

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Terry Murphy, on January 24, 2013 at 9:00 AM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Terry Murphy, 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)

Members Excused: Sen. Scott Sales, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

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 152, 1/21/2013; SB 160, 1/21/2013

HEARING ON SB 160**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:21:05 Sen. Mitch Tropila (D), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 160, Creating the offense of criminal child endangerment.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:23 John Parker, Cascade County Attorney, former Montana State Representative, Great Falls, Montana
00:31:37 Detective Noah Scott, Great Falls Police Department (GFPD), Great Falls, Montana
00:33:44 Bill Fulbright, Ravalli County Attorney, Montana County Attorney Association (MCAA), Hamilton, Montana
00:36:41 Brant Light, Chief Prosecutor, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice (DOJ), State of Montana
00:39:16 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Churches (MAC)
00:42:17 Kelsen Young, Executive Director, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)
00:46:43 Andy Hudak, Montana Sexual Offender Treatment Association (MSOTA)
00:52:17 Mark Taylor, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:52:54 Sen. Augare
00:54:18 Mr. Parker, Cascade County Attorney
00:59:25 Sen. Larsen
01:00:03 Mr. Parker
01:02:14 Sen. Blewett
01:02:48 Mr. Parker
01:07:33 Sen. Driscoll
01:08:15 Mr. Parker
01:10:47 Sen. Fielder
01:11:19 Mr. Parker
01:15:18 Sen. Blewett
01:15:40 Mr. Parker
01:16:13 Mr. Light, DOJ
01:16:38 Sen. Murphy
01:17:17 Ms. Young, MCADSV
01:18:40 Det. Scott, GFPD
01:19:38 Mr. Light
01:20:10 Sen. Fielder
01:21:04 Sen. Tropila

Closing by Sponsor:

01:21:34 Sen. Tropila

HEARING ON SB 152

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:23:28 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 152, Constitutional amendment revising qualifications for Supreme Court justices.

01:32:25 Sen. Augare

01:32:45 Sen. Murphy

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:36:57 Bruce Spencer, State Bar of Montana

01:40:45 J.C. Weingartner, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

01:42:36 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

01:46:37 Eric Brosten, self

01:48:35 Ed Sheehy, self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:54:03 Sen. Driscoll

01:54:26 Sen. Thomas

01:56:58 Sen. Blewett

01:57:15 Sen. Thomas

Closing by Sponsor:

01:59:23 Sen. Thomas

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:45 A.M.

Pam Schindler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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