

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Keith Regier, on April 23, 2021 at 10:00 A.M., in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Keith Regier, Chair (R)
Sen. Tom McGillvray, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Diane Sands, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Bob Brown (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Bryce Bennett (D)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Carroll, Legislative Branch
Taylor Tyson, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Jacelyn Sterling, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 34, 4/21/2021

Executive Action: SJ 34 Be Tabled; SR 50 Be Not Adopted; SR 47 Be Adopted

HEARING ON SJ 34

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:00:41 Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SJ34, Study of solitary confinement.

10:04:32 Sen. Esp entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

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Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:06:43 Chair Regier

10:06:57 Sen. O'Brien

10:07:27 Sen. Friedel entered the meeting.

10:07:43 Chair Regier

10:07:54 Sen. O'Brien

10:08:18 Sen. Brown

10:08:38 Sen. O'Brien

10:09:07 Sen. Brown

10:10:22 Sen. O'Brien

10:11:17 Sen Sands

10:11:33 Sen. O'Brien

10:11:42 Sen. Sands

10:12:03 Sen. O'Brien

Closing by Sponsor:

10:13:07 Sen. O'Brien

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 34

10:15:58 **Motion:** Sen. McGillvray moved that **SJ 34 BE TABLED.**

Discussion:

10:16:11 Chair Regier

10:16:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-3 by voice vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Gross and Sen. Webber voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 50

10:17:04 **Motion:** Sen. McGillvray moved that **SR 50 BE NOT ADOPTED..**

Discussion:

10:17:21 Chair Regier
10:17:29 Sen. Sands
10:18:48 Chair Regier
10:18:56 Sen. McGillvray
10:20:23 Sen. Bennett
10:21:46 Sen. Esp
10:22:10 Chair Regier
10:23:42 Sen. Sands
10:24:50 Sen. Friedel
10:26:53 Sen. McGillvray

10:28:09 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote. Sen. Sands, Sen. Bennett, Sen. Webber and Sen. Gross voted no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 47

10:29:05 **Motion:** Sen. McGillvray moved that **SR 47 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

10:29:23 Sen. Hinebauch
10:31:00 Sen. Manzella
10:33:02 Sen. Gross
10:34:33 Sen. Esp
10:35:12 Sen. Sands
10:36:27 Chair Regier
10:37:21 Sen. Manzella
10:38:32 Sen. Gross

10:39:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Committee Business:

10:39:43 Chair Regier
10:40:34 Sen. Sands
10:40:41 Chair Regier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:41 AM

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

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