

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON RULES

Call to Order: Chair Derek Skees, on December 8, 2020 at 11:00 A.M., in Room 352 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Derek Skees, Chair (R)
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Casey Knudsen, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Seth Berglee (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Todd Everts, Legislative Services Division
Jessica Riffel, Committee Clerk

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: HR 1 for Pre-Introduction
Executive Action: HR 1 for Pre-Introduction

11:05:58 Recessed
13:01:03 Reconvened

Explanation of the Rules Committee Process

13:01:20 Chair Skees
13:04:37 Rep. Abbott
13:04:48 Chair Skees
13:06:15 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
13:06:34 Chair Skees

Review of Draft House Rules Resolution

Opening by Sponsor:

13:07:45 Chair Skees

13:10:17 Vice Chair C. Knudsen assumed the Chair.

Public Comment:

13:11:06 Rep. Tom Woods, HD 62
13:14:10 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell, HD 84
13:15:05 Rep. Skees
13:15:28 Rep. Dunwell, HD 84
13:17:26 Rep. Usher
13:17:57 Rep. Dunwell, HD 84
13:19:03 Rep. Skees
13:19:55 Rep. Dunwell, HD 84
13:20:37 Representative Elect Jennifer Carlson, HD 69

Questions from the Committee: None

Closing by Sponsor:

13:22:14 Rep. Skees

13:23:27 Rep. Skees resumed the Chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HR 1

13:23:41 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HR 1 BE ADOPTED.**

13:24:19 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HR 1 BE AMENDED WITH AMENDMENT HR000106.ATE.**

[EXHIBIT\(ruh00a01\)](#)

Discussion:

13:24:35 Todd Everts, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
13:26:01 Chair Skees
13:26:15 Todd Everts, LSD
13:27:31 Chair Skees

13:27:41 Todd Everts, LSD

13:28:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-0 by voice vote. Rep. Berglee was excused.

13:28:24 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HR 1 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

13:28:42 **Motion:** Rep. M. Regier moved that **HR 1 BE AMENDED WITH AMENDMENT HR000101.ATE.**

[EXHIBIT\(ruh00a02\)](#)

Discussion:

13:28:58 Rep. M. Regier

13:32:12 Rep. Usher left the meeting.

13:36:13 Vice Chair C. Knudsen

13:37:15 Rep. M. Regier

13:37:57 Chair Skees

13:39:05 Rep. M. Regier

13:39:39 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Lenz, Rep. Patelis, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, Rep. Skees and Rep. Tschida voting aye. Rep. Berglee voted by proxy. Rep. Usher was excused.

13:41:18 **Motion:** Rep. Farris-Olsen moved that **HR 1 BE AMENDED WITH AMENDMENT HR000108.ATE.**

[EXHIBIT\(ruh00a03\)](#)

Discussion:

13:41:36 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen

13:42:28 Chair Skees

13:43:21 Rep. Tschida

13:44:50 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen

13:46:41 Chair Skees

13:48:05 Todd Everts, LSD

13:48:33 Chair Skees

13:48:45 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen

13:49:58 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Sullivan voting aye. Rep. Berglee voted by proxy.

13:51:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. M. Regier moved to **RECONSIDER THEIR ACTION ON AMENDMENT HR000101.ATE.** Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Harvey, Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Sullivan voting no. Rep. Berglee voted by proxy.

13:53:53 **Motion:** Rep. M. Regier moved that **HR 1 BE AMENDED WITH AMENDMENT HR000101.ATE.**

[EXHIBIT\(ruh00a04\)](#)

Discussion:

13:54:35 Vice Chair C. Knudsen
13:55:05 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
13:56:18 Todd Everts, LSD
13:56:34 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
13:57:08 Rep. M. Regier
13:58:04 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
13:58:49 Todd Everts, LSD
13:59:05 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
14:00:57 Rep. M. Regier
14:01:26 Chair Skees
14:01:44 Todd Everts, LSD

14:02:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Sullivan voting no. Rep. Berglee voted by proxy.

14:03:34 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HR 1 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

14:03:46 Rep. M. Regier
14:04:42 Todd Everts, LSD

14:04:58 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HR 1 BE AMENDED WITH AMENDMENT HR000105.ATE.**

[EXHIBIT\(ruh00a05\)](#)

Discussion:

14:05:12 Chair Skees

14:07:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Sullivan voting no. Rep. Berglee voted by proxy.

14:08:14 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HR 1 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

14:08:52 Chair Skees
14:09:33 Rep. Abbott
14:10:28 Rep. M. Regier
14:11:04 Rep. Tschida

14:12:19 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Sullivan voting no. Rep. Berglee voted by proxy.

