

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Terry Murphy, on March 2, 2011 at 9:00 AM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Terry Murphy, Chair (R)
Sen. Jim Shockley, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Shannon Augare (D)
Sen. Anders Blewett (D)
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Rowlie Hutton (R)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

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 65, 2/22/2011; HB 96, 2/22/2011; HB 97, 2/22/2011; HB 250, 2/22/2011

HEARING ON HB 65

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:21 Rep. Mike Menahan (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 65, Revise payment for court interpretation services.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:22 Lois Menzies, Court Administrator, Montana Supreme Court

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:47 Sen. Blewett
00:05:28 Rep. Menahan
00:06:27 Ms. Menzies

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:15 Rep. Menahan

HEARING ON HB 96

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:52 Rep. Mike Menahan (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 96, Allow recovery of public defender costs in certain cases.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:12 Randi Hood, Chief Public Defender, State of Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:05 Rep. Menahan

HEARING ON HB 97

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:01 Rep. Mike Menahan (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 97, Amend supervision of Chief Appellate Defender.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:19 Fritz Gillespie, Chairman, Public Defender Commission

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:20:58 Joslyn Hunt, Chief Appellate Defender, Office of the Public Defender

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:21 Sen. Shockley

00:21:38 Ms. Hunt

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:20 Rep. Menahan

HEARING ON HB 250

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:34 Rep. Mike Menahan (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 250, Repeal 46-13-109 to conform with Montana Supreme Court opinion.

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Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:22 Brent Light, Chief Prosecutor, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice (DOJ), State of Montana

00:29:06 Mark Murphy, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:03 Sen. Shockley

00:32:19 Rep. Menahan

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:29 Rep. Menahan

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:41 A.M.

Pam Schindler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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