

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Keith Regier, on January 31, 2019 at 9:00 AM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Keith Regier, Chair (R)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Diane Sands, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Bryce Bennett (D)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Scott Sales (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Branch
Noah Horan, 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 147, 1/25/2019; SR 8, 1/25/2019

SR 9 - Testimony Only

09:02:57 Sen. Fielder assumed the chair.

HEARING ON SR 8

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:03:06 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SR 8, Confirm Governor's appointees to board of crime control.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:03:46 Kevin Olson, administrator, Probation and Parole Division, Montana Department of Corrections (COR)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

09:05:33 Sen. Regier

09:05:57 Sen. Regier resumed the chair.

HEARING ON SB 147

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:06:28 Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 147, Revising laws concerning human trafficking and sex crimes to protect victims.

[EXHIBIT\(jus19a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:10:47 Stephanie Baucus, Yellowstone Area Human Trafficking Task Force

[EXHIBIT\(jus19a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jus19a03\)](#)

09:19:23 Melodee Hanes, self

09:28:34 Tara Bradford, Gallatin County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force

[EXHIBIT\(jus19a04\)](#)

09:31:52 Guy Baker, detective, Missoula Police Department

09:37:48 Bjorn Boyer, deputy county attorney, Gallatin County

09:42:28 Jackie Jones, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA)

09:42:56 Molly Rose Fehring, deputy county attorney, Yellowstone County

09:48:43 Diane Yarus, Flathead County Human Trafficking Task Force

09:51:02 Dana Toole, Division of Criminal Investigation, Montana Department of Justice (DOJ)

09:53:37 Penny Ronning, city council member, City of Billings

09:58:15 Lowell Hochhalter, Lifeguard Group

10:01:47 Anita Milanovich, Montana Family Foundation

10:02:41 Brian Kahn, self

10:04:08 Matt Brower, Montana Catholic Conference
10:05:32 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
(MCADSV)
10:06:10 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

10:07:05 Zuri Moreno, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU)
EXHIBIT(jus19a05)

10:09:00 Beth Breneman, Disability Rights Montana

Informational Testimony:

10:11:22 Peter Ohman, Office of the Public Defender (OPD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:11:39 Sen. Esp
10:12:19 Mr. Boyer, Gallatin County
10:13:33 Sen. Esp
10:14:04 Mr. Boyer
10:14:40 Sen. Esp
10:15:14 Mr. Boyer
10:16:01 Sen. Esp
10:16:27 Mr. Baker, Missoula Police Department
10:17:57 Sen. Esp
10:18:15 Mr. Baker
10:18:54 Sen. Sands
10:19:57 Ms. Hanes, self
10:22:27 Sen. Sands
10:23:22 Ms. Toole, DOJ
10:25:06 Sen. Sands
10:26:05 Ms. Toole
10:27:04 Sen. Sands
10:28:18 Ms. Fehring, Yellowstone County
10:30:15 Sen. Sands
10:30:19 Ms. Fehring
10:30:56 Sen. Fielder
10:32:02 Ms. Baucus, Yellowstone Area Human Trafficking Task Force
10:33:02 Sen. Fielder
10:33:31 Ms. Baucus
10:34:26 Sen. Fielder
10:34:30 Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
10:34:35 Sen. Fielder
10:34:42 Ms. Burkhardt, LSD
10:35:00 Sen. Gross
10:35:32 Ms. Fehring
10:35:55 Sen. Gross
10:36:17 Ms. Fehring
10:36:42 Sen. Gross
10:37:08 Ms. Toole
10:38:03 Sen. Gross

10:38:38 Ms. Moreno, ACLU
10:38:48 Sen. Bennett
10:39:41 Ms. Baucus
10:41:53 Sen. Bennett
10:42:39 Sen. MacDonald

Closing by Sponsor:

10:43:47 Sen. MacDonald

[EXHIBIT\(jus19a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jus19a07\)](#)

10:46:14 Chair Regier

TESTIMONY ON SR 9 - FULL HEARING ON 2/1/19

Confirm Governor's appointees to board of pardons and parole

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

10:48:54 Don Welborn, self
10:52:41 Henry Muntzer, self
10:58:06 Mary Rand, self
11:00:02 Jo Annette Riggs, self
11:04:34 Richard Shreves, self
11:10:18 Benton Little Dog, self
11:11:47 Laurie Covarrubias, self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:17:12 Sen. Fielder
11:17:33 Mr. Muntzer, self
11:19:00 Sen. Fielder
11:19:06 Mr. Muntzer
11:19:13 Sen. Fielder
11:19:20 Mr. Muntzer
11:20:09 Sen. Fielder
11:20:51 Ms. Riggs, self
11:21:30 Sen. Fielder
11:21:36 Ms. Riggs
11:22:30 Sen. Fielder
11:22:40 Chair Regier
11:22:51 Ms. Riggs
11:23:17 Chair Regier
11:23:42 Sen. Fielder
11:24:18 Chair Regier
11:25:01 Ms. Burkhardt
11:25:17 Chair Regier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:25 AM

Noah Horan, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jus19aad.pdf](#))