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65th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

March 20, 2018
Board of Oil and Gas Conference Room
Billings, Montana

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

REP. JIMMY PATELIS, Vice Chair

SEN. JEN GROSS
SEN. MARGARET (MARGIE) MACDONALD
SEN. KEITH REGIER

REP. JESSICA KARJALA
REP. LOLA SHELDON-GALLOWAY

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SEN. DIANE SANDS, Chair
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VISITORS' LIST (Attachment 1)

AGENDA (Attachment 2)

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

RECONVENE AND ROLL CALL

00:00:02 Rep. Patelis reconvened the meeting at 4:01 p.m. after the committee took tours of the Yellowstone County Veterans' Treatment Court, the Passages Community Correctional Facility, and the Yellowstone County Detention Center. The committee secretary took roll call ([Attachment 3](#)). Rep. Usher was excused and left his proxy with Rep. Patelis ([Attachment 4](#)).

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ON TOURS

00:01:10 Rep. Patelis commented on the committee tours taken on March 19 and 20, 2018 ([Exhibit 1](#)).

00:02:07 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway commented on the hospitality of the staff at the tour facilities.

00:03:18 Sen. Regier directed committee staff to acknowledge the staff at the various tour facilities.

00:03:46 Sen. MacDonald thanked the committee and facility staff and commented on the committee tours.

00:05:49 Rep. Patelis thanked the committee and facility staff who hosted the committee and commented on the tours.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY OF THE TOURS FROM MONDAY OR TUESDAY

00:06:55 Joseph Rich, Advisory Board Member, Youth Services Center

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY TOPIC WITHIN LJIC'S JURISDICTION BUT NOT ON THIS AGENDA

00:10:55 Nancy Schwend ([Exhibit 2](#))

00:19:05 Mike Boyett, Youth Service Center

00:22:34 Kevin Nelson

00:27:19 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway asked Ms. Schwend if there are more cost effective communication companies that the state could review for the DOC facilities.

COMMITTEE WORK SESSION

00:31:22 Ms. Weiss reviewed the agenda for the May committee meeting ([Exhibit 3](#)).

00:36:24 Rep. Patelis asked Ms. Weiss if there was an information request during the last committee meeting regarding PREA and how many offenders were referred for prosecution.

00:37:21 Sen. Regier asked that the Board of Pardon and Parole report to the committee for the rest of the interim and review how its work compares to previous years.

00:37:42 Rep. Patelis commented on the importance of how many offenders are coming before the board and how often transition centers are being used.

00:38:34 Sen. Gross asked when there will be a rule review update from the board.

00:40:49 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway requested an update on the Marsy's Law issue and what originally brought Marsy's Law forward.

00:42:45 Sen. MacDonald commented on the county attorneys' issues and resolutions they brought forward, and asked how victim services are funded.

00:44:25 Ms. Weiss summarized the committee's information requests for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

00:47:53 With no more work before the committee, Rep. Patelis adjourned the meeting 4:49 p.m.

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