

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT APPROPS SUBCOM ON JUDICIAL BRANCH, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND JUSTICE

**Call to Order:** Chairman Steve Gibson, on January 7, 2011 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 137  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Steve Gibson, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Ryan Zinke, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)  
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)  
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)  
Sen. Edward Walker (R)  
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Cleve Loney (R)  
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)  
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)  
Rep. Michael More (R)  
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)  
Rep. Keith Regier (R)  
Rep. Diane Sands (D)  
Sen. Shannon Augare (D)  
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)  
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)  
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)  
Rep. Anders Blewett (D)  
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)  
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)  
Sen. Larry Jent (D)

**Staff Present:** Stephanie Fletcher, Committee Secretary  
Pat Gervais, Legislative Branch

**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:**

00:00:03 Chairman Steve Gibson  
00:00:22 Pat Gervais, Legislative Fiscal

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

Department of Corrections:

00:05:52 Craig Thomas, Executive Director, Board of Pardons  
00:25:19 Chairman Gibson  
00:25:39 Chairman Mike McKee  
00:30:09 Chairman Gibson  
00:30:23 Sen. Steve Gallus  
00:31:40 Craig Thomas  
00:32:27 Rep. Margaret MacDonald  
00:32:52 Craig Thomas  
00:33:52 Chairman Gibson  
00:34:06 Rep. Mike Menahan  
00:34:57 Craig Thomas  
00:37:21 Sen. Jim Shockley  
00:37:41 Craig Thomas  
00:39:35 Sen. Shockley  
00:39:46 Craig Thomas  
00:40:09 Sen. Shockley  
00:40:51 Rep. Keith Regier  
00:43:20 Craig Thomas  
00:43:44 Rep. Regier  
00:44:17 Craig Thomas  
00:44:29 Sen. Gallus  
00:47:09 Craig Thomas  
00:47:25 Sen. Gallus  
00:47:58 Rep. Michael More  
00:48:37 Craig Thomas  
00:50:15 Rep. Cynthia Hiner  
00:50:55 Craig Thomas  
00:52:48 Chairman Gibson

Public Comment:

00:53:12 John Richardson  
01:02:14 Chairman Gibson  
01:02:26 John Richardson  
01:05:09 Chairman Gibson

**Informational Testimony:**

01:21:35 Mike Ferriter, Corrections Agency Director

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01:46:13 Chairman Gibson

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:46:30 Sen. Shannon Augare  
01:48:16 Mike Ferriter

01:49:54 Sen. Shockley  
01:51:52 Mike Ferriter  
01:52:14 Sen. Shockley  
01:52:27 Mike Ferriter  
01:53:47 Sen. Shockley  
01:54:08 Mike Ferriter  
01:54:34 Sen. Shockley  
01:55:51 Mike Ferriter  
01:57:46 Sen. Shockley  
01:58:01 Mike Ferriter  
02:00:08 Sen. Gallus  
02:00:23 Mike Mahoney, Montana State Prison Warden  
02:04:21 Sen. Gallus  
02:04:37 Rep. More  
02:05:01 Mike Mahoney  
02:06:32 Chairman Gibson  
02:06:40 Rep. Hiner  
02:06:53 Mike Mahoney  
02:09:28 Rep. Cleve Loney  
02:09:40 Mike Mahoney  
02:12:41 Chairman Gibson  
02:13:11 Mike Mahoney  
02:13:24 Chairman Gibson  
02:13:37 Mike Mahoney  
02:14:46 Chairman Gibson  
02:14:54 Mike Mahoney  
02:15:25 Chairman Gibson  
02:15:53 Mike Mahoney  
02:16:14 Rep. Harris  
02:17:17 Mike Mahoney  
02:18:37 Rep. Harris  
02:19:28 Mike Mahoney  
02:20:45 Chairman Gibson  
02:21:21 Sen. Augare  
02:22:17 Mike Mahoney  
02:22:54 Sen. Augare  
02:23:17 Mike Mahoney  
02:23:50 Chairman Gisson

Public Comment:

02:24:05 J.C. Weingartner  
[EXHIBIT\(jch05a02\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(jch05a03\)](#)  
02:28:09 Chairman Gibson  
02:28:20 Chad Lembke  
02:28:37 Chairman Gibson

**ADJOURNMENT**

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02:28:59

Chairman Gibson Adjourned the meeting.

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Stephanie Fletcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([jch05aad.pdf](#))