

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT COMMITTEE ON RULES

Call to Order: Chair Cary Smith, on December 8, 2020 at 8:03 A.M., in 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. Jill Cohenour (D)
- Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
- Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
- Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
- Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)

Members Present via Zoom Videoconference

- Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
- Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
- Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)

Members Excused:

- Sen. Bob Brown (R)
- Sen. Greg Hertz (R)

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. 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. Brad Tschida (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)

Members Present via Zoom Video Conference:

Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Derek Harvey (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
Jaret Coles, 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 Rules Resolution for Preintroduction continued

REVIEW AND ACTION ON DRAFT RULES RESOLUTION FOR PREINTRODUCTION**CONTINUED**

08:05:43 Sen. Smith

Committee discussion:

08:06:52 Rep. Patelis

08:10:00 Sen. Ellsworth

08:11:12 Rep. Patelis

08:12:11 Sen. Ellsworth

08:12:46 Sen. Smith

SJ000110.AJC

08:14:53 Rep. Skees discussed SJ000110.AJC.

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Committee questions:

08:16:44 Sen. Ellsworth

08:17:18 Rep. Tschida

08:17:47 Sen. Smith

SJ000110.ATE

08:18:14 Todd Everts, code commissioner, Legislative Services Division, discussed SJ000110.ATE.

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08:21:56 Sen. Kary

08:22:08 Mr. Everts

Committee questions:

08:29:46 Rep. Tschida

08:31:14 Mr. Everts

08:33:06 Sen. Pomnichowski

08:35:49 Sen. Fitzpatrick

08:36:18 Mr. Everts

08:36:24 Sen. Fitzpatrick

08:36:39 Mr. Everts

08:36:46 Rep. Skees

08:37:36 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved to **ADD PUBLIC COMMENT TO THE AGENDA**. Motion failed 6-9 by roll call vote in the Senate. Sen. Bennett, Sen. Boldman, Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Morigeau, and Sen. Pomnichowski voted aye. Sen. Brown and Sen. Hertz voted by proxy.

08:39:13 Sen. Pomnichowski

08:39:57 Rep. Skees

08:40:44 Sen. Cohenour

08:42:09 Rep. Usher

08:43:00 **Vote:** Motion to add public to the agenda failed 7-12 by roll call vote in the House. Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Abbott, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Sullivan voted aye. Rep. Berglee and Rep. Harvey voted by proxy.

Committee discussion:

08:44:24 Rep. Skees
08:44:59 Mr. Everts
08:45:26 Sen. Pomnichowski
08:46:06 Rep. Skees
08:46:24 Mr. Everts
08:46:55 Rep. Skees
08:47:24 Mr. Everts
08:47:59 Rep. Skees
08:49:22 Sen. Ellsworth
08:50:09 Rep. Usher
08:51:05 Sen. Bennett
08:52:03 Rep. Skees
08:53:59 Sen. Cohenour
08:55:07 Rep. Skees
08:55:17 Sen. Cohenour
08:56:16 Rep. Usher
08:57:23 Sen. Pomnichowski
08:59:04 Sen. Smith

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:00 A.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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