

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Keith Regier, on February 6, 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 192, 2/1/2019; SR 10, 2/1/2019; SR 11, 2/1/2019

SR 11 - Hearing postponed and will be rescheduled.

Executive Action: SB 100 DO PASS; HB 20 BE CONCURRED; SB 192 DO PASS
AS AMENDED

09:01:07 Chair Regier
[EXHIBIT\(jus24a01\)](#)

HEARING ON SB 192

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:04:07 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 192, Revise qualifications for firefighters.

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a03\)](#)

09:06:35 Sen. MacDonald entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:06:48 Conn Butler, self

09:09:22 Mike Lyles, firefighter, Havre Firefighters Local 601

09:09:57 Dave Maslowski, Montana State Firefighters Association (MSFA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:11:09 Sen. Sands

09:11:22 Sen. Lang

09:11:26 Sen. Sands

09:11:45 Sen. Lang

09:12:14 Sen. Gross

09:12:26 Sen. Lang

09:12:49 Chair Regier

09:13:20 Sen. Lang

09:13:30 Sen. Fielder

09:13:51 Mr. Maslowski, MSFA

09:14:00 Sen. Fielder

09:14:04 Mr. Maslowski

09:14:09 Sen. Fielder

09:14:13 Mr. Maslowski

09:14:34 Sen. Fielder

09:14:53 Mr. Butler, self

Closing by Sponsor:

09:15:13 Sen. Lang

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a04\)](#)

09:15:59 Sen. Fielder assumed the chair.

HEARING ON SR 10**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:16:08 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SR 10, Confirm Governor's appointee to 12th judicial district.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:16:46 Katie Snipes Ruiz, appointee
09:21:18 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)
09:22:39 Ed Bartlett, Montana Judges Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:24:47 Sen. Sands
09:25:00 Ms. Snipes Ruiz, appointee
09:25:29 Sen. Sands
09:26:25 Ms. Snipes Ruiz
09:29:10 Sen. Gross
09:29:39 Ms. Snipes Ruiz
09:31:51 Sen. Gross
09:31:56 Sen. MacDonald
09:32:16 Ms. Snipes Ruiz
09:32:22 Sen. MacDonald
09:32:34 Ms. Snipes Ruiz
09:33:26 Sen. MacDonald
09:33:43 Ms. Snipes Ruiz
09:34:48 Chair Fielder
09:35:05 Ms. Snipes Ruiz
09:35:43 Chair Fielder
09:36:03 Ms. Snipes Ruiz

Closing by Sponsor:

09:36:26 Sen. Regier

09:36:41 Chair Regier resumed the chair.

09:36:57 Recess
09:52:55 Reconvened

09:53:05 Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 100

09:54:21 **Motion:** Sen. Fielder moved that **SB 100 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:54:28 Chair Regier

09:54:44 Sen. Sands
09:55:58 Sen. Fielder
09:58:13 Chair Regier

09:58:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Gross, Sen. MacDonald and Sen. Sands voting no. Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 20

09:59:49 **Motion:** Sen. Fielder moved that **HB 20 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

10:00:01 Sen. Sands
10:00:45 Sen. Gross
10:01:42 Sen. Hinebauch
10:02:28 Sen. Sands
10:03:23 Sen. Fielder

10:04:18 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-2 by roll call vote with Sen. S. Sales and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy. Sen. Fielder will carry the bill.

10:05:38 Sen. Esp
10:05:48 Ms. Burkhardt
10:05:57 Chair Regier

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 192

10:06:22 **Motion:** Sen. Fielder moved that **SB 192 DO PASS.**

10:06:30 **Motion:** Sen. Fielder moved that **SB 192 BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Discussion:

10:06:47 Ms. Burkhardt
10:07:02 Sen. Fielder

10:07:09 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. S. Sales was excused.

10:07:24 **Motion:** Sen. Fielder moved that **SB 192 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:07:32 Sen. Sands

10:08:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:08 AM

Noah Horan, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([jus24aad.pdf](#))