

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**Call to Order:** Chair Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, on March 5, 2015 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 137 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, Chair (R)  
Rep. Virginia Court, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)  
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)  
Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)  
Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill (D)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Rep. Sarah Laszloffy (R)  
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)  
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)  
Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)  
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)  
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)  
Rep. Zac Perry (D)  
Rep. Andrew Person (D)  
Rep. Randall Pinocci (R)  
Rep. Keith Regier (R)  
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Alan Doane, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R)  
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** McKenzie Chambers, Committee Secretary  
Helen Thigpen, 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: HB 488, 2/16/2015; HB 539, 2/16/2015

00:01:12 Chair J. Bennett  
00:01:48 Rep. MacDonald joined the meeting.

### **HEARING ON HB 539**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:09 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 539, Creating careless handling of firearms offense.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:55 Lon Dale, Hellgate Civilian Shooters Association (HCSA)

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

00:17:47 Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association (MSSA)

00:23:16 Doug Nulle, Self

00:24:08 Tim Ravndal, Broadwater Rod & Gun Club (BRGC)

00:25:30 Garrett Bacon, Self

**Informational Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:27:12 Rep. Regier

00:27:29 Lon Dale, HCSA

00:27:44 Rep. Regier

00:27:55 Lon Dale, HCSA

00:29:31 Rep. Regier

00:29:51 Lon Dale, HCSA

00:31:07 Rep. Regier

00:31:25 Lon Dale, HCSA

00:32:00 Rep. Regier

00:32:08 Lon Dale, HCSA

00:33:33 Rep. Pinocci

00:33:55 Gary Marbut, MSSA

00:34:38 Rep. Pinocci

00:35:32 Gary Marbut, MSSA

00:36:36 Rep. McConnell

00:36:53 Lon Dale, HCSA

00:37:19 Rep. McConnell

00:37:42 Lon Dale, HCSA

00:39:09 Rep. Monforton

00:39:33 Rep. Curdy

00:39:50 Rep. Monforton

00:40:06 Rep. Curdy

00:40:13 Rep. Monforton

00:40:34 Rep. Curdy

00:41:14 Rep. Monforton

00:41:30 Rep. Curdy

00:41:40 Rep. Manzella

00:43:03 Lon Dale, HCSA

00:45:36 Rep. Manzella  
00:45:46 Lon Dale, HCSA  
**EXHIBIT(juh46a01)**  
00:46:31 Rep. Meyers  
00:46:56 Lon Dale, HCSA  
00:47:59 Rep. Meyers  
00:48:29 Lon Dale, HCSA  
00:49:21 Chair J. Bennett  
00:50:07 Lon Dale, HCSA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:51:28 Rep. Curdy

**HEARING ON HB 488**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:52:42 Rep. Keith Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 488, Generally revise DUI laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:56:22 Jon Bennion, Deputy Attorney General/Legislative Liaison, Office of the Attorney General (AG), Department of Justice (DOJ)

**EXHIBIT(juh46a02)**

01:01:41 Erin Inman, Self

**EXHIBIT(juh46a03)**

01:07:02 Paul Chaon, Deputy County Attorney, Yellowstone County

01:09:43 Nick Owens, Deputy County Attorney, Yellowstone County and Yellowstone County DUI Task Force

01:14:01 Mark Murphy, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA), Montana Association of Chiefs of Police (MACOP) and Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)

01:14:58 Brian Inman, Association of Montana Troopers (AMT)

01:15:51 Rebecca Sturrdevant, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and The Montana Common Sense Coalition (MCSC)

**EXHIBIT(juh46a04)**

01:19:26 Lynn Boots, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:22:35 Wendy Johnson, Contracts Manager, Administration, Office of the State Public Defender (OPD)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:23:02 Rep. Kelker

01:23:31 Paul Chaon, Yellowstone County

01:24:11 Rep. Kelker

01:24:22 Paul Chaon, Yellowstone County

01:25:43 Rep. McConnell

01:26:07 Wendy Johnson, OPD

01:26:41 Rep. Meyers  
01:27:26 Rep. Regier  
01:27:36 Rep. Meyers  
01:27:48 Rep. Regier  
01:28:01 Erin Inman, Self  
01:28:12 Rep. Meyers  
01:28:19 Erin Inman, Self  
01:29:24 Rep. Meyers  
01:29:40 Erin Inman, Self  
01:30:12 Rep. Court  
01:31:00 Jon Bennion, DOJ  
01:32:05 Rep. Person  
01:32:41 Erin Inman, Self

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:34:12 Rep. Regier  
  
01:34:32 Chair J. Bennett

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:35:05

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McKenzie Chambers, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([juh46aad.pdf](#))**