

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Ken Peterson, on January 21, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ken Peterson, Chairman (R)
Rep. Krayton Kerns, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Diane Sands, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Liz Bangerter (R)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Rep. Kris Hansen (R)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. David Howard (R)
Rep. Cleve J. Loney (R)
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Rep. Michael (Mike) More (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)
Rep. Dan Skattum (R)
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Mike Menahan (D)

Members Absent: Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill (D)

Staff Present: Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary
David Niss, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 109, 1/18/2011: HB 269, 1/19/2011

Executive action: HB 112, HB 245, HB 250, HB 269, HB 67, HB 253

HEARING ON HB 269**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:00 Rep. Steve Lavin (R), HD 8, opened the hearing on HB 269, Provide for "blue alert" system regarding violent offenders.

00:02:42 Rep. Hill entered.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:18 Col. Tooley, Chief, Montana Highway Patrol, Department of Justice (DOJ)

00:06:13 Rebecca Sturdevant, Montana Concerns of Police Survivors

00:10:08 Mark Taylor, Association of Montana Troopers

00:10:41 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

00:11:44 Larry Epstein, Montana Chiefs of Police, Montana Police Protective Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:32 Rep. Regier

00:12:59 Col. Tooley, DOJ

00:13:25 Rep. Regier

00:13:41 Col. Tooley

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:57 Rep. Lavin

HEARING ON HB 109**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:14:10 Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 109, Revise sex offender accountability act.

[EXHIBIT\(juh16a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:23 Mike Batista, Administrator for the Division of Criminal Investigation, DOJ

[EXHIBIT\(juh16a02\)](#)

00:30:56 Rep. Howard exited.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:31:16 Mark Murphy, Montana County Attorney's Association (MCAA)

00:34:28 Dr. Bowman Smelko, Forensic Psychologist

EXHIBIT(juh16a03)

00:35:14 Rep. Menahan arrived.

00:37:53 Chris Quigley, Former Director of Sex Offender Treatment Programming,
Montana State Prison, now Director of REO Program at Galen.

EXHIBIT(juh16a04)

00:51:10 Niki Zupanic, American Civil Liberties Union (ALCU)

EXHIBIT(juh16a05)**EXHIBIT(juh16a06)**

00:57:43 Chris Abbott, self

00:59:14 Rep. Sands exited.

01:00:06 Rep. O'Hara exited.

01:03:15 Wendy Johnson, self

01:05:15 Rep. Howard returned.

01:08:22 Pam Bunke, Administrator of the Adult Community Corrections Division,
Department of Corrections (COR)

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:11:02 Rep. Hill

01:13:02 Mr. Batista, DOJ

01:13:12 Rep Hill

01:13:16 Mr. Batista

01:13:23 Rep. Driscoll

01:13:38 Mr. Batista

01:14:15 Rep. Howard exited.

01:15:14 Rep. Menahan

01:15:24 Rep. O'Hara returned.

01:16:45 Mr. Abbott

01:18:16 Chairman Peterson

01:18:49 Mr. Murphy, MCAA

01:20:43 Chairman Peterson

01:21:07 Mr. Murphy

01:21:32 Chairman Peterson

01:22:02 Mr. Murphy

01:22:14 Chairman Peterson

01:22:23 Rep. Howard returned.

01:22:34 Mr. Murphy

01:22:37 Chairman Peterson

01:22:41 Mr. Murphy

01:23:30 Chairman Peterson

01:23:35 Mr. Quigley

01:24:01 Chairman Peterson

01:24:06 Mr. Quigley

01:24:31 Rep. Sands returned.

01:25:16 Chairman Peterson

01:25:36 Mr. Quigley

01:26:23 Chairman Peterson
01:26:28 Rep. Harris
01:26:50 Mr. Quigley
01:28:54 Chairman Peterson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:29:11 Rep. MacDonald

01:31:15 Meeting recessed.
01:46:16 Meeting resumed with Rep. Skattum, Rep. Driscoll, Rep. Regier, Rep. Sands,
Rep. O'Hara and Rep. Harris not present.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 67

01:47:31 **Motion:** Rep. Menahan moved that **HB 67 BE POSTPONED FOR THE DAY.**

01:48:02 Chairman Peterson announced that the bill would be postponed without
objection.
01:49:36 Rep. Regier returned.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 112

01:49:40 **Motion:** Rep. Kerns moved that **HB 112 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:49:59 Rep. Kerns
01:50:22 Rep. Menahan
01:51:21 Rep. Kerns
01:51:31 Rep. Warburton
01:51:54 Rep. Loney
01:52:03 Rep. Sands returned.
Rep. Driscoll returned.
01:52:11 Rep. More

01:52:56 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Bangerter, Rep. Driscoll,
Rep. MacDonald, Rep. Menahan, Rep. Pease-Lopez, Rep. Regier and Rep.
Sands voting aye. Rep. Harris and Rep. Skattum voted by proxy. Rep. O'Hara
was absent for the vote.

01:53:11 Rep. Harris returned.
01:53:15 Rep. Skattum returned.

01:54:37 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kerns moved that **HB 112 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE
REVERSED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present. Rep.
O'Hara was absent for the vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 245

01:55:07 **Motion:** Rep. Kerns moved that **HB 245 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:55:24 Rep. Menahan
01:58:26 Rep. Hansen
02:00:14 Rep. O'Hara returned.
02:00:17 Rep. Wagner
02:02:19 Rep. More
02:03:48 Chairman Peterson

02:05:54 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Harris, Rep. Kerns, Rep. Loney, Rep. Read, Rep. Regier, Rep. Skattum, Rep. Wagner and Rep. Warburton voting aye.

02:06:12 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kerns moved that **HB 245 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried 18-2 by voice vote with Rep. Wagner and Rep. Warburton voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 250

02:06:26 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Menahan moved that **HB 250 DO PASS.** Motion carried 19-1 by voice vote with Rep. Wagner voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 253

02:07:35 **Motion:** Rep. Kerns moved that **HB 253 DO PASS.**

02:08:05 **Motion:** Rep. Menahan moved that **HB 253 BE POSTPONED FOR THE DAY.**

Discussion:

02:08:35 Rep. Sands
02:09:05 Chairman Peterson announced that the bill would be postponed without objection.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 269

02:09:23 **Motion:** Rep. Kerns moved that **HB 269 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

2:09:50 Rep. Wagner
02:10:00 Rep. Bangerter
02:10:50 Rep. Harris

02:11:18 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-1 by voice vote with Rep. More voting no.

02:11:48 Chairman Peterson

02:11:51 Rep. MacDonald

02:13:59 Rep. Bangerter

02:14:15 Chairman Peterson

02:14:37 Rep. Bangerter

02:15:57 Rep. Sands

ADJOURNMENT

02:16:11 Adjournment: 10:18 am

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Exhibit:
[EXHIBIT\(juh16a07\)](#)

Additional Documents:
[EXHIBIT\(juh16aad.pdf\)](#)