

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT APPROPS SUBCOM ON JUDICIAL BRANCH, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND JUSTICE

**Call to Order:** Chair Steve Gibson, on February 5, 2013 at 8:00 AM, in Room 335  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Steve Gibson, Chair (R)  
Sen. Edward Walker, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Greg DeWitt, Legislative Branch  
Sally Speer, 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:** Judicial Branch

**JUDICIAL BRANCH**

00:19:50 Chair Gibson  
00:20:55 Sen. Moore entered the meeting.  
00:21:09 Sen. Tropila  
00:21:46 Chair Gibson  
00:21:51 Greg Dewitt, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
**EXHIBIT(jch25a01)**  
00:29:45 Chair Gibson  
00:29:49 Sen. Tropila  
00:30:19 Mr. Dewitt, LFD  
00:30:23 Chair Gibson  
00:30:28 Mike McGrath, Chief Justice, Montana Supreme Court (MSC)  
**EXHIBIT(jch25a02)**  
00:45:39 Chair Gibson  
00:45:55 Rep. Brodehl  
00:47:01 Chief Justice McGrath, MSC  
00:47:32 Chair Gibson  
00:49:09 Beth McLaughlin, Administrator, MSC  
00:52:13 Chair Gibson  
00:52:17 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
00:52:41 Chair Gibson  
00:53:47 Rep. Dudik  
00:54:03 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
00:54:55 Chair Gibson  
00:55:25 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
00:56:45 Chair Gibson  
00:55:41 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
00:58:11 Rep. Dudik left the meeting.  
00:58:35 Chair Gibson  
00:58:43 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
00:59:23 Rep. Brodehl left the meeting.  
01:01:29 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
**EXHIBIT(jch25a03)**  
01:11:19 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
**EXHIBIT(jch25a04)**  
**EXHIBIT(jch25a05)**  
**EXHIBIT(jch25a06)**  
01:29:59 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
**EXHIBIT(jch25a07)**  
01:45:12 Chair Gibson  
01:46:37 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
01:46:44 Chair Gibson  
01:47:12 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
01:48:05 Chair Gibson  
01:48:21 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
01:48:53 Chair Gibson  
01:49:08 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
01:49:17 Chair Gibson  
01:49:22 Sen. Tropila

01:50:01 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
01:51:36 Sen. Tropila  
01:52:48 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
01:53:49 Sen Tropila  
01:54:16 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
01:54:41 Sen. Tropila  
01:55:11 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
01:56:21 Sen. Tropila  
01:56:27 Chair Gibson  
01:57:00 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
01:57:48 Chair Gibson

01:58:15 Recessed.  
02:18:30 Reconvened.

02:18:39 Sen. Walker  
02:18:53 Ed Smith, Clerk of the Supreme Court, MSC  
02:20:53 Sen. Walker  
02:20:58 Mr. Dewitt, LFD  
02:21:11 Sen. Tropila  
02:21:24 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
02:21:44 Sen. Tropila  
02:22:01 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
02:22:16 Sen. Tropila  
02:22:27 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
02:22:56 Sen. Walker  
02:23:01 Chair Gibson  
02:23:07 Judy Meadows, State Law Library, Judicial Branch (JB)  
02:26:05 Chair Gibson  
02:26:10 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC

**EXHIBIT(jch25a08)**

02:43:54 Chair Gibson  
02:43:58 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
02:44:26 Chair Gibson  
02:44:52 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
02:46:08 Chair Gibson  
02:46:36 Bruce Loble, Chief Water Judge, JB

**EXHIBIT(jch25a09)**

**EXHIBIT(jch25a10)**

02:55:51 Chair Gibson  
02:55:58 Sen. Tropila  
02:56:20 Judge Loble, JB  
02:56:30 Chair Gibson  
02:56:34 Rep. Dudik  
02:56:47 Chair Gibson  
02:57:18 Katherine Bidegaray, Montana Judges Association (MJA)  
03:06:22 Chair Gibson  
03:06:36 Ed Bartlett, State Bar of Montana (SBM) and MJA  
03:10:58 Chair Gibson  
03:11:07 David Cybulski, Judge, 15th Judicial District of Montana, JB

03:11:45 Chair Gibson  
03:12:53 Larry Carver, Montana Magistrates Association (MMA)  
03:18:34 Chair Gibson  
03:18:38 Abigail St. Lawrence, SBM  
03:21:07 Chair Gibson  
03:21:18 Rep. Dudik  
03:21:49 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
03:24:53 Chair Gibson  
03:25:05 Sen. Walker  
03:25:27 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
03:26:58 Sen. Walker  
03:27:20 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
03:29:12 Chair Gibson  
03:29:17 Rep. Dudik  
03:29:36 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
03:29:48 Rep. Dudik  
03:29:52 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC  
03:31:16 Chair Gibson  
03:31:24 Sen. Tropila  
03:31:33 Chief McGrath, MSC  
03:31:39 Sen. Tropila  
03:32:33 Chief McGrath, MSC  
03:33:52 Sen. Tropila  
03:35:00 Chief McGrath, MSC  
03:37:14 Chair Gibson  
03:40:23 Sen. Tropila  
03:40:34 Mr. Dewitt, LFD  
03:40:51 Sen. Tropila  
03:41:01 Mr. Dewitt, LFD  
03:46:43 Chair Gibson  
03:46:48 Mr. Dewitt, LFD  
03:48:05 Chair Gibson  
03:48:18 Mr. Dewitt, LFD  
03:48:25 Chair Gibson  
03:48:31 Sen Tropila  
03:48:51 Mr. Dewitt, LFD  
03:49:06 Chair Gibson  
03:49:11 Sen. Tropila  
03:49:37 Mr. Dewitt, LFD  
03:50:03 Chair Gibson  
03:50:43 Mr. Dewitt, LFD  
03:50:51 Chair Gibson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 03:50:57

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Sally Speer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([jch25aad.pdf](#))**