

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT COMMITTEE ON RULES

Call to Order: Chair Art Wittich, on January 7, 2013 at 2:00 P.M., in Room 317 Capitol

SENATE ROLL CALL

Senate Members Present:

Sen. Art Wittich, Chair (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Alan Olson (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Jason Priest (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Scott Sales (R)
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

Senate Members Excused:

Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

Senate Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
Nadine Spencer, 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: SJ 1, SR 1

Executive Action: SJ 1

00:33:39 Chairman Wittich turned over Chair responsibilities to Vice Chair Debby Barrett.

HEARING ON SJ 1

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:06 Sen. Art Wittich (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on SJ 1, Joint Rules Resolution.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:06 Sen. Wittich

HEARING ON SR 1

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:14 Sen. Art Wittich (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on SR 1, Senate Rules Resolution.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:33 Chairman Wittich

00:37:40 Chairman Wittich resumed responsibility as chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 1

Discussion:

00:38:01 Chairman Wittich

00:38:56 Sen. Essmann

00:39:03 Todd Everts, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:39:15 Chairman Wittich

00:39:42 **Motion:** Sen. Barrett moved that **SJ 1 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(rus01a01\)](#)

Discussion:

00:39:57 Todd Everts, LSD

00:40:26 **Motion:** Sen. Olson moved that **SJ 1 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:40:36 Chairman Wittich

00:40:50 Todd Everts

00:41:10 Sen. Essmann

00:41:32 Sen. Jergeson

00:41:38 Chairman Wittich

00:41:48 Todd Everts

00:42:06 Sen. Jergeson

00:42:18 Chairman Wittich

00:42:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jent and Sen. Vincent were excused. (vote was on Sen. Barrett's motion to amend SJ 1)

00:42:45 **Motion:** Sen. Barrett moved that **SJ 1 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(rus01a02\)](#)

Discussion:

00:42:53 Todd Everts

00:44:33 Chairman Wittich

00:44:41 Todd Everts

00:45:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jent and Sen. Vincent were excused.

00:45:20 Sen. Sesso

00:45:36 Todd Everts

00:46:01 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Essmann moved that **SJ 1 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jent and Sen. Vincent were excused.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:00 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([rus01aad.pdf](#))