

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**Call to Order:** Chair Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, on April 17, 2015 at 9:30 A.M., in Room 137 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, Chair (R)  
Rep. Virginia Court, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Alan Doane, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)  
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)  
Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R)  
Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)  
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)  
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)  
Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)  
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)  
Rep. Zac Perry (D)  
Rep. Andrew Person (D)  
Rep. Keith Regier (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill (D)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Rep. Sarah Laszloffy (R)  
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)  
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)  
Rep. Randall Pinocci (R)  
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)

**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: SJ 24, 4/15/2015  
Executive Action: SJ 24

00:01:16 Chair J. Bennett

**HEARING ON SJ 24**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:02 Sen. Diane Sands (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SJ 24, Interim study on sexual assault.

[EXHIBIT\(juh78a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh78a02\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:34 Jon Bennion, Assistant Attorney General/Legislative Liaison, Office of the Attorney General (AG)

00:08:17 Larry Epstein, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA), Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA), Montana Association of Chiefs of Police (MACOP) and on behalf of Mayor of Helena Jim Smith, MACOP

00:10:01 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

[EXHIBIT\(juh78a03\)](#)

00:12:12 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:13:04 Rep. Doane

00:13:22 Sen. Sands

00:14:10 Rep. Doane

00:14:52 Sen. Sands

00:15:39 Rep. Doane

00:15:55 Sen. Sands

00:17:19 Rep. Manzella

00:17:49 Sen. Sands

00:17:57 Rep. Manzella

00:18:30 Sen. Sands

00:19:16 Rep. Manzella

00:19:19 Sen. Sands

00:19:37 Rep. Regier

00:20:00 Sen. Sands

00:20:15 Rep. Regier

00:20:22 Sen. Sands

00:20:33 Rep. Regier

00:20:58 Sen. Sands

00:21:47 Rep. Regier

00:22:23 Sen. Sands

00:24:16 Rep. Meyers

00:25:18 Robin Turner, MCADSV

00:25:55 Rep. Meyers

00:26:23 Robin Turner, MCADSV

00:26:44 Rep. Hess  
00:27:20 Sen. Sands  
00:27:53 Rep. McConnell  
00:28:38 Sen. Sands  
00:29:19 Rep. Wagoner joined the meeting.  
00:29:52 Rep. McConnell  
00:30:13 Rep. MacDonald joined the meeting.  
00:31:24 Larry Epstein, MCAA, MPPA, MACOP and on behalf of Mayor of Helena Jim Smith, MACOP  
00:32:29 Rep. McConnell  
00:32:54 Larry Epstein, MCAA, MPPA, MACOP and on behalf of Mayor of Helena Jim Smith, MACOP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:34:51 Sen. Sands  
  
00:36:48 Chair J. Bennett  
  
00:37:14 Recessed  
00:38:46 Rep. Laszloffy joined the meeting.  
00:40:45 Rep. Eck left the meeting.  
00:45:59 Reconvened  
  
00:46:15 Chair J. Bennett

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 24**

00:47:54 **Motion:** Rep. Doane moved that **SJ 24 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:48:25 Rep. Meyers  
  
00:49:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Eck, Rep. Hill, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Monforton and Rep. Pinocci voted by proxy. Rep. Hess will carry the bill.  
  
00:49:43 Chair J. Bennett  
  
00:49:53 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **SJ 24 BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Eck, Rep. Hill, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Monforton and Rep. Pinocci voted by proxy.  
  
00:50:23 Rep. Regier  
00:50:42 Chair J. Bennett  
00:51:45 Rep. Doane  
00:52:43 Chair J. Bennett

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:53:27

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McKenzie Chambers, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([juh78aad.pdf](#))**