

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Keith Regier-R, on February 01, 2023 at 9:01 AM, in 303

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Keith Regier, Chair (R)
Sen. Jen Gross, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Barry Usher, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Brown (R)
Sen. Daniel Emrich (R)
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Andrea Olsen (D)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Kathy Kelker (D)
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)

Staff Present: Julianne Burkhardt, Attorney
Grace Gibney, 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 210 01/26/2023

Executive Action:

HB 92 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 169 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 183 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED
SR 10 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

HEARING ON SB 210 - Prohibit consent as a defense for physician-assisted suicide

Opening Statement:

09:03:35 Sen. Carl Glimm (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 210, Prohibit consent as a defense for physician-assisted suicide.

Proponent Testimony:

09:10:18 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor, Montana

[EXHIBIT\(230201JUSa1\)](#)

09:14:11 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation

[EXHIBIT\(230201JUSa2\)](#)

09:18:09 Bernadette Franks-Ongoy, Disability Rights Montana

09:20:20 Doctor Craig Treptow, self

09:23:45 Bradley Williams, Montanans Against Assisted Suicide

Opponent Testimony:

09:26:50 David Cooper, self

09:30:38 Dick Barrett, self

09:33:24 Pamela Brown, self

09:36:31 Jean Branscum, CEO Montana Medical Association (MMA)

[EXHIBIT\(230201JUSa3\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230201JUSa4\)](#)

09:40:27 Margaret McDonald, Big Sky 55 Plus

09:42:30 Doctor Colette Kirchhoff, self

09:46:33 Heather O'Hara, Vice President, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

09:48:22 Robin Turner, American Civil Liberties Union, Montana (ACLU)
09:50:14 Lindsay Barnes, self
09:53:25 Ronald Waterman, self
09:56:37 Kenneth Younger, self
09:59:34 Doris Fischer, self
10:02:19 Doctor Cory Carroll, self
10:03:36 Vice Chair Jen Gross left the meeting.
10:03:42 Sen. Bob Brown left the meeting.
10:05:09 Sen. Bob Brown joined the meeting.
10:05:17 Leslie Mutchler, self
10:06:22 Vice Chair Jen Gross joined the meeting.
10:06:26 Sen. Theresa Manzella joined the meeting.
10:07:36 Claire Leonard, self

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

10:10:44 Vice Chair Jen Gross
10:11:43 Doctor Colette Kirchhoff, self
10:12:17 Chair Keith Regier
10:12:36 Doctor Colette Kirchhoff, self
10:15:19 Vice Chair Barry Usher
10:17:03 Doctor Colette Kirchhoff, self
10:18:17 Vice Chair Barry Usher
10:18:20 Heather O'Hara, MHA
10:19:04 Sen. Andrea Olsen

10:19:39 Dick Barrett, self
10:21:37 Sen. Bob Brown
10:22:12 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras
10:24:42 Sen. Chris Friedel
10:25:00 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras
10:28:56 Sen. Chris Friedel
10:30:02 Sen. Susan Webber
10:32:58 Vice Chair Barry Usher
10:33:37 Sen. Bob Brown
10:34:44 Sen. Carl Glimm-R
10:34:46 Chair Keith Regier
10:35:16 Sen. Carl Glimm-R
10:35:20 Sen. Andrea Olsen
10:35:57 Robin Turner, ACLUMT
10:37:02 Sen. Steve Hinebauch
10:37:15 Heather O'Hara, MHA
10:38:59 Sen. Daniel Emrich
10:39:12 Bradley Williams, Montanans Against Assisted Suicide
10:40:33 Sen. Daniel Emrich
10:40:44 Doctor Craig Treptow, self
10:43:16 Vice Chair Jen Gross
10:43:38 Doctor Colette Kirchhoff, self
10:45:04 Sen. Daniel Emrich
10:45:58 Doctor Colette Kirchhoff, self

10:50:45 Sen. Theresa Manzella
10:51:02 Doctor Colette Kirchhoff, self
10:53:47 Vice Chair Barry Usher
10:54:29 Doctor Colette Kirchhoff, self
10:54:38 Sen. Chris Friedel
10:55:06 Doctor Colette Kirchhoff, self

Closing Statement:

10:55:21 Sen. Carl Glimm (R), SD 6, closed the hearing on SB 210.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 92 - Revise laws related to addiction counselor assessments
in DUI cases**

11:17:44 **Motion:** Sen. Barry Usher moved that **HB 92 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:17:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 169 - Clarify confirmation requirements for interim judicial
appointees**

11:19:01 **Motion:** Sen. Barry Usher moved that **HB 169 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:19:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, Sen. Olsen, Sen. Webber, voting no.
Sen. Kelker, By Proxy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 183 - Revise the Crime Victims Restitution Fund relating to
burial amounts**

11:21:20 **Motion:** Sen. Barry Usher moved that **HB 183 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:21:28 **Motion:** Sen. Jen Gross moved that **HB 183 BE AMENDED.**

11:21:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:22:39 **Motion:** Sen. Barry Usher moved that **HB 183 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED.**

11:22:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 10 - Confirm governor's appointees for the board of pardons
and parole**

11:23:35 **Motion:** Sen. Barry Usher moved that **SR 10 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

11:23:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:25:05

Grace Gibney, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230201JUSaad\)](#)