Discussion:

14:13:19 Chair Skees
14:13:51 Rep. Abbott

14:14:04 Chair Skees
14:14:24 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
14:15:54 Todd Everts, LSD
14:16:42 Rep. Abbott
14:16:59 Chair Skees

14:17:43 **RECESSED UNTIL DECEMBER 16, 2020, TIME TO BE DETERMINED**

16:02:28 Reconvened on December 16, 2020 at 4:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.
Rep. Berglee present.

Explanation of Process

16:03:04 Chair Skees
16:04:36 Rep. Abbott
16:04:54 Chair Skees
16:05:13 Rep. Hamilton
16:05:42 Todd Everts, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
16:06:06 Chair Skees

[EXHIBIT\(ruh00a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ruh00a07\)](#)

16:11:08 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen

Public Comment:

16:11:41 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
16:12:20 Chair Skees
16:16:28 Sharon Patton-Griffin, Self
16:17:39 Chair Skees

Questions and Comments From the Committee:

16:18:41 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
16:21:26 Chair Skees
16:23:30 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
16:24:14 Rep. Patelis
16:25:40 Rep. Hamilton
16:28:01 Chair Skees
16:28:36 Rep. Hamilton
16:29:11 Chair Skees
16:30:37 Rep. M. Regier
16:31:19 Rep. Bishop
16:32:36 Rep. Tschida
16:33:58 Rep. Usher
16:36:29 Chair Skees

16:39:42 **RECESSED UNTIL DECEMBER 22, 2020, 9:00 A.M.**

09:00:13 Reconvened on December 22, 2020 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.
Rep. Gunderson and Rep. R. Knudsen Excused.

Review of New Amendments

09:00:40 Chair Skees
09:01:58 Rep. Tschida
09:02:11 Vice Chair C. Knudsen
09:02:24 Chair Skees
09:02:32 Vice Chair C. Knudsen

[EXHIBIT\(ruh00a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ruh00a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ruh00a10\)](#)

09:06:20 Rep. Abbott
09:06:41 Rep. M. Regier

[EXHIBIT\(ruh00a11\)](#)

09:08:26 Chair Skees
[EXHIBIT\(ruh00a12\)](#)

09:09:05 Rep. Sullivan
09:09:19 Chair Skees
09:09:47 Todd Everts, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
09:10:17 Vice Chair C. Knudsen
09:10:46 Rep. Abbott
09:11:09 Chair Skees
09:12:07 Rep. M. Regier
09:13:09 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
09:13:36 Chair Skees

Public Comment:

09:14:31 Representative Tom Woods, HD 62
09:16:32 Chair Skees
09:17:00 Rep. Usher

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HR 1

09:18:04 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HR 1 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

09:18:14 **Motion:** Rep. M. Regier moved to **RECONSIDER THEIR ACTION ON AMENDMENT HR000101.ATE.**

Discussion:

09:18:53 Chair Skees
09:18:59 Todd Everts, LSD

09:19:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Gunderson and Rep. R. Knudsen voted by proxy.

09:20:55 **Motion:** Rep. M. Regier moved to **SEGREGATE AMENDMENT HR000101.ATE AND REMOVE ITEMS 14,15,16,17,19 AND 27 FROM THE AMENDMENT.**

Discussion:

09:21:12 Rep. M. Regier

09:22:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Gunderson and Rep. R. Knudsen voted by proxy.

Discussion:

09:23:41 Todd Everts, LSD

09:24:04 Chair Skees

09:24:14 Todd Everts, LSD

09:24:51 Vice Chair C. Knudsen

09:25:33 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved to **SEGREGATE AMENDMENT HR000101.ATE AND REMOVE ITEMS 21, 22, 23, 24 AND 25 FROM THE AMENDMENT.**

Discussion:

09:26:04 Rep. M. Regier

09:27:50 Rep. Hamilton

09:30:03 Chair Skees

09:30:37 Rep. Hamilton

09:30:49 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen

09:31:03 Todd Everts, LSD

09:31:18 Chair Skees

09:32:56 Rep. M. Regier

09:33:21 Chair Skees

09:33:29 Recessed

09:35:43 Reconvened

09:36:56 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

09:37:43 Recessed

09:45:37 Reconvened

09:45:53 Chair Skees

09:48:06 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen

09:48:14 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Lenz, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, Rep. Skees, Rep. Tschida and Rep. Usher voting no. Rep. Gunderson and Rep. R. Knudsen voted by proxy.

