MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE
67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Keith Regier, on February 2, 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 145, 1/27/2021; SR 11, 1/25/2021

 Executive Action: SR 11 Be Adopted

HEARING ON SR 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
09:02:05   Sen. Gordon Vance (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SR11, Confirm
             Governor's appointee for Director of Dept. of Corrections.
EXHIBIT(jus22a01)

Sen. Friedel and Sen. Webber entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:
09:03:24   Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras
09:05:05   Brian Gootkin, appointee
09:09:28   Leo Dutton, sheriff, Lewis and Clark County
09:10:17   Mike Linder, sheriff, Yellowstone County
09:11:39   Jessie Slaughter, sheriff, Cascade County
09:12:33   Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, Montana
             County Attorneys Association
09:14:49   Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties
09:16:59   Mark Murphy, Montana Association of Chiefs of Police
09:18:18   Colleen Rahn, education director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
             Montana
09:20:07   U.S. Senator Steve Daines
EXHIBIT(jus22a02)

09:24:21   Mike Batista, Helena
EXHIBIT(jus22a03)

09:26:52   Wynn Meehan, sheriff, Broadwater County; president, Montana Sheriffs and
             Peace Officers Association
EXHIBIT(jus22a04)

09:29:24   Laurie Little-Dog, Bozeman

Additional Testimony Received:
EXHIBIT(jus22a05)

Opponents' Testimony:
EXHIBIT(jus22a06)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
09:31:29   Sen. Friedel
09:38:14   Mr. Gootkin, appointee
09:38:25   Chair Regier
09:38:36   Mr. Gootkin
09:40:49   Sen. Bennett
09:44:30   Mr. Gootkin
09:44:59   Sen. McGillvray
09:46:37   Mr. Gootkin

09:47:35	Sen. McGillvray
09:48:28	Sen. Webber
09:48:56	Mr. Gootkin
09:50:07	Sen. Sands
09:54:22	Mr. Gootkin
09:55:25	Sen. Sands
09:59:09	Ms. Juras
09:59:44	Sen. Sands
10:00:13	Mr. Gootkin
10:01:30	Sen. Sands
10:01:49	Sen. Manzella
10:02:32	Mr. Gootkin
10:03:22	Sen. Manzella
10:03:31	Sen. Gross
10:04:52	Mr. Gootkin
10:06:15	Sen. Gross
10:06:21	Sen. Manzella
10:06:47	Mr. Gootkin
10:08:04	Sen. Hinebauch
10:09:33	Mr. Gootkin

Closing by Sponsor:
10:09:53   Sen. Vance

HEARING ON SB 145

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
10:11:07   Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB145, Revise homeowners association laws to allow remote meetings by default.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
10:13:03	Sen. Esp
10:13:25	Sen. Fitzpatrick
10:14:12	Sen. Friedel
10:14:19	Sen. Manzella
10:14:56	Sen. Fitzpatrick
10:16:04	Chair Regier
10:16:51	Sen. Fitzpatrick
10:17:00	Chair Regier

Closing by Sponsor:
10:17:13   Sen. Fitzpatrick

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 11

10:17:25   Chair Regier

10:17:44   **Motion/Vote:** Sen. McGillvray moved that **SR 11 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Committee Business:
10:18:18	Sen. Bennett
10:19:04	Chair Regier
10:19:41	Sen. Sands
10:21:44	Chair Regier
10:22:40	Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Services Division
10:23:00	Chair Regier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:23 AM

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Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT(jus22aad.pdf)