

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON RULES

Call to Order: Chair Fred Thomas, on January 8, 2019 at 10:00 A.M., in Room 317-A
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Fred Thomas, Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Bryce Bennett (D)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Sen. Nate McConnell (D)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Scott Sales (R)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Branch
Nadine Spencer, 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: SR 1, 1/2/2019; SJ 1, 1/2/2019

Discussion on Proposed Changes to the Discrimination and Anti-harassment Policy

10:01:55 Chair Thomas

[EXHIBIT\(rus02a01\)](#)

Chair Thomas turned the duties of the chair over to Vice Chair Blasdel.

HEARING ON SR 1

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:03:11 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SR 1, Senate Resolution on the Senate rules.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Closing by Sponsor:

10:04:20 Sen. Thomas

HEARING ON SJ 1

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:04:29 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SJ 1, Senate Joint Resolution on the joint rules.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

10:06:39 Sen. Keith Regier, SD 3

[EXHIBIT\(rus02a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(rus02a03\)](#)

10:11:16 Chair Blasdel

[EXHIBIT\(rus02a04\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:11:33 Sen. Phillips

10:12:05 Sen. Regier

10:12:33 Sen. Phillips

10:12:56 Sen. Regier

10:13:24 Sen. McConnell

10:14:14 Sen. Regier

10:14:30 Sen. McConnell

10:14:38 Sen. Regier

10:14:41 Sen. McConnell
10:15:26 Sen. Regier
10:15:45 Sen. Bennett
10:16:12 Sen. Thomas

Closing by Sponsor:

10:16:54 Sen. Thomas

Sen. Thomas resumed the duties of the chair.

Discussion on Proposed Changes to the Discrimination and Anti-harassment Policy

10:17:26 Chair Thomas
10:17:38 Sen. Bennett
10:17:59 Susan Byorth Fox, executive director, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
10:20:25 Sen. Kary
10:20:33 Ms. Fox, LSD
10:20:51 Sen. Kary
10:21:09 Ms. Fox
10:23:18 Sen. Kary
10:23:37 Ms. Fox
10:24:05 Julianne Burkhardt, staff attorney, LSD
10:25:01 Sen. McConnell
10:26:19 Ms. Fox
10:27:36 Sen. McConnell
10:27:50 Sen. Keenan
10:28:22 Jaret Coles, staff attorney, LSD
10:29:12 Chair Thomas

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:30 AM

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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