

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Alan Doane, on February 6, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Doane, Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Virginia Court, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sara Fleming, 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 366, 2/2/2017

HEARING ON HB 366

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:04 Rep. Adam Hertz (R), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 366, Abolish death penalty and replace with life w/o parole.

00:04:21 Rep. Harris joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:52 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Abolition Coalition (AbCo)
[EXHIBIT\(juh26a01\)](#)

00:07:27 Susan DeBree, United Methodist Church of Livingston
[EXHIBIT\(juh26a02\)](#)

00:11:31 Betsy Griffing, Self
[EXHIBIT\(juh26a03\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(juh26a04\)](#)

00:19:37 Ray Krone, Witness to Innocence (WTI)

00:26:03 Robert Filipovich, Self

[EXHIBIT\(juh26a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh26a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh26a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh26a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh26a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh26a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh26a11\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh26a12\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh26a13\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh26a14\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh26a15\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh26a16\)](#)

00:30:53 Rep. Hill Smith joined the meeting

00:34:13 Franklin Brookhart, Montana Association of Christians (MAC)

00:38:47 Dave Hagstrom, Self

00:42:14 Erin Butts, