

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**Call to Order:** Chair Keith Regier, on January 20, 2021 at 9:00 AM, in Room 303 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present in the Committee Room:**

Sen. Keith Regier, Chair (R)  
Sen. Tom McGillvray, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Sen. Bob Brown (R)  
Sen. John Esp (R)  
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)  
Sen. Jen Gross (D)  
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)  
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)

**Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:**

Sen. Diane Sands, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Branch  
Taylor Tyson, Remote Meeting Coordinator  
Jacelyn Sterling, 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:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 114, 1/18/2021; HB 102, 1/18/2021

**HEARING ON SB 114****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:01:38 Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB114, Revise the homestead exemption.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:03:05 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Relators (MAR)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:05:33 Robert Drummond, Great Falls

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a01\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:09:15 Sen. Manzella  
09:09:36 Sen. Ellsworth  
09:10:09 Sen. Hinebauch  
09:11:24 Mr. Drummond, Great Falls  
09:12:35 Chair Regier  
09:12:44 Mr. Drummond  
09:12:50 Chair Regier  
09:13:36 Sen. Gross  
09:15:58 Mr. Drummond  
09:16:23 Sen. Friedel  
09:16:54 Mr. Drummond  
09:17:05 Sen. Friedel  
09:18:03 Mr. Drummond

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:18:16 Sen. Ellsworth

**HEARING ON HB 102****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:21:58 Rep. Seth Berglee (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on HB102, Generally revise gun laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:37:17 Tim Sowa, East Helena  
09:39:23 Brian Thompson, Montana County Attorneys Association

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a02\)](#)

09:41:17 Alan Olson, executive director, Montana Petroleum Association  
09:41:43 Austin Knudsen, attorney general, Department of Justice  
09:44:49 Brenden Boudreau, field director, National Association for Gun Rights

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a03\)](#)

09:46:29 Garrett Bacon, self

09:47:18 Gary Marbut, president, Montana Shooting Sports Association  
[EXHIBIT\(jus13a04\)](#)

09:50:19 Brian Gosch, National Rifle Association of America  
[EXHIBIT\(jus13a05\)](#)

09:52:42 Jesse Slaughter, Cascade County Sheriffs Office  
[EXHIBIT\(jus13a06\)](#)

09:55:06 Robyn Mohs, self

Additional testimony received:

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a07\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:55:51 Shani Henry, Moms Demand Action

09:58:16 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a08\)](#)

10:06:11 Keaton Sunchild, political director, Montana Native Vote

10:09:45 Alison Rieihardt, Montana Association of Students (MAS)

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a09\)](#)

10:12:32 Kevin McRae, Montana University System

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a10\)](#)

10:15:46 Besty Bach, Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a11\)](#)

10:19:08 Sen. Bennett

10:19:25 Chair Regier

10:20:07 John MacDonald, City of Bozeman, City of Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a12\)](#)

10:22:50 Daisy Khoury, Bozeman

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a13\)](#)

10:25:18 Claire Oakley, director, RiverStone Health

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a14\)](#)

10:28:40 Quint Nyman, executive director, Montana Federation of Public Employees

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a15\)](#)

10:31:30 Travis McAdam, Montana Human Rights Network

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a16\)](#)

10:33:18 Caitlin Troyer, student, Helena

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a17\)](#)

10:35:19 Jan Strout, president, Montana National Organization for Women, retired faculty,  
Montana State University

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a18\)](#)

10:38:14 Ed Bartlett, Montana Community Colleges

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a19\)](#)

10:39:54 Geraldine Beck, Bozeman

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a20\)](#)

10:41:56 Dalayah Killsback, Western Native Voice

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a21\)](#)

10:44:13 Karen Smith, chief advocacy officer, Montana's Credit Unions

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a22\)](#)

10:46:32 Kelly Lynch, deputy director, Montana League of Cities and Towns

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a23\)](#)

10:48:06 Ruthie Barbour, Forward Montana

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a24\)](#)

10:51:30 Lauren Wilson, physician, Montana Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a25\)](#)

**Questions for Ms. Wilson:**

10:53:54 Sen. Sands

10:56:18 Ms. Wilson

10:56:40 Sen. Friedel

10:59:03 Ms. Wilson

**Additional Opponents:**

11:00:00 William Griffiths, Bozeman

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a26\)](#)

11:00:50 Joan Meyer Nye, Suicide Prevention Coalition of Yellowstone Valley

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a27\)](#)

11:04:12 Roxane Weikel, Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a28\)](#)

Additional testimony received:

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a29\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:**

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a30\)](#)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

11:07:31 Sen. Brown

11:08:02 Rep. Berglee

11:09:32 Sen. Brown  
11:10:10 Mr. Hegreberg, MBA  
11:10:43 Sen. Manzella  
11:13:17 Rep. Berglee  
11:14:48 Sen. Sands  
11:17:07 Mr. McRae, MUS  
11:19:39 Sen. Sands  
11:20:55 Rep. Berglee  
11:21:31 Sen. Sands  
11:21:43 Sen. Esp  
11:27:47 Rep. Berglee  
11:27:56 Sen. Webber  
11:28:25 Rep. Berglee  
11:29:00 Sen. Friedel  
11:30:16 Rep. Berglee  
11:30:38 Sen. Friedel  
11:34:06 Sen. McGillvray  
11:34:45 Ms. Henry  
11:35:03 Sen. McGillvray  
11:35:27 Rep. Berglee  
11:35:34 Sen. McGillvray  
11:35:49 Rep. Berglee  
11:36:14 Sen. Manzella  
11:36:55 Mr. McRae  
11:37:49 Sen. Gross  
11:39:10 Chair Regier  
11:39:25 Sen. Gross  
11:39:50 Rep. Berglee  
11:40:50 Sen. Gross  
11:41:44 Rep. Berglee  
11:42:10 Sen. Gross  
11:43:10 Sen. Friedel  
11:45:08 Rep. Berglee  
11:45:20 Sen. Friedel  
11:45:46 Mr. McRae  
11:46:18 Sen. Friedel  
11:46:37 Mr. McRae

**Closing by Sponsor:**

11:46:51 Rep. Berglee

**Committee Business:**

11:54:15 Chair Regier

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:55AM

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Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

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**Additional Documents:**

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**EXHIBIT([jus13aad.pdf](#))**