

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chairman Gary L. Perry, on March 24, 2009 at 9:16
P.M., in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gary L. Perry, Chairman (R)
Sen. Jim Shockley, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Valencia Lane, 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: HB 235, HB 515, 3/17/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 235

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:40 Rep. Deborah Kottel (D), HD 20, opened the hearing on
HB 235, Revise limited liability company law.

[EXHIBIT\(jus65b01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:54 Paul Andrews, Public Policy Director, Rural Economics
Incorporated, Great Falls

00:13:40 Peggy Grimes, President, Montana Food Bank Network

00:16:30 Jodi Medlar, Montana Community Foundation

[EXHIBIT\(jus65b02\)](#)

00:17:47 Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State

[EXHIBIT\(jus65b03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:20:36 Anthony Johnstone, Assistant Attorney General,
Department of Justice

[EXHIBIT\(jus65b04\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:11 Sen. McGee

00:28:31 Rep. Kottel

00:30:46 Sen. Moss

00:31:03 Rep. Kottel

00:33:52 Sen. Larsen

00:34:32 Rep. Kottel

00:39:00 Sen. McGee

00:40:21 Rep. Kottel

00:44:46 Sen. Moss

00:45:16 Ms. Medlar

00:46:38 Sen. Perry

00:46:54 Rep. Kottel

00:48:57 Sen. Perry

00:49:29 Ms. McCulloch

00:50:30 Sen. Perry

00:51:01 Mr. Andrews

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:36 Rep. Kottel

00:57:11 break

HEARING ON HB 515

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:10:11 Rep. Dave McAlpin (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 515, Revise law on dismissal of abuse and neglect petitions.

[EXHIBIT \(jus65b05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(jus65b06\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:16:29 Ann Gilkey, President, CASA of Montana (Court Appointed Special Advocate); CASA volunteer, Helena

01:19:55 Joyce Funda, Vice President, Board of Directors, CASA of Montana; Chairperson, Legislative Task Force, CASA of Montana; CASA volunteer

[EXHIBIT \(jus65b07\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:28:28 Corbit Harrington, Office of the Yellowstone County Attorney; Montana County Attorney Association

[EXHIBIT \(jus65b08\)](#)

01:39:42 George Corn, Ravalli County Attorney; Montana County Attorneys Association

[EXHIBIT \(jus65b09\)](#)

01:44:19 Marty Lambert, Gallatin County Attorney

Informational Testimony:

01:45:22 Shirley Brown, Administrator, Child and Family Services, Department of Public Health and Human Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:46:52 Sen. Shockley
01:47:22 Mr. Corn
01:48:47 Sen. Laslovich
01:49:15 Ms. Brown
01:50:28 Sen. Laslovich
01:51:29 Mr. Harrington
01:58:13 Sen. Laslovich
01:59:03 Ms. Funda
02:02:05 Sen. Larsen
02:02:46 Ms. Brown
02:04:49 Sen. Perry
02:04:56 Ms. Brown
02:05:36 Sen. Larsen
02:06:25 Mr. Corn

Closing by Sponsor:

02:08:30 Rep. McAlpin

Sub-Committee Report on HB 228:

02:10:59 Sen. McGee

02:13:20 Sen. Perry

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:28 A.M.

Pam Schindler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([jus65bad.pdf](#))