

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**Call to Order:** Chair Keith Regier, on March 8, 2019 at 11:00 AM, in Room 303 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)  
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:**

Executive Action: HB 54 TABLED; HB 198 BE CONCURRED IN; HB 256 TABLED;  
HB 334 BE CONCURRED IN

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 54**

11:02:14 **Motion:** Sen. Sands moved that **HB 54 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

11:02:21 Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

11:02:52 **Motion:** Sen. Sands moved that **HB 54 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(jus47a01)**

**Discussion:**

11:03:23 Ms. Burkhardt, LSD

11:05:41 Sen. Gross

11:06:39 Sen. MacDonald

11:07:22 Ms. Burkhardt

11:08:07 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. MacDonald made a Substitute Motion that **HB 54 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED TO COORDINATE LANGUAGE WITH HB 20.**

**Discussion:**

11:08:45 Ms. Burkhardt

11:08:51 Chair Regier

11:09:18 Sen. MacDonald

11:10:43 Chair Regier

11:10:58 Ms. Burkhardt

11:12:05 Chair Regier

11:12:25 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Esp made a Substitute Motion that **HB 54 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Gross, Sen. MacDonald and Sen. Sands voting no. Sen. Fielder, Sen. Hinebauch and Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 198**

11:13:40 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Sands moved that **HB 198 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Fielder, Sen. Hinebauch and Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy. Sen. Regier will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 256**

11:15:02 **Motion:** Sen. Sands moved that **HB 256 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

11:15:24 Sen. Vance

11:16:20 Sen. Sands

11:16:56 Sen. Vance

11:17:25 Sen. Bennett

11:18:32 Sen. MacDonald

11:19:51 Sen. Vance

11:20:12 Sen. MacDonald

- 11:20:26 Sen. Vance  
11:20:45 Ms. Burkhardt  
11:21:09 Chair Regier  
11:21:19 Sen. Vance  
11:21:37 Sen. Sands  
11:22:16 Chair Regier  
11:22:30 Sen. Bennett  
11:23:42 Sen. Vance  
11:24:01 Chair Regier
- 11:24:33 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Gross, Sen. MacDonald and Sen. Sands voting aye. Sen. Fielder, Sen. Hinebauch and Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.
- 11:25:11 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Sands moved that **HB 256 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Fielder, Sen. Hinebauch and Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 334**

- 11:25:34 **Motion:** Sen. Sands moved that **HB 334 BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**

- 11:26:02 Sen. Sands  
11:26:59 Chair Regier  
11:27:05 Ms. Burkhardt
- 11:27:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Fielder, Sen. Hinebauch and Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy. Sen. Sands will carry the bill.
- 11:28:24 Chair Regier  
11:28:58 Sen. Esp

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:29 AM

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Noah Horan, Secretary

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