

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Terry Murphy, on April 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. Anders Blewett (D)
Sen. Scott Boulanger (R)
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Shannon Augare (D), Sen. John Brenden (R),
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: HB 619, 4/9/2013
Executive Action: HB 619-BE CONCURRED IN

HEARING ON HB 619**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:20:15 Rep. Wendy Warburton (R), HD 34, opened the hearing on HB 619, Constitutional referendum for no secured right to abortion or its public funding.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:14 Laura d'Esterre, Culture of Life Spokesperson, Montana Catholic Conference (MCC), also for Tonya Shellnutt, State Director, Concerned Women for America of Montana (CWA/MT)

[EXHIBIT\(jus76a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jus76a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jus76a03\)](#)

00:29:47 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation (MFF)

00:31:13 Roland Horst, Montana Pro-Life Coalition (MPLC)

00:32:02 Bill Myers, self, Big Fork

Opponents' Testimony:

00:36:29 Niki Zupanic, ACLU

[EXHIBIT\(jus76a04\)](#)

00:41:26 Sarah Rossi, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

00:43:13 Lindsey Love, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana (PPA/MT)

00:47:13 Lynsey Burke, Outreach Development Director, Blue Mountain Clinic (BMC), Missoula, Montana

00:51:31 Kim Leighton, NARAL Pro-Choice/Montana

[EXHIBIT\(jus76a05\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00:53:50 Jim Brown, self

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:54:06 Sen. Fielder

00:54:30 Mr. Brown, self

00:55:54 Sen. Fielder

00:56:09 Ms. Burke, BMC

00:56:48 Ms. Love, PPA/MT

00:57:43 Sen. Blewett

00:57:54 Chairman Murphy

00:58:06 Rep. Warburton

00:58:19 Sen. Fielder

00:58:43 Ms. Burke

00:59:33 Sen. Driscoll
00:59:54 Ms. Zupanic, ACLU

Closing by Sponsor:

01:02:42 Rep. Warburton
01:06:00 Chairman Murphy
01:06:05 Rep. Warburton

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 619

01:08:53 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Sales moved that **HB 619 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Augare, Sen. Blewett, Sen. Driscoll, Sen. Jent and Sen. Larsen voting no. Sen. Augare, Sen. Brenden, Sen. Vincent and Sen. Wittich voted by proxy. Sen. Fielder will carry the bill.

Committee Business:

01:10:18 Chairman Murphy
01:10:56 Sen. Larsen
01:11:17 Chairman Murphy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:47

Pam Schindler, Secretary

ps

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jus76aad.pdf](#))