

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Barry Usher, on February 2, 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. 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. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Danny Tenenbaum (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Amy Regier, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (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 257, 1/28/2021; HB 258, 1/28/2021; HB 262, 1/28/2021; HB 263, 1/28/2021

HEARING ON HB 258**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:04:05 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HB 258, Revise laws related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories.

08:04:12 Vice Chair Regier joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:06:53 Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association (MSSA)

08:11:21 Garrett Bacon, self

08:11:56 Rep. Ler joined the meeting.

08:12:19 Forrest Zimmerman, self

08:15:59 Rep. Gillette joined the meeting.

08:17:20 Jesse Slaughter, Cascade County Sheriff's Office

08:20:12 Darren Gaub, self

08:21:29 Carolyn Truscott, self

08:22:21 Bonnie Parrett, self

08:22:40 Robyn Mohs, self

08:22:52 Rep. Stromswold joined the meeting.

08:23:07 Cindi Hamilton, self

08:23:52 Conrad Evarts, self

08:24:31 Jim Buell, self

08:25:20 Keith Kubista, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife

[EXHIBIT\(juh22a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

08:27:25 Brian Thompson, Montana Sheriff's and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

[EXHIBIT\(juh22a02\)](#)

08:31:38 Shelby DeMars, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)

08:31:38 Chair Usher left the meeting.

08:31:40 Vice Chair Regier assumed the chair.

08:33:02 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

08:35:47 Jennifer Beazer, self

08:38:04 Paulette Hutcheon, self

08:39:21 Chair Usher rejoined the meeting.

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:40:48 Rep. Skees

08:42:52 Kelly Lynch, MLCT

08:43:28 Chair Usher

08:43:50 Rep. Skees

08:44:14 Rep. J. Hinkle

08:45:38 Vice Chair Kelker

08:46:33 Kelly Lynch, MLCT

08:47:47 Rep. Fleming

08:48:26 Jesse Slaughter, Cascade County Sheriff's Office

08:51:02 Rep. Berglee
08:53:02 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
08:53:42 Chair Usher
08:54:12 Gary Marbut, MSSA
08:57:29 Chair Usher
08:58:19 Rep. France
09:01:07 Rep. J. Hinkle
09:01:22 Chair Usher

Closing by Sponsor:

09:01:45 Rep. J. Hinkle

[EXHIBIT\(juh22a03\)](#)

HEARING ON HB 257

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:06:17 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HB 257, Revise laws relating to government mandates and businesses.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:12:40 Randy Chamberlin, self
09:15:57 Mike Hope, Rocking R Bar
09:21:44 Sarah Capp, self
09:26:27 Doug White, self
09:30:16 Vice Chair Kelker
09:30:48 Doug White, self
09:31:48 Maria Wyrock, self
09:35:17 Brooke Carlson, self
09:38:51 Darren Gaub, self
09:42:36 Esther Fishbaugh, self
09:47:50 Nellie Nicol, Freedom Protection Project
09:47:58 Chair Usher left the meeting.
09:48:00 Vice Chair Regier assumed the chair.
09:50:41 Don Frye, self

[EXHIBIT\(juh22a04\)](#)

09:52:50 Jackie Wahl, self
09:55:11 Andrew Cetraro, Gallatin County Licenced Beverage Association
09:55:58 Charlotte Snyder, Freedom Protection Project
09:58:13 Dax Cetraro, self
09:59:24 Chair Usher rejoined the meeting.
10:00:32 Franz Glaus, self
10:05:30 Ken Miller, self
10:07:31 Raven Dighans, self
10:11:35 Carolyn Truscott, self
10:14:00 Conrad Everts, Campground City
10:16:02 Bonnie Parrett, self
10:17:27 Cindi Hamilton, self
10:19:55 Eileen Guthrie, self

10:22:25 Cindy Schleh,self
10:23:03 Robyn Mohs, self

Opponents' Testimony:

10:24:28 Jim Murphy, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
10:27:19 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:29:20 Rep. Stafman
10:30:38 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
10:31:14 Vice Chair Kelker
10:32:47 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
10:33:04 Rep. Skees
10:34:15 Jim Murphy, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

10:34:34 Rep. J. Hinkle

HEARING ON HB 262

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:38:07 Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 262, Expand exemptions from collections to include student loans.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:45:14 Katjana Stutzer, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)
10:47:13 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:48:45 Rep. Carlson
10:49:40 Rep. Farris-Olsen

Closing by Sponsor:

10:50:59 Rep. Farris-Olsen

HEARING ON HB 263

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:51:51 Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 263, Revise exemption from collection laws.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

10:55:45 Rep. Farris-Olsen

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:57:02

Lydia Balian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([juh22aad.pdf](#))