

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT COMMITTEE ON RULES

Call to Order: Chair Cary Smith, on December 7, 2020 at 1:00 P.M., House Chambers
Capitol

SENATE ROLL CALL

Members Present in Helena:

- Sen. Cary Smith, Chair (R)
- Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)
- Sen. Bryce Bennett (D)
- Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
- Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
- Sen. Bob Brown (R)
- Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
- Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
- Sen. Greg Hertz (R)
- Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
- Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
- Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)

Members Present via Zoom Video Conference:

- Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
- Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
- Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

HOUSE ROLL CALL

Members Present in Helena:

Rep. Derek Skees, Chair (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Derek Harvey (D)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Dennis Lenz (R)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)

Members Present via Zoom Video Conference:

Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
Nadine Spencer, 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:

Review and Action on Draft Joint Rules Resolutions for Preintroduction

EXPLANATION OF THE JOINT RULES COMMITTEE PROCESS

13:03:03 Sen. Smith

REVIEW AND ACTION ON DRAFT JOINT RULES RESOLUTIONS FOR PREINTRODUCTION

Draft Joint Rules Resolution Hearing

13:04:41 Sen. Smith

13:05:16 Sen. Morigeau joined the meeting.

Introduction of Draft Joint Rules Resolution

13:05:41 Rep. Skees

Public comment in Helena

13:08:18 Cathy Burwell, president and CEO, Helena Area Chamber of Commerce

13:09:43 Mike Rooney, operations director, Downtown Helena Incorporated

Public comment via Zoom video conference

13:11:20 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell, HD 84

Additional written public comment

[EXHIBIT\(rus00a01\)](#)

Committee questions

13:17:45 Sen. Pomnichowski

Closing on Draft Joint Rules Resolution

13:18:45 Sen. Smith

13:18:59 Sen. Bennett

13:19:26 Sen. Smith

13:20:22 Sen. Bennett

13:20:40 Sen. Smith

13:23:18 Sen. Pomnichowski

13:23:57 Sen. Smith

13:24:28 Sen. Pomnichowski

13:24:54 Sen. Smith

13:25:45 Rep. Skees

13:25:57 Sen. Smith

Joint Rule Amendments

SJ000107.AJC

13:26:38 Sen. Ellsworth discussed SJ000107.AJC.

[EXHIBIT\(rus00a02\)](#)

Committee questions:

13:41:10 Rep. Tschida

13:42:09 Sen. Ellsworth

13:43:00	Sen. Cohenour
13:43:56	Sen. Ellsworth
13:44:06	Sen. Cohenour
13:44:39	Sen. Ellsworth
13:46:37	Sen. Pomnichowski
13:47:32	Sen. Ellsworth
13:48:53	Sen. Pomnichowski
13:50:13	Sen. Ellsworth
13:50:46	Sen. Pomnichowski
13:53:42	Sen. Ellsworth
13:54:43	Sen. Pomnichowski
13:55:29	Sen. Ellsworth
13:56:03	Sen. Bennett
13:57:20	Sen. Ellsworth
13:59:16	Sen. Bennett
14:00:09	Rep. Usher
14:00:21	Sen. Ellsworth
14:02:06	Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
14:03:20	Sen. Ellsworth
14:04:43	Rep. Abbott
14:05:38	Sen. Ellsworth
14:06:46	Rep. Abbott
14:07:26	Sen. Ellsworth
14:08:56	Rep. Abbott
14:09:45	Sen. Ellsworth
14:11:32	Rep. Abbott
14:11:48	Sen. Ellsworth
14:12:26	Sen. Cohenour
14:14:11	Rep. Farris-Olsen
14:14:30	Sen. Ellsworth
14:14:53	Rep. Farris-Olsen
14:15:16	Sen. Ellsworth
14:16:22	Rep. Farris-Olsen
14:16:57	Sen. Ellsworth
14:17:38	Rep. Farris-Olsen
14:17:58	Sen. Flowers
14:18:47	Sen. Ellsworth
14:20:44	Sen. Flowers
14:22:00	Sen. Ellsworth
14:23:35	Rep. Hamilton
14:25:14	Sen. Ellsworth
14:26:45	Rep. Hamilton
14:27:30	Sen. Ellsworth
14:29:09	Rep. Skees
14:33:09	Sen. Ellsworth
14:35:30	Sen. Cohenour
14:37:05	Rep. Skees
14:37:57	Sen. Boldman
14:40:45	Sen. Ellsworth
14:42:08	Sen. Smith

SJ000103.ATE

14:42:57 Sen. Keenan discussed SJ000103.ATE.

