

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**Call to Order:** Chair Barry Usher, on January 19, 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. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R)  
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)  
Rep. Frank Fleming (R)  
Rep. Tom France (D)  
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)  
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)  
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)  
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)  
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)  
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)  
Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (R)  
Rep. Danny Tenenbaum (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Seth Berglee (R)  
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)  
Rep. Derek Skees (R)

**Members Absent:** None

##### **Staff Present:**

Lydia Balian, Committee Secretary  
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch  
Hallie Swain, Remote Meeting Coordinator

**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: HB 171, 1/15/2021; HB 136, 1/15/2021

**HEARING ON HB 136****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:04:51 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, opened the hearing on HB 136, Establish pain-capable unborn child protection act.

08:05:08 Rep. Skees and Rep. Berglee joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:11:12 Susan Liebel, Susan B. Anthony List (SBA List)

08:16:22 Dr. Robin Pierucci, Charlotte Lozier Institute (CLI)

08:20:35 Garrett Bacon, self

08:21:14 Dr. Ingrid Skop, Charlotte Lozier Institute (CLI)

08:27:17 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation (MFF)

08:30:22 Matt Brower, Montana Catholic Conference (MCC)

08:33:05 Cathy Carlson, Pro-Life Helena

**EXHIBIT(juh12a01)**

08:37:59 Carolyn Truscott, Pro-Life Helena

08:39:22 Ed Halland, self

08:40:39 Sharon Nason, Pro-Life Helena

**EXHIBIT(juh12a02)**

08:41:28 Chair Usher left the meeting.

08:41:36 Vice Chair Regier assumed the chair.

08:42:16 Lucia Morud, Students for Life

08:42:33 Freeman Marshall, Students for Life

08:44:09 Kaitlyn Ruch, self

08:44:15 Chair Usher rejoined the meeting.

08:45:30 Dirk Nelson, self

08:47:53 Donna Elford, self

08:50:11 Rachel Moore, self

08:53:06 Raye Newmeyer, self

08:53:37 Cindy Roscoe, self

08:53:59 Paul McElroy, self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

08:54:45 Laurel Hesse, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

08:56:24 Rep. Lenz joined the meeting.

08:58:37 Laura Terrill, Planned Parenthood

**EXHIBIT(juh12a03)**

09:01:36 SJ Howell, Montana Women Vote

09:02:52 Jack Rinck, Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM)

09:03:31 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

09:05:35 Alanna Wulf, Big Sky 55+

09:07:58 Laurie Franklin, self

09:11:49 Donna Maughlin, self

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:13:53 Rep. Carlson  
09:14:48 Alanna Wulf, Big Sky 55+  
09:15:15 Rep. Carlson  
09:17:05 Dr. Robin Pierucci, CLI  
09:18:37 Rep. Phalen  
09:19:06 Laurie Franklin, self  
09:19:45 Chair Usher  
09:20:06 Laurie Franklin, self  
09:21:18 Rep. J. Hinkle  
09:22:14 Laura Terrill, Planned Parenthood  
09:22:39 Rep. J. Hinkle  
09:23:21 Rep. Stafman  
09:24:58 Alanna Wulf, Big Sky 55+  
09:25:31 Rep. Skees  
09:26:12 Jack Rinck, ASUM  
09:26:55 Rep. Skees  
09:27:46 Laurel Hesse, ACLU  
09:28:38 Laura Terrill, Planned Parenthood  
09:29:07 Rep. Skees  
09:30:14 Laurel Hesse, ACLU  
09:30:30 Rep. Bishop  
09:30:39 Rep. Skees  
09:31:14 Laurel Hesse, ACLU

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:32:28 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
  
09:34:21 Brief Recess  
09:43:50 Reconvened

**HEARING ON HB 171**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:44:04 Rep. Sharon Greef (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HB 171, Adopt the Montana Abortion-Inducing Drug Risk Protocol Act.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:49:23 Susan Liebel, Susan B. Anthony List (SBA List)  
09:57:09 Dr. Ingrid Skop, Charlotte Lozier Institute (CLI)  
10:06:38 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation (MFF)  
10:12:21 Lucia Morud, Students for Life  
10:15:42 Garrett Bacon, self  
10:16:27 Matt Brower, Montana Catholic Conference  
10:18:37 Freeman Marshall, Students for Life  
10:19:20 Kaitlyn Ruch, Students for Life  
10:19:50 Ed Halland, self

10:21:58 Dr. Robin Pierucci, Charlotte Lozier Institute (CLI)  
10:23:32 Cathy Carlson, Pro-Life Helena  
10:25:22 Carolyn Truscott, Pro-Life Helena  
10:27:12 Sharon Nason, self  
10:27:56 Cindy Roscoe, Pro-Life Helena  
10:28:10 Steve Shelley, self  
10:29:10 Donna Elford, self  
10:31:53 Shirl Shelley, self  
10:32:07 Robyn Mohs, self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

10:32:57 SJ Howell, Montana Women Vote

**EXHIBIT(juh12a04)**

10:35:27 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence,  
(MCADSV)  
10:42:08 Caitlin Borgmann, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)  
10:48:11 Laurie Franklin, self  
10:50:50 Martha Stahl, Planned Parenthood  
10:51:16 Chair Usher left the meeting.  
10:51:23 Vice Chair Regier assumed the chair.  
10:53:56 Greg Dorrington, Montana Medical Association (MMA)  
10:55:30 Chair Usher rejoined the meeting.

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:57:18 Rep. Fleming  
10:57:38 Jeff Laszloffy, MFF  
10:59:23 Vice Chair Kelker  
11:00:30 Martha Stahl, Planned Parenthood  
11:01:20 Vice Chair Kelker  
11:01:37 Martha Stahl, Planned Parenthood  
11:02:34 Rep. J. Hinkle  
11:05:01 Kelsen Young, MCADSV  
11:05:30 Rep. J. Hinkle  
11:05:53 Kelsen Young, MCADSV  
11:06:10 Rep. Stromswold  
11:06:37 Martha Stahl, Planned Parenthood  
11:07:54 Rep. Berglee  
11:08:46 Susan Liebel, SBA List  
11:08:58 Rep. Bishop  
11:09:30 Martha Stahl, Planned Parenthood  
11:10:23 Rep. Skees  
11:11:43 Martha Stahl, Planned Parenthood  
11:12:03 Rep. J. Hinkle  
11:12:29 Vice Chair Kelker  
11:12:52 Chair Usher  
11:14:44 Rep. Greef  
11:15:22 Dr. Ingrid Skop, CLI

11:17:47 Rep. Carlson  
11:18:23 Dr. Ingrid Skop, CLI  
11:21:01 Rep. Gillette  
11:21:34 Martha Stahl, Planned Parenthood  
11:22:15 Rep. Carlson  
11:24:24 Greg Dorrington, MMA  
11:24:38 Chair Usher  
11:25:23 Greg Dorrington, MMA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

11:26:10 Rep. Greef  
  
11:28:36 Rep. Skees  
11:30:24 Vice Chair Kelker  
11:31:11 Chair Usher

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:31:40

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Lydia Balian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([juh12aad.pdf](#))