

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**Call to Order:** Chair Barry Usher, on January 5, 2021 at 8:00 AM, in Room 137 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Barry Usher, Chair (R)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Amy Regier, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R)  
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)  
Rep. Tom France (D)  
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)  
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)  
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)  
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)  
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)  
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)  
Rep. Derek Skees (R)  
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)  
Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (R)  
Rep. Danny Tenenbaum (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Frank Fleming (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Lydia Balian, Committee Secretary  
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

**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:** Organizational Meeting

08:04:32 Chair Usher

**Committee Introductions:**

08:07:50 Vice Chair Regier

08:08:02 Vice Chair Kelker

08:08:20 Rep. Carlson

08:08:36 Rep. Stromswold

08:08:49 Chair Usher

08:08:55 Rep. Berglee

08:09:18 Rep. Phalen

08:09:32 Rep. Ler

08:09:42 Rep. Stafman

08:10:04 Rep. Gillette

08:10:19 Rep. Tenenbaum

08:10:31 Rep. Bishop

08:10:49 Rep. Hinkle

08:11:09 Rep. Hawk

08:11:29 Rep. Lenz

08:11:44 Rep. Skees

08:12:01 Chair Usher

08:12:26 Rep. Farris-Olsen

08:12:41 Rep. France

08:13:15 Chair Usher

08:15:53 Jesse Tack, Remote Meeting Coordinator

08:16:08 Joe Carroll, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

08:16:58 Chair Usher

08:17:14 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

08:18:44 Chair Usher

08:18:55 Lydia Balian, Committee Clerk

08:19:06 Shawn Murphy, Assistant Sergeant at Arms

08:19:29 Jesse Tack, Remote Meeting Coordinator

08:19:50 Chair Usher

08:23:38 Rep. Skees

08:28:11 Chair Usher

08:28:33 Shawn Murphy, Assistant Sergeant at Arms

08:29:54 Chair Usher

08:30:31 Rachel Weiss, LSD

08:34:23 Chair Usher

08:35:22 Rep. Hinkle

08:35:33 Chair Usher

08:35:56 Vice Chair Kelker

08:36:47 Chair Usher

08:36:48 Rep. Carlson

08:37:08 Chair Usher

08:38:32 Rep. Skees

08:39:03 Chair Usher

08:40:01 Rep. Bishop

08:41:04 Chair Usher

08:42:50 Rep. Bishop

08:43:39 Chair Usher

08:45:17 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kelker moved that **COMMITTEE RULES BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 18-0 by voice vote.

08:45:55 Chair Usher

08:46:53 Rep. Stafman

08:47:16 Chair Usher

08:48:01 Vice Chair Kelker

08:48:46 Chair Usher

**Department Introductions:**

08:49:42 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation (MFF)

08:51:28 Dan Smith, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)

08:52:08 Jesse Tack, Remote Meeting Coordinator

08:52:23 Laural Hess, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

08:53:08 Chair Usher

08:55:14 Rep. Carlson

08:55:28 Chair Usher

08:55:43 Rep. Carlson

08:55:50 Chair Usher

08:55:59 Rep. Skees

08:56:32 Chair Usher

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:00:27

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Lydia Balian, Secretary

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