

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Terry Murphy, on January 11, 2013 at 9:00 AM, in Room 303
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Terry Murphy, Chair (R)
Sen. Scott Sales, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Shannon Augare (D)
Sen. Anders Blewett (D)
Sen. Scott Boulanger (R)
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

Members Excused: Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julianne Burkhardt, 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: SB 65, 1/7/2013; SB 50, 1/7/2013; SB 71, 1/7/2013

HEARING ON SB 65

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:21:49 Sen. Art Wittich (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on SB 65, Revise laws relating to confidentiality of child abuse and neglect reports.

[EXHIBIT\(jus05a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:28:51 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

00:30:00 April Hall, self

00:32:15 Mary Leibrand, self

00:34:50 Dr. Lisa Stroh, Blaine County Superintendent of Schools, Montana Trust Fund, (MTF), Montanans Against Child Abuse (MACA)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:41:12 Cory Costello, Field Services Administrator, Child and Family Services Division (CFSD), Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:41:50 Sen. Augare

00:42:47 Sen. Wittich

00:43:08 Ms. Costello

00:44:26 Sen. Augare

00:44:50 Ms. Costello

00:47:19 Sen. Vincent

00:47:44 Ms. Costello

00:49:55 Sen. Fielder

00:50:24 Dr. Stroh

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:17 Sen. Wittich

HEARING ON SB 50

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:54:08 Sen. Shannon Augare (D), SD 8, opened the hearing on SB 50, Eliminate report on expenditures of attorney license tax.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:55:09 Beth McLaughlin, Supreme Court Administrator, State of Montana
[EXHIBIT\(jus05a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:56:50 Jan Anderson, Montana Newspapers Association (MNA)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:57:44 Sen. Murphy
00:57:57 Ms. McLaughlin

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:07 Sen. Augare

HEARING ON SB 71

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:59:14 Sen. Mitch Tropila (D), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 71, Code commissioner bill.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:01:44 Todd Everts, Code Commissioner, Legal Services Division (LSD), State of Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:03:42 Sen. Driscoll
01:04:01 Mr. Everts
01:04:12 Sen. Fielder
01:04:39 Mr. Everts

Closing by Sponsor:

01:06:49 Sen. Tropila

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:50 A.M.

Pam Schindler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jus05aad.pdf](#))