

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION  
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JIM SHOCKLEY**, on January 4, 2001 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jim Shockley, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Paul Clark, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Jeff Laszloffy, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Gilda Clancy (R)  
Rep. Aubyn A. Curtiss (R)  
Rep. Bill Eggers (D)  
Rep. Steven Gallus (D)  
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)  
Rep. Christopher Harris (D)  
Rep. Linda Holden (R)  
Rep. Joan Hurdle (D)  
Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)  
Rep. Brad Newman (D)  
Rep. Mark Noennig (R)  
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)  
Rep. Diane Rice (R)  
Rep. Merlin Wolery (R)  
Rep. Cindy Younkin (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Darrel Adams (R)  
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** John MacMaster, Legislative Branch  
Mary Lou Schmitz, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**  
Organizational Meeting

**Chairman Jim Shockley** called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. Committee members were introduced.

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**Chairman Jim Shockley** explained procedures that would be used for the committee and addressed questions from the committee. He stated he would intend on having the executive action take place in a close proximity when the Bill is introduced in most circumstances.

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**Rep. Noennig** asked **John MacMaster, Staff Attorney**, for a clarification point, stating it was his understanding a Do Not Pass motion carried went to the House floor. It's only if a Do Pass were defeated it would not go to the House floor. **Mr. MacMaster** said if you vote Do Pass or Do Not Pass, the committee report goes to the House floor. He explained other procedural issues.

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**Chairman Shockley** explained the proxy votes and the proper Vice-Chairmen the committee members should leave their votes with. He then explained the procedure for witnesses.

The **Chairman** introduced the **Attorney General, Mike McGrath**, who addressed the Committee and introduced some of his staff.

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**Mr. MacMaster** handed out his legislative resume **EXHIBIT(juh02a01)** and **EXHIBIT(juh02a02)**.

**Chairman Shockley** talked about decorum and how to talk to witnesses and other committee members.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:45 A.M.

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REP. JIM SHOCKLEY, Chairman

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MARY LOU SCHMITZ, Secretary

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