

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON RULES

**Call to Order:** Chair Jeff Essmann, on April 10, 2015 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 472 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)  
Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Chuck Hunter, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Alan Doane (R)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Sarah Laszloffy (R)  
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)  
Rep. Mike Miller (R)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)  
Rep. Keith Regier (R)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)  
Rep. Art Wittich (R)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Todd Everts, Legislative Branch  
CJ Johnson, 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

00:00:55 Chair Essmann  
00:02:30 Todd Everts, LSD

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### EXECUTIVE ACTION

00:05:24 **Motion:** Rep. Wittich moved to **UPHOLD THE RULING OF THE CHAIR THAT REP. FITZPATRICK WAS OUT-OF-ORDER ON THE HOUSE FLOOR TO POSTPONE BILL TO THE 82nd LEGISLATIVE DAY.**

#### Discussion:

00:06:31 Rep. Knudsen  
00:07:27 Chair Essmann  
00:08:20 Rep. Randall  
00:08:43 Rep. Hunter  
00:09:06 Todd Everts, LSD  
00:09:37 Rep. Hunter  
00:09:57 Todd Everts, LSD  
00:10:10 Rep. Hunter  
00:10:38 Rep. Dudik  
00:10:54 Chair Essmann

00:11:20 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Eck, Rep. Hunter, Rep. MacDonald, Rep. Williams and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. MacDonald and Rep. Eck voted by proxy.

#### Discussion:

00:12:35 Rep. Williams  
00:13:58 Chair Essmann  
00:14:38 Rep. Wittich  
00:15:45 Rep. Essmann

00:15:49 **Motion:** Rep. Miller moved that **REP. FITZPATRICK BE CENSURED FOR IMPEDING THE FLOW OF LEGISLATION ON THE HOUSE FLOOR PER HOUSE RULE 20-80.**

00:16:27 Chair Essmann  
00:16:51 Rep. Miller  
00:16:59 Chair Essmann  
00:17:07 Rep. Miller withdrew his motion.

#### Discussion:

00:17:22 Rep. Hunter  
00:17:40 Chair Essmann

00:17:52 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Miller made a **SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO ADJOURN.** Substitute Motion carried 9-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Eck, Rep. Essmann, Rep. Hunter, Rep. MacDonald, Rep. Williams and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. Eck and Rep. MacDonald voted by proxies.

**Closing:**

00:19:40

Chair Essmann

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:35 A.M.

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CJ Johnson, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([ruh72aad.pdf](#))**