

MINUTES
MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on February 17, 2021 at 2:00 P.M., in Room 102
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Mary Caferro, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Matt Regier, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Brad Tschida, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division
Jamie Bonilla, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division
Anthony Nuno, 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 115, 2/16/2021; HB 244, 2/16/2021

HEARING ON HB 244**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:43:03 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 244, Revise death penalty laws related to lethal injection.

Proponents: None

Opponents:

14:45:17 Sam Forstag, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
14:46:43 Zuri Moreno, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)
14:47:09 Rep. Mercer joined the hearing
14:47:45 Janae Weber, Montana State Council on Judicial Accountability (MTSCOJA)

Informational Testimony:

14:48:45 Cynthia Wolken, Department of Corrections (DOC)
14:49:07 Rep. Caferro joined the hearing

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

14:49:24 Rep. Keane
14:50:08 Rep. Regier joined the meeting.
14:50:17 Colleen Ambrose, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Corrections (DOC)
14:51:06 Rep. Keane
14:51:26 Colleen Ambrose, DOC
14:52:13 Rep. Keane
14:52:26 Colleen Ambrose, DOC
14:53:21 Rep. Nave
14:53:53 Colleen Ambrose, DOC
14:54:44 Rep. Nave
14:54:46 Colleen Ambrose, DOC
14:55:22 Chair Jones
14:55:28 Rep. Mercer
14:56:01 Colleen Ambrose, DOC
14:56:14 Chair Jones
14:56:26 Jodi Stone, Department of Corrections (DOC)
14:56:58 Rep. Mercer
14:57:12 Chair Jones
14:57:37 Cynthia Wolken, Department of Corrections (DOC)
14:58:09 Rep. Mercer
14:59:02 Rep. Hopkins leaves the hearing
14:59:21 Colleen Ambrose, DOC
15:00:18 Rep. Windy Boy left the meeting.
15:00:41 Rep. Mercer
15:01:03 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
15:01:46 Jodi Stone, DOC
15:02:04 Rep. Keane
15:02:50 Chair Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

15:03:09 Rep. Lenz

HEARING ON HB 115

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:04:24 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 115, Increase penalties for 5th and subsequent DUI.

Proponents:

15:06:56 Brian Thompson, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA)

Opponents:

15:07:30 Patrick Webb, Americans for Prosperity

15:08:16 Janae Weber, Montana State Council on Judicial Accountability, MTSCOJA

15:11:30 Zuri Moreno, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

15:13:09 Sam Forstag, ACLU

Informational Testimony:

15:15:00 Cynthia Wolken, Department of Corrections (DOC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:15:40 Rep. Windy Boy

15:16:13 Chair Jones

15:17:46 Rep. Keane

15:18:13 Cynthia Wolken, DOC

15:18:32 Rep. Keane

15:19:01 Chair Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

15:19:07 Rep. Mercer

ADJOURNMENT

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15:20:08

Jamie Bonilla, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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