

MINUTES
MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (H) JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Amy Regier-R, on January 16, 2023 at 8:00 AM, in 137

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Amy Regier, Chair (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Brandon Ler, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R)
Rep. Lee Deming (R)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Jodee Etchart (R)
Rep. Tom France (D)
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. SJ Howell (D)
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Rep. Wayne Rusk (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Laura Smith (D)
Rep. Zooey Zephyr (D)

Staff Present: Jamie Van Valkenburg, Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Research Analyst

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:

HB 204 01/10/2023

HB 213 01/10/2023

Executive Action:

08:02:06

HEARING ON HB 213 - Provide certificate of nonviable birth

Opening Statement:

08:02:40 Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 213, Provide certificate of nonviable birth.

Proponent Testimony:

08:04:42 Zack Wirth, HD 80

Opponent Testimony:

08:05:58 Nick Domitrivich, Self

08:09:26 Rep. Jennifer Carlson left the meeting.

08:11:11 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association

08:12:39 Robin Turner, American Civil Liberties Union, Montana

08:14:08 Rep. Donavon Hawk left the meeting.

08:16:35 Timothy Mitchell, MD, Society of Maternal-Fetal Medicine

08:17:39 Rep. Donavon Hawk joined the meeting.

08:18:34 Rep. Neil Duram left the meeting.

08:20:08 Lauren Wilson, Montana Chapter of American Pediatrics

08:21:47 Tondy Baum-Gartner, MD, Self

08:23:38 Loreen Pettit, Self

08:24:21 Rep. Neil Duram joined the meeting.

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:27:27 Rep. Laurie Bishop
08:28:06 Rep. Braxton Mitchell-R
08:29:21 Rep. Laura Smith
08:29:58 Rep. Braxton Mitchell-R
08:31:39 Rep. Greg Kmetz
08:32:43 Rep. Braxton Mitchell-R
08:32:50 Rep. SJ Howell
08:33:21 Rep. Braxton Mitchell-R
08:33:33 Rep. Wayne Rusk
08:34:01 Rep. Braxton Mitchell-R
08:34:33 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway
08:34:58 Rep. Braxton Mitchell-R
08:36:52 Rep. Neil Duram

Closing Statement:

08:37:20 Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R), HD 3, closed the hearing on HB 213.

HEARING ON HB 204 - Providing for a cause of action for alienation of affection

Opening Statement:

08:38:18 Rep. Bob Phalen (R), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 204, Providing for a cause of action for alienation of affection.

Proponent Testimony:

08:40:56 Ty Kuehn, Self

Opponent Testimony:

08:41:21 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Closing Statement:

08:48:19 Rep. Bob Phalen (R), HD 36, closed the hearing on HB 204.

Discussion:

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 08:49:11

Jamie Van Valkenburg, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230116JUHaad\)](#)