Discussion:

09:49:58 Chair Skees

09:50:20 Hope Stockwell, LSD

09:50:36 Rep. Tschida

09:51:12 Chair Skees

09:51:47 **Motion:** Rep. M. Regier moved that **HR 1 BE AMENDED WITH AMENDMENT HR000101.ATE AS SEGREGATED.**

Discussion:

09:52:06 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
09:52:50 Rep. Tschida
09:57:04 Vice Chair C. Knudsen
09:57:33 Chair Skees
09:59:38 Todd Everts, LSD
10:01:03 Chair Skees
10:02:12 Vice Chair C. Knudsen

10:02:57 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved to **SEGREGATE AMENDMENT HR000101.ATE AND REMOVE ITEMS 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 AND 13 FROM THE AMENDMENT.**

Discussion:

10:03:10 Rep. M. Regier
10:03:51 Vice Chair C. Knudsen
10:04:05 Rep. M. Regier
10:04:41 Chair Skees
10:05:25 Todd Everts, LSD
10:07:26 Rep. Patelis
10:08:12 Vice Chair C. Knudsen
10:11:22 Rep. M. Regier
10:11:41 Chair Skees

10:15:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Lenz, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, Rep. Skees, Rep. Tschida and Rep. Usher voting no. Rep. Gunderson and Rep. R. Knudsen voted by proxy.

Discussion:

10:16:38 Todd Everts, LSD
10:17:45 Rep. Abbott
10:18:16 Chair Skees
10:18:21 Todd Everts, LSD
10:18:31 Rep. Abbott
10:18:56 Todd Everts, LSD
10:19:18 Vice Chair C. Knudsen
10:21:58 Todd Everts, LSD
10:23:03 Chair Skees
10:24:56 Vice Chair C. Knudsen
10:25:10 Chair Skees
10:25:25 Todd Everts, LSD
10:25:37 Chair Skees

10:26:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Gunderson and Rep. R. Knudsen voted by proxy.

10:28:40 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HR 1 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

10:29:36 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HR 1 BE AMENDED WITH AMENDMENT HR000118.ATE.**

[EXHIBIT\(ruh00a13\)](#)

Discussion:

10:30:17 Todd Everts, LSD

10:31:03 Vice Chair C. Knudsen

10:31:51 Chair Skees

10:32:40 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Gunderson and Rep. R. Knudsen voted by proxy.

10:34:06 Recessed

10:35:17 Reconvened

10:35:25 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HR 1 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

10:35:35 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved to **RECONSIDER THEIR ACTION ON AMENDMENT HR000105.ATE.**

[EXHIBIT\(ruh00a14\)](#)

Discussion:

10:36:08 Chair skees

10:36:21 Vice Chair Farris Olsen

10:36:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Gunderson and Rep. R. Knudsen voted by proxy.

10:37:24 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HR 1 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

10:37:45 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HR 1 BE AMENDED WITH AMENDMENT HR000117.ATE.**

[EXHIBIT\(ruh00a15\)](#)

Discussion:

10:38:41 Vice Chair C. Knudsen

10:39:13 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen

10:39:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-2 by roll call vote with Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Gunderson and Rep. R. Knudsen voted by proxy.

10:41:15 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HR 1 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:41:25 Rep. Abbott

10:42:26 Rep. Tschida
10:44:15 Chair Skees
10:44:30 Vice Chair C. Knudsen
10:44:33 Chair Skees

10:44:46 **Motion:** Rep. M. Regier moved that **HR 1 BE AMENDED WITH AMENDMENT HR000115.ATE.**

[EXHIBIT\(ruh00a16\)](#)

Discussion:

10:44:53 Rep. M. Regier
10:45:24 Vice Chair C. Knudsen
10:46:08 Chair Skees
10:47:43 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen

10:48:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Gunderson and Rep. R. Knudsen voted by proxy.

10:48:43 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HR 1 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:49:38 Rep. Patelis
10:51:48 Chair Skees
10:53:08 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
10:53:49 Rep. Tschida
10:56:41 Rep. Hamilton

10:57:43 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. Berglee, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Lenz, Rep. Patelis, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway and Rep. Skees voting aye. Rep. Gunderson and Rep. R. Knudsen voted by proxy.

Discussion:

10:59:29 Chair Skees
11:00:08 Rep. Usher
11:00:27 Chair Skees
11:01:32 Vice Chair C. Knudsen

11:01:55 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved to **RECONSIDER THEIR ACTION ON HR 1 "BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED".**

Discussion:

11:02:02 Chair Skees
11:02:21 Rep. Tschida
11:02:53 Vice Chair C. Knudsen
11:03:25 Rep. Tschida
11:04:44 Rep. M. Regier
11:07:49 Chair Skees

11:08:37 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. Berglee, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Patelis and Rep. Skees voting aye. Rep. Gunderson and Rep. R. Knudsen voted by proxy.

11:10:02 **Motion:** Rep. Farris-Olsen moved to **ADJOURN THE MEETING.**

Discussion:

11:10:32 Rep. Usher

11:11:01 Rep. M. Regier

11:11:09 Chair Skees

11:11:40 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Berglee, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Lenz, Rep. Tschida and Rep. Usher voting no. Rep. Gunderson and Rep. R. Knudsen voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:13:31

Jessica Riffel, Clerk

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([ruh00aad.pdf](#))