

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Barry Usher, on April 15, 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. Frank Fleming (R)
Rep. Tom France (D)
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (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. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)
Rep. Jane Gillette (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: SB 333, 4/12/2021; SB 402, 4/12/2021

08:09:01 Rep. Carlson assumed the chair.

HEARING ON SB 333

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:09:44 Sen. Brad Molnar (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 333, Generally revise drug and human trafficking laws.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

08:12:36 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

08:15:06 Nancy Leifer, League of Women Voters Montana

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:17:44 Rep. Stafman

08:18:43 Al Smith, MTLA

08:19:00 Vice Chair Kelker

08:21:55 Al Smith, MTLA

08:22:42 Rep. Lenz

08:23:09 Sen. Molnar

08:24:09 Rep. France

08:25:38 Sen. Molnar

08:26:13 Rep. J. Hinkle

08:26:44 Sen. Molnar

08:28:08 Rep. Tenenbaum

08:29:12 Sen. Molnar

08:29:53 Vice Chair Kelker

08:31:25 Sen. Molnar

08:31:33 Rep. Bishop

08:33:00 Sen. Molnar

08:33:24 Rep. Usher

08:35:00 Al Smith, MTLA

08:35:36 Rep. Usher

08:35:57 Al Smith, MTLA

Closing by Sponsor:

08:36:10 Sen. Molnar

08:37:41 Rep. Hawk assumed the chair.

HEARING ON SB 402

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:39:31 Sen. Cary Smith (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 402, Generally revise laws related to the judiciary.

08:41:07 Chair Usher moved to **SUSPEND THE HEARING**. Motion carried without objection.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 08:42:07

Lydia Balian, Secretary

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