

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON RULES

**Call to Order:** Chair Art Wittich, on April 8, 2013 at 12:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Art Wittich, Chair (R)  
Sen. Debby Barrett, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)  
Sen. Larry Jent (D)  
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. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)  
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**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:**

Executive Action: Rule Interpretation and Decision

**EXECUTIVE ACTION**

**Discussion:**

00:09:23 Chiarman Wittich  
00:11:09 Sen. Sesso  
00:11:33 Sen. Essmann

00:12:34 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Olson moved that **THE HEARINGS ON SB 405 AND SB 408 WERE PROPER AND COMPLIED WITH SENATE RULES OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION.** Motion carried 9-6 by roll call vote. Sen. Driscoll, Sen. Jergeson, Sen. Jent, Sen. Larsen, Sen. Phillips and Sen. Sesso voted no.

**Discussion:**

00:13:50 Chairman Wittich  
00:14:03 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **PRESIDENT ESSMANN ACTED PROPERLY WITHIN THE CAPACITY, DUTIES AND DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER TO PRESERVE THE DECORUM OF THE SENATE.**

**Discussion:**

00:14:28 Sen. Jergeson  
00:16:17 Chairman Wittich  
00:16:31 Sen. Phillips  
00:17:10 Sen. Priest  
00:19:21 Sen. Olson  
00:19:47 Sen. Thomas  
00:20:36 Sen. Jergeson  
00:21:29 Sen. Jent  
00:21:43 Todd Everts, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:21:54 Sen. Jent  
00:22:09 Todd Everts, LSD  
00:22:28 Sen. Jent  
00:22:39 Todd Everts  
00:22:54 Sen. Jent  
00:24:07 Sen. Priest  
00:24:16 Sen. Jent  
00:24:20 Chairman Wittich  
00:24:37 Sen. Jent  
00:25:21 Sen. Essmann  
00:25:50 Sen. Jent  
00:26:01 Chairman Wittich  
00:26:07 Sen. Jent  
00:27:17 Chairman Wittich  
00:29:25 Sen. Sesso  
00:29:53 Chairman Wittich

00:31:52 Todd Everts  
00:31:58 Chairman Wittich  
00:32:06 Sen. Sesso  
00:32:24 Todd Everts  
00:32:31 Sen. Sesso  
00:36:24 Chairman Wittich  
00:36:30 Sen. Phillips  
00:37:38 Chairman Wittich  
00:38:39 Sen. Thomas

00:38:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-6 by roll call vote. Sen. Driscoll, Sen. Jent, Sen. Jergeson, Sen. Larsen, Sen. Phillips and Sen. Sesso voted no.

**Discussion:**

00:39:42 Chairman Wittich

00:39:58 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **ALL 3RD READING BILLS THAT PASSED ON LEGISLATIVE DAY 71 WERE PROPERLY TRANSMITTED TO THE HOUSE.**

**Discussion:**

00:40:18 Sen. Phillips  
00:41:44 Sen. Essmann  
00:43:37 Chairman Wittich  
00:44:08 Sen. Phillips  
00:45:21 Chairman Wittich

00:45:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-6 by roll call vote. Sen. Driscoll, Sen. Jent, Sen. Jergeson, Sen. Larsen, Sen Phillips and Sen. Sesso voted no.

**Discussion:**

00:46:38 Chairman Wittich  
00:47:48 Sen. Essmann  
00:48:32 Sen. Jergeson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:45 P.M.

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Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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