

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON RULES

**Call to Order:** Chair Derek Skees, on January 20, 2021 at 4:00 P.M., in Room 472  
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. Seth Berglee (R)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Ed. Buttrey (R)  
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)  
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)  
Rep. Barry Usher (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Katie Sullivan (D) None  
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Todd Everts, Legislative Branch  
Audio Notification  
Brooke Sangray, 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:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 1, 1/14/2021 HR 2, 1/14/2021

16:12:18 Meeting was called to order with new member Rep. Buttrey present.

16:13:09 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved to **RECONSIDER ACTION** on **SJ 1**.

**Discussion:**

16:13:21 Rep. Usher  
16:13:32 Chair Skees  
16:13:49 Rep. Usher  
16:13:57 Chair Skees  
16:14:04 Rep Usher  
16:14:14 Chair Skees

16:15:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:15:39 Chair Skees

16:15:40 **Motion:** Rep. M. Regier moved that **SJ 1 BE AMENDED**.

**EXHIBIT(ruh13a01)**

**Discussion:**

16:15:55 Rep. Regier  
16:16:22 Chair Skees  
16:16:28 Rep. Abbott  
16:17:19 Rep. Regier  
16:17:53 Rep. Abbott  
16:18:25 Chair Skees  
16:18:28 Rep. Regier  
16:18:43 Chair Skees  
16:18:48 Rep. Usher  
16:20:18 Chair Skees  
16:20:33 Rep. Beard  
16:21:37 Chair Skees  
16:21:54 Rep. Berglee  
16:23:07 Chair Skees  
16:23:55 Rep. Regier  
16:24:29 Chair Skees  
16:24:48 Vice Chair C. Knudsen  
16:25:16 Chair Skees  
16:25:27 Rep. Berglee  
16:26:35 Chair Skees  
16:26:41 Rep. Usher  
16:27:46 Chair Skees  
16:27:49 Rep. Abbott  
16:28:29 Chair Skees  
16:29:14 Rep. Lenz  
16:29:53 Chair Skees  
16:31:09 Vice Chair Knudsen  
16:31:54 Chair Skees  
16:32:04 Rep. Abbott  
16:32:29 Rep. Bishop

16:32:52 Chair Skees  
16:33:28 Rep. Berglee  
16:34:53 Chair Skees  
16:35:27 Vice Chair Knudsen  
16:36:10 Chair Skees  
  
16:36:43 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-7 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. Patelis and Rep. Sullivan voted by proxy.  
  
16:38:09 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **SJ 1 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:38:28 Vice Chair Knudsen  
16:38:52 Chair Skees  
16:39:25 Todd Everts, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
16:39:45 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen  
16:40:20 Chair Skees  
  
16:40:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-7 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. Patelis and Rep. Sullivan voted by proxy. Rep. Skees will carry the bill.  
  
16:41:54 Chair Skees  
16:42:17 Vice Chair C. Knudsen assumed the chair

**HEARING ON HR 2****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:42:59 Rep. Derek Skees (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HR 2, House rules resolution.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:44:41 Rep. Usher  
16:45:09 Rep. Skees  
16:45:55 Chair Knudsen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:46:06 Rep. Skees  
  
16:46:15 Vice Chair C. Knudsen  
16:46:23 Rep. Skees resumed the chair

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HR 2**

16:46:44 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HJ 2 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:46:55 Chair Skees

16:46:59 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HJ 2 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(ruh13a02)**

**Discussion:**

16:47:00 Chair Skees  
16:48:13 Vice Chair C. Knudsen  
16:48:51 Chair Skees  
16:48:54 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
16:49:05 Chair Skees  
16:49:46 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
16:49:53 Chair Skees  
16:50:17 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
16:50:31 Chair Skees

16:52:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Patelis and Rep. Sullivan voted by proxy.

16:52:37 Chair Skees

16:52:40 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HJ 2 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:52:51 Chair Skees

16:53:00 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HJ 2 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(ruh13a03)**

**Discussion:**

16:53:07 Chair Skees  
16:53:33 Vice Chair C. Knudsen  
16:54:00 Chair Skees  
16:54:05 Todd Everts, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
17:00:55 Chair Skees

17:01:03 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved to **SEGREGATE LINES 4, 5, AND 6 FROM THE AMENDMENT.**

17:01:19 Chair Skees  
17:03:19 Rep. Tschida  
17:03:40 Chair Skees  
17:05:11 Rep. Usher  
17:05:16 Rep. Ferris-Olsen  
17:05:35 Chair Skees

- 17:05:43 Rep. Sullivan joined the meeting  
17:05:53 Chair Skees  
17:06:27 Rep. Abbott  
17:06:36 Chair Skees
- 17:06:51 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Usher voting no. Rep. Patelis voted by proxy.
- 17:08:08 Chair Skees  
17:08:32 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen  
17:08:57 Chair Skees
- 17:09:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-7 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. Patelis voted by proxy.
- 17:10:21 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HJ 2 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- Discussion:**  
17:10:28 Chair Skees
- 17:10:38 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HJ 2 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(ruh13a04\)](#)
- Discussion:**  
17:10:49 Chair Skees  
17:11:10 Vice Chair C.Knudsen  
17:12:20 Chair Skees  
17:12:59 Vice Chair Ferris-Olsen  
17:13:06 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
17:13:12 Chair Skees
- 17:14:20 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Usher voting no. Rep. Patelis voted by proxy.
- 17:15:31 Chair Skees
- 17:15:42 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HJ 2 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- Discussion:**  
17:15:49 Chair Skees  
17:16:09 Rep. Abbott
- 17:16:13 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-7 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. Patelis voted by proxy.
- 17:17:31 Chair Skees

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:18:05

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Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([ruh13aad.pdf](#))