[EXHIBIT\(rus00a03\)](#)

Committee questions:

14:46:14 Sen. Fitzpatrick

14:46:34 Sen. Keenan

SJ000109.ATE

14:47:35 Rep. Farris-Olsen discussed SJ000109.ATE.

[EXHIBIT\(rus00a04\)](#)

Committee questions:

14:49:39 Rep. Usher

14:51:02 Rep. Skees

14:53:01 Sen. Cohenour

14:54:45 Rep. Bishop

SJ000108.AJC

14:56:33 Sen. Cohenour discussed SJ000108 AJC.

[EXHIBIT\(rus00a05\)](#)

14:58:43 Sen. Cohenour

[EXHIBIT\(rus00a06\)](#)

Committee questions:

14:59:40 Sen. Ellsworth

15:00:02 Sen. Cohenour

15:01:08 Sen. Ellsworth

15:01:25 Sen. Cohenour

15:02:08 Rep. Skees

15:02:32 Sen. Cohenour

15:03:09 Rep. Usher

15:03:51 Sen. Cohenour

15:04:42 Rep. Sullivan

15:05:14 Sen. Cohenour

15:06:00 Sen. Pomnichowski

15:07:20 Sen. Cohenour

15:07:59 Sen. Pomnichowski

15:08:18 Sen. Cohenour

SJ000112.ATE

15:08:41 Sen. Bennett discussed SJ000112.ATE.

[EXHIBIT\(rus00a07\)](#)

Committee questions:

15:10:56 Rep. Tschida

15:11:47 Sen. Cohenour

15:13:15 Rep. Skees

15:13:34 Sen. Bennett

15:14:19 Rep. Skees
15:14:40 Sen. Bennett
15:15:17 Rep. Skees
15:16:54 Sen. Cohenour

SJ000102.ATE

15:18:13 Sen. Cohenour discussed SJ000102.ATE.

[EXHIBIT\(rus00a08\)](#)

Committee questions:

15:19:39 Sen. Smith
15:19:54 Sen. Cohenour
15:20:45 Sen. Smith
15:21:04 Sen. Flowers
15:21:32 Sen. Pomnichowski

SJ000105.ATE

15:22:43 Sen. Flowers discussed SJ000105.ATE.

[EXHIBIT\(rus00a09\)](#)

Committee questions:

15:25:37 Rep. Abbott
15:27:12 Sen. Cohenour
15:28:43 Rep. Skees
15:29:49 Sen. Flowers
15:31:07 Rep. Skees
15:31:29 Sen. Flowers
15:31:54 Rep. Skees
15:32:31 Sen. Flowers
15:33:33 Rep. Skees
15:34:10 Sen. Stewart Peregoy
15:39:57 Sen. Morigeau
15:41:39 Rep. Usher
15:47:11 Rep. Beard

SJ000114.ATE

15:49:18 Rep. Sullivan discussed SJ000114.ATE.

[EXHIBIT\(rus00a10\)](#)

Committee questions:

15:51:31 Rep. Farris-Olsen
15:51:58 Sen. Cohenour
15:55:19 Sen. Ellsworth
15:56:35 Rep. Sullivan
15:58:18 Sen. Ellsworth
15:58:32 Rep. Sullivan

SJ000101.AJC

16:01:55 Sen. Pomnichowski discussed SJ000101.AJC.

[EXHIBIT\(rus00a11\)](#)

Committee questions:

16:06:05 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
16:06:36 Sen. Pomnichowski
16:07:55 Rep. Skees
16:08:15 Sen. Pomnichowski
16:09:01 Sen. Smith
16:09:16 Sen. Pomnichowski

Committee discussion on next steps:

16:09:45 Sen. Bennett
16:10:57 Sen. Smith
16:11:10 Sen. Bennett
16:12:02 Sen. Smith
16:13:26 Rep. Skees
16:14:41 Sen. Smith
16:15:27 Sen. Flowers
16:16:08 Sen. Smith
16:17:27 Sen. Flowers
16:17:59 Sen. Smith said the joint committee will recess and reconvene at 8 a.m.
tomorrow.
16:19:39 Rep. Bishop asked about the meeting on December 16.
16:19:58 Sen. Smith
16:20:24 Rep. Bishop
16:20:28 Sen. Smith

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:20 PM

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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EXHIBIT([rus00aad.pdf](#))