

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON RULES

**Call to Order:** Chair Art Wittich, on February 18, 2013 at 12:00 P.M., in Room 422  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Art Wittich, Chair (R)  
Sen. Debby Barrett, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)  
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)  
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)  
Sen. Scott Sales (R)  
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)  
Sen. Larry Jent (D)  
Sen. Alan Olson (R)  
Sen. Jason Priest (R)  
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)  
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Todd Everts, Legislative Branch  
Prudence Gildroy, 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 246, 2/12/2013

Executive Action: SB 246 - Amended

**HEARING ON SB 246**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:21:53 Sen. Mike Phillips (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 246, Study of legislative process by legislative council & subcommittee.  
00:22:49 Sen. Driscoll entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:30:57 Sen. Jergeson  
00:32:19 Sen. Phillips  
00:33:29 Sen. Sesso  
00:34:29 Sen. Phillips  
00:34:55 Chairman Wittich  
00:35:42 Sen. Phillips  
00:36:19 Todd Everts Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:36:33 Chairman Wittich  
00:36:48 Sen. Phillips  
00:37:12 Mr. Everts, LSD  
00:37:28 Chairman Wittich  
00:37:53 Sen. Phillips  
00:38:45 Sen. Barrett  
00:39:49 Sen. Phillips  
00:40:17 Sen. Barrett  
00:40:28 Mr. Everts

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:40:55 Sen. Phillips  
00:41:49 Chairman Wittich  
00:41:55 Mr. Everts

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 246**

00:42:18 **Motion:** Sen. Phillips moved that **SB 246 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:42:30 Sen. Barrett  
00:43:11 Sen. Jergeson

00:44:13 **Motion:** Sen. Jergeson moved that **SB 246 BE AMENDED to insert a new subsection with a termination date of July 1, 2017.**

**Discussion:**

00:44:39 Todd Everts, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:45:03 Chairman Wittich  
00:45:06 Sen. Jergeson  
00:45:40 Sen. Larson

00:46:53 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Essmann, Sen. Jent, Sen. Olson, Sen. Priest, Sen. Ripley and Sen. Vincent were excused.

**Discussion:**

00:47:04 Sen. Sesso  
00:48:28 Mr. Everts, LSD  
00:48:55 Sen. Sesso  
00:49:33 Sen. Jergeson

00:50:26 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Sesso moved that **SB 246 BE AMENDED striking "September 15" on line 22, page 1, and adding "August 1"**. Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Essmann, Sen. Jent, Sen. Olson, Sen. Priest, Sen. Ripley and Sen. Vincent were excused.

00:50:56 **Motion:** Sen. Phillips moved that **SB 246 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:51:07 Sen. Thomas  
00:52:12 Sen. Phillips  
00:53:09 Sen. Sales  
00:55:34 Sen. Phillips  
00:56:27 Chairman Wittich  
00:59:02 Sen. Phillips  
00:59:56 Chairman Wittich  
01:00:25 Sen. Phillips  
01:01:18 Sen. Jergeson  
01:02:18 Sen. Barrett  
01:02:33 Chairman Wittich  
01:03:12 Sen. Phillips  
01:03:55 Chairman Wittich  
01:04:08 Sen. Barrett  
01:04:33 Sen. Sales  
01:05:29 Sen. Phillips  
01:06:22 Chairman Wittich

01:06:43 Sen. Phillips withdrew his motion, DO Pass SB 246 AS AMENDED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:59

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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**Additional Document**

Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([rus36aad.pdf](#))**