

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: By Vice-Chair Ron Stoker on March 21, 2007 at 8:03 A.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Diane Rice, Chairman (R)
Rep. Dave Gallik, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Ron Stoker, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Julie French (D)
Rep. Rick Jore (C)
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)
Rep. Roger Koopman (R)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Holly Raser (D)
Rep. John Ward (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Diane Rice (R)

Staff Present: David Niss, Legislative Branch
Pam Schindler, Committee 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 192, SB 193, SB 224, SB 227, SB 228, SB 246, 3/14/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 193

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:08 Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 193, Increase time to file petition to remove child from home.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:40 James McCoven, Deputy County Attorney, Missoula County, Missoula, Montana

00:07:25 Leo Gallagher, Lewis and Clark County Attorney, Helena, Montana, Montana County Attorneys Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:09:56 Bruce Deitel, Child and Family Services, Department of Public Health and Human Services, State of Montana

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:27 Rep. Peterson

00:10:53 Mr. Gallagher

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:02 Sen. Laslovich

HEARING ON SB 246

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:17 Sen. Steven Gallus (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB 246, Include ambulance services under medical providers able to establish lien.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:43 J.D. Lynch, Montana Ambulance Service Association

00:14:11 Mike McGree, A-1 Ambulance Service, President, Montana Ambulance Service Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:16 Rep. Kottel
00:15:34 Sen. Gallus
00:15:44 Rep. Peterson
00:16:44 Mr. McGree

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:58 Sen. Gallus

HEARING ON SB 227

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:17:35 Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 227, Revise collection and justice court laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:58 David Hull, Attorney, Helena, Montana
00:21:33 Michael Moore, Attorney, Missoula, Montana, President, Montana Collectors Association
00:26:17 Mark Nash, Owner, Collection Agency, Vice-President, Montana Collectors Association
00:26:45 Mike Holland, self
00:27:13 Bruce Spencer, Attorney
00:27:52 Jeff Koch, President, Collections Bureau Services
00:30:13 Chris Sanchez, Past President, Montana Collectors Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:31:05 Russ Hyatt, Department of Revenue, State of Montana

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:29 Rep. Everett
00:31:49 Mr. Moore
00:36:36 Rep. McGillvray
00:36:57 Mr. Moore
00:41:56 Rep. Gallik
00:43:10 Mr. Hull

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:36 Sen. Laslovich
00:49:26 Vice Chair Stoker
00:50:36 Rep Gallik

HEARING ON SB 228

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:50:52 Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 228, Revise laws on driver education courses.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:55:10 Terry Steffins, Rocky Mountain Driving School

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:58:32 Rep. Gallik
01:00:00 Sen. Laslovich

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:24 Sen. Laslovich

HEARING ON SB 192

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:05:07 Sen. Jeff Essmann (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 192, Invasion of privacy crime.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:08:32 Aidan Myhre, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers
01:09:50 Mona Jamison, General Motors

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:12:03 Rep. Kottel
01:14:16 Sen. Essmann
01:16:01 Rep. Everett
01:16:30 Sen. Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

01:18:15 Sen. Essmann

HEARING ON SB 224

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:19:52 Sen. Jim Shockley (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 224, Authorize game warden enforcement for certain misdemeanors.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:22:09 Jim Kropp, Chief Law Enforcement Official, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, State of Montana

[EXHIBIT \(juh60a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(juh60a02\)](#)

01:25:13 Jim Kembel, Montana Association of Chiefs of Police

01:25:46 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

[EXHIBIT \(juh60a03\)](#)

01:29:03 Marilyn Krause, Legislative Liaison, Bureau of Land Management

[EXHIBIT \(juh60a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:32:32 Rep. Everett
01:32:58 Sen. Shockley
01:34:41 Rep. Kottel
01:35:04 Sen. Shockley
01:36:18 Rep. Kottel
01:36:25 Mr. Kropp
01:36:52 Rep. Ward
01:38:08 Mr. Kropp
01:38:55 Rep. Cordier
01:40:06 Sen. Shockley

01:41:03 Rep. Ward

01:41:37 Sen. Shockley

01:42:43 Rep. Peterson

01:44:14 Sen. Shockley

Closing by Sponsor:

01:46:36 Sen. Shockley

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:50 A.M.

REP. DIANE RICE, Chairman

PAM SCHINDLER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([juh60aad.pdf](#))