

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**Call to Order:** Chair Barry Usher, on January 20, 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. 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. Derek Skees (R)  
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)  
Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (R)  
Rep. Danny Tenenbaum (D)

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

Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (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 140, 1/15/2021; HB 167, 1/15/2021

**HEARING ON HB 140**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

- 08:04:13 Rep. Amy Regier (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HB 140, Requiring the provision of information before the performance of an abortion.
- 08:04:34 Rep. Berglee left the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

- 08:07:56 Catherine Glenn Foster, Americans United for Life (AUL)  
08:13:51 Dr. Ingrid Skop, Charlotte Lozier Institute (CLI)  
08:18:58 Dr. Al Olszewski, self  
08:20:34 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation (MFF)  
08:23:37 Lucia Morud, Students for Life of America (SFLA)  
08:25:27 Garrett Bacon, self  
08:26:17 Kaitlyn Ruch, Students for Life of America (SFLA)  
08:28:13 Sharon Nason, Pro-Life Helena

**EXHIBIT(juh13a01)**

- 08:29:42 Carolyn Truscott, self  
08:33:11 Darbi Courtney, Montana Catholic Conference (MCC)  
08:36:24 Cathy Carlson, self  
08:39:33 Barbara Williamson, self

**EXHIBIT(juh13a02)**

- 08:42:49 Cindy Roscoe, Pro-Life Helena  
08:43:09 Donna Elford, self  
08:46:03 Rachel Moore, self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

- 08:47:55 Laurel Hesse, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)  
08:48:09 Chair Usher left the meeting.  
08:48:19 Vice Chair Kelker assumed the chair.  
08:52:49 Greg Dorrington, Montana Medical Association (MMA)  
08:53:27 Chair Usher rejoined the meeting.  
08:54:40 Laura Terrill, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana (PPAMT)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

- 08:57:39 Rep. Skees  
08:59:24 Laurel Hesse, ACLU  
09:00:04 Rep. Carlson  
09:04:47 Dr. Ingrid Skop, CLI  
09:06:31 Rep. Stromswold  
09:07:00 Jeff Laszloffy, MFF  
09:07:25 Rep. Gillette  
09:08:31 Rep. Amy Regier

09:08:44 Rep. Skees  
09:11:09 Greg Dorrington, MMA  
09:11:22 Rep. Skees  
09:11:29 Rep. Bishop  
09:11:41 Chair Usher  
09:12:02 Vice Chair Kelker  
09:12:35 Chair Usher  
09:13:18 Rep. Skees  
09:14:07 Greg Dorrington, MMA  
09:14:47 Rep. Bishop  
09:15:12 Laura Terrill, PPAMT

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:16:27 Rep. Amy Regier  
  
09:19:21 Recess  
09:32:53 Reconvened

**HEARING ON HB 167**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:33:07 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 167, Referendum to adopt the Montana Born-Alive Infant Protection Act.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:38:15 Dr. Al Olszewski, self  
09:40:29 Dr. Robin Pierucci, Charlotte Lozier Institute (CLI)  
09:47:28 Dr. Ingrid Skop, Charlotte Lozier Institute (CLI)  
09:53:40 Catherine Glenn Foster, Americans United for Life (AUL)  
09:58:45 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation (MFF)  
10:02:26 Freeman Marshall, Students for Life  
10:04:10 Kaitlyn Ruch, Students for Life; Pro-Life Helena  
10:05:51 Sharon Nason, Pro-Life Helena

**EXHIBIT(juh13a03)**

10:07:05 Chair Usher left the meeting.  
10:07:15 Vice Chair Amy Regier assumed the chair.  
10:07:16 Rep. Lenz joined the meeting.  
10:08:23 Carolyn Truscott, self  
10:10:02 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
10:11:19 Cathy Carlson, Pro-Life Helena

**EXHIBIT(juh13a04)**

10:14:33 Barbara Williamson, self

**EXHIBIT(juh13a05)**

10:15:30 Donna Elford, self  
10:18:45 Rachel Moore, self  
10:18:52 Chair Usher rejoined the meeting.  
10:20:57 Cindy Roscoe, Pro-Life Helena

10:21:12 Rep. Kerns  
10:22:08 Matt Brower, Montana Catholic Conference  
[EXHIBIT\(juh13a06\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

10:23:39 SK Rossi, Montana Reproductive Rights Coalition  
[EXHIBIT\(juh13a07\)](#)

10:24:06 Greg Dorrington, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:25:44 Rep. Skees  
10:27:51 Greg Dorrington, MMA  
10:28:10 Chair Usher  
10:31:59 Greg Dorrington, MMA  
10:32:09 Vice Chair Kelker  
10:32:34 Rep. Skees  
10:32:51 Greg Dorrington, MMA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:33:37 Rep. Matt Regier  
  
10:34:30 Chair Usher  
10:35:45 Rep. J. Hinkle  
10:36:15 Rep. Phalen  
10:37:25 Rep. Stromswold  
10:37:45 Chair Usher

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:40:07

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Lydia Balian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([juh13aad.pdf](#))