

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, on January 9, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, Chair (R)
Rep. Virginia Court, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Alan Doane, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R)
Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)
Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill (D)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Sarah Laszloffy (R)
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Andrew Person (D)
Rep. Randall Pinocci (R)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: McKenzie Chambers, Committee Secretary
Helen Thigpen, 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:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 64, 1/6/2015; HB 75, 1/6/2015; HB 88, 1/6/2015

00:32:50 Chair J. Bennett

HEARING ON HB 75

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:31 Rep. Stephanie Hess (R), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 75, Authorize creation of sex assault prosecution unit in AG's office.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:35:40 Jon Bennion, Deputy Attorney General/Legislative Liaison, Office of the Attorney General, Montana Department of Justice (DOJ)

EXHIBIT(juh05a01)

00:41:05 Larry Epstein, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA) and representing Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

00:42:14 Sarah Corbally, Administrator, Child and Family Services Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (CFSD-DPHHS)

00:43:22 Kelsen Young, Executive Director, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:27 Rep. Hill

00:46:44 Jon Bennion, DOJ

00:47:28 Rep. Monforton

00:47:45 Jon Bennion, DOJ

00:48:15 Rep. Monforton

00:48:43 Jon Bennion, DOJ

00:49:44 Rep. Regier

00:50:34 Jon Bennion, DOJ

00:51:30 Rep. Regier

00:51:39 Jon Bennion, DOJ

00:51:46 Rep. McConnell

00:52:12 Jon Bennion, DOJ

00:52:51 Rep. McConnell

00:53:08 Jon Bennion, DOJ

00:53:25 Rep. Doane

00:53:54 Jon Bennion, DOJ

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:03 Rep. Hess

HEARING ON HB 88

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:55:38 Rep. Sarah Laszloffy (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 88, Generally revise laws related to sex offender registration.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:58:01 Jon Bennion, DOJ
00:58:58 Rep. Manzella arrived.
00:59:14 Rep. Eck arrived.
01:05:20 Derek VanLuchene, Founder/President, Ryan United
01:12:12 Larry Epstein, MCAA and MSPOA

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:14:14 Bill Hooks, Chief Public Defender, Administrative Branch, Office of the State Public Defender (OPD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:14:44 Rep. Kelker
01:15:36 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:16:17 Rep. Kelker
01:16:30 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:17:01 Rep. Kelker
01:17:09 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:17:53 Rep. Eck
01:18:43 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:18:56 Rep. Eck
01:19:11 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:19:33 Rep. Eck
01:19:48 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:20:10 Rep. Person
01:20:29 Bill Hooks, OPD
01:22:29 Rep. Doane
01:23:02 Jon Bennion, DOJ

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01:25:18 Rep. MacDonald
01:26:00 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:27:10 Rep. Monforton
01:27:34 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:28:05 Rep. Monforton
01:28:20 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:28:32 Rep. Monforton
01:28:38 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:28:48 Rep. Monforton
01:29:06 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:29:14 Rep. Pinocci
01:31:03 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:32:52 Rep. Pinocci

01:33:41 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:35:02 Rep. Meyers
01:35:45 Derek VanLuchene, Ryan United
01:38:24 Chair J. Bennett
01:38:40 Rep. Doane
01:39:20 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:40:03 Rep. Doane
01:40:34 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:41:06 Rep. Court
01:41:50 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:43:01 Rep. McConnell
01:44:02 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:44:13 Rep. McConnell
01:44:21 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:44:48 Rep. MacDonald
01:45:16 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:47:00 Rep. Regier left the meeting.
01:47:52 Rep. MacDonald

Closing by Sponsor:

01:48:12 Rep. Laszloffy

HEARING ON HB 64

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:49:16 Rep. Webber (D), HD 16, opened the hearing on HB 64, Adopting the most recent federal laws applicable to the National Guard.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:51:15 Major General Matthew Quinn, Adjutant General, State of Montana and Director, Montana Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:52:28 Colonel James P. Moran, Staff Judge Advocate, Montana National Guard
[EXHIBIT\(juh05a03\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:57:05 Rep. Wagoner
01:57:57 Colonel James P. Moran, Montana National Guard
01:59:06 Rep. Wagoner
01:59:34 Colonel James P. Moran, Montana National Guard

Closing by Sponsor:

02:00:48 Rep. Webber
02:01:00 Chair J. Bennett

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:01:50

McKenzie Chambers, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([juh05aad.pdf](#))