

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Sen. Keith Regier-R, on February 10, 2023 at 9:02 AM, in 303

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Sen. Barry Usher, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Bob Brown (R)  
Sen. Daniel Emrich (R)  
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)  
Sen. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)  
Sen. Andrea Olsen (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Chris Friedel (R)  
Sen. Jen Gross (D)  
Sen. Keith Regier (R)  
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

**Staff Present:** Grace Gibney, Secretary  
Madelyn Krezowski, Attorney

**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 286 02/08/2023

SB 287 02/08/2023

Executive Action:

HB 205 TO TABLE

**HEARING ON SB 286 - Revise probate law regarding collection of personal property by affidavit**

**Opening Statement:**

09:03:11 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 286, Revise probate law regarding collection of personal property by affidavit.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

09:06:13 Sen. Andrea Olsen

09:07:25 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

**Closing Statement:**

09:08:23 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SB 286.

**HEARING ON SB 287 - Revise property laws**

**Opening Statement:**

09:08:37 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 287, Revise property laws.

**Discussion:**

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**Proponent Testimony:**

09:14:00 Mark Taylor, Taylor Luther Group  
09:16:22 Charles Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana

**Opponent Testimony:**

09:18:18 Thomas Jodin, Deputy Director, Montana League of Cities and Towns  
09:21:50 Steve Turkiecz, City of Billings  
09:23:00 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center  
09:26:20 Mark Lambrecht, Montana Electric Cooperative Association  
09:28:31 Chis Puyear, NorthWestern Energy  
09:29:47 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon  
09:32:01 Caitlin Piserchia, Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club  
09:34:09 Andrew Gorder, Clark Fork Coallition  
09:37:34 Jeanie Alderson, self

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

09:40:02 Sen. Kathy Kelker  
09:40:50 Steve Turkiecz, City of Billings  
09:42:04 Sen. Andrea Olsen  
09:44:09 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R  
09:45:36 Sen. Theresa Manzella left the meeting.  
09:48:46 Sen. Theresa Manzella joined the meeting.  
09:51:09 Sen. Bob Brown  
09:53:27 Sen. Andrea Olsen  
09:54:10 Charles Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana  
09:54:29 Sen. Andrea Olsen

09:54:55 Mark Taylor, Taylor Luther Group  
09:58:55 Sen. Daniel Emrich  
09:59:20 Chris Puyear, NorthWestern Energy  
10:02:13 Sen. Andrea Olsen  
10:02:56 Mark Taylor, Taylor Luther Group  
10:05:05 Sen. Andrea Olsen  
10:05:30 Thomas Jodin, Deputy Director, Montana League of Cities and Towns

**Closing Statement:**

10:07:25 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SB 287.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 205 - Revise minimum allowable amounts for automotive liability insurance**

10:32:29 **Motion:** Sen. Bob Brown moved that **HB 205 TO TABLE.**

10:32:29 **Vote:** Motion carried 10 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. Friedel, voting no.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:33:45

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Grace Gibney, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230210JUSaad\)](#)