EXHIBIT\(jch27a04\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jch27a05\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jch27a06\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jch27a07\)](#)
00:42:27 Chairman Gibson
00:42:36 Lois Menzies
00:43:17 Chairman Gibson
00:43:30 Lois Menzies
00:43:43 Chairman Gibson
00:43:57 Lois Menzies
00:44:15 Chairman Gibson
00:44:21 Lois Menzies
00:44:58 Chairman Gibson
00:45:10 Lois Menzies
00:45:36 Chairman Gibson
00:45:40 Sen. Gallus came in.
00:45:41 Lois Menzies
00:45:58 Chairman Gibson
00:46:27 Lois Menzies
00:47:20 Pat Gervais, LFD
00:47:43 Lois Menzies
00:48:12 Chairman Gibson
00:48:16 Rep. Brodehl
00:48:36 Lois Menzies
00:49:32 Rep. Brodehl
00:49:43 Lois Menzies
00:50:19 Sen. Zinke
00:51:16 Chief Justice McGrath
00:52:56 Sen. Zinke
00:53:13 Chief Justice McGrath
00:53:23 Chairman Gibson
00:53:27 Sen. Walker
00:53:51 Chief Justice McGrath
00:55:09 Chairman Gibson
00:55:53 Chief Justice McGrath
00:58:53 Chairman Gibson

00:58:57 Sen. Walker
00:59:07 Lois Menzies
01:00:15 Chairman Gibson
01:00:21 Lois Menzies
01:03:13 Chairman Gibson
01:03:31 Lois Menzies
01:03:47 Ed Smith, Clerk of Court

EXHIBIT(jch27a08)

01:08:44 Chairman Gibson
01:08:48 Rep. Brodehl
01:09:34 Ed Smith
01:09:44 Chairman Gibson
01:10:09 Judy Meadows, State Law Librarian
01:11:16 Chairman Gibson
01:23:56 Chairman Gibson
01:24:29 Lois Menzies

EXHIBIT(jch27a09)

01:30:37 Chairman Gibson
01:31:18 Lois Menzies
01:32:56 Chairman Gibson
01:34:26 Lois Menzies
01:35:45 Chairman Gibson
01:35:56 Lois Menzies
01:36:10 Chairman Gibson
01:36:22 Rep. Hiner
01:36:48 Lois Menzies
01:36:53 Sen. Walker
01:37:08 Lois Menzies
01:38:35 Sen. Walker
01:38:39 Chairman Gibson
01:39:12 John Larson, District Court Judge, Missoula
01:39:49 Bruce Loble, Chief Water Judge

EXHIBIT(jch27a10)

01:55:03 Chairman Gibson
01:55:25 Rep. Hiner
01:55:48 Pat Gervais, LFD
01:56:14 Chairman Gibson
01:56:25 Sen. Zinke left the room.

Public Comment:

01:56:39 Beth Baker, Montana Supreme Court
02:05:41 Chairman Gibson
02:05:43 Nancy Sweeney, Lewis and Clark County, Clerk of District Court

EXHIBIT(jch27a11)

02:08:18 Judge Larson
02:11:42 Sen. Zinke returned.
02:13:45 Rep. Hiner

02:16:04 Chairman Gibson

02:16:09 Dave Cunningham, Chief Executive Officer, Rimrock Foundation, Billings

[EXHIBIT\(jch27a12\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jch27a13\)](#)

02:20:10 Chairman Gibson

02:20:11 Joe Sullivan, State Bar of Montana, President

02:23:08 Sen. Gallus left the room.

02:32:26 Chairman Gibson

02:32:47 Lois Menzies

02:32:50 Pat Gervais

02:32:57 Chairman Gibson

02:33:34 Lois Menzies

02:34:03 Chairman Gibson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:34:21 Chairman Gibson

Stephanie Fletcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jch27aad.pdf](#))