

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE BILL 297

**Call to Order:** SEN. Jon Sonju, on April 18, 2013 at 11:30 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)  
Rep. David Howard, Chair (R)  
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)  
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)  
Sen. Jon Sonju (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Emge, Committee Secretary  
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

**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: HB 297 - Free Conference Committee Report Adopted

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 297**

**Discussion:**

00:07:15 Chairman Sonju

00:08:05 **Motion:** Rep. Howard moved that **HB 297 BE AMENDED.**  
**[EXHIBIT\(frs82hb0297a01\)](#)**

**Discussion:**

00:09:09 Rep. Eck

00:09:47 Rep. Howard

00:10:16 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:11:00 Without objection from the committee, Chairman Sonju opened the floor to one proponent and one opponent.

**PROPONENT:**

00:11:37 Lawrence VanDyke, Solicitor General, Attorney General's Office, Montana  
Department of Justice (MT-DOJ)

**OPPONENT:**

00:13:22 Shahid Haque-Hausrath, representing himself

00:16:45 Chairman Sonju

00:17:19 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Eck voting no.

**Discussion:**

00:17:36 Chairman Sonju

00:17:45 Ms. Murdo, LSD

00:17:51 **Motion:** Rep. Howard moved that **HB 297 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:17:57 Chairman Sonju

00:18:08 Rep. Eck

00:20:20 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Eck voting no.

00:20:40 Chairman Sonju

Note: In lieu of motion, the signed Committee Report indicates that all committee members present and voting recommend that THE FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BE ADOPTED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:44 a.m.

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Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([frs82hb0297aad.pdf](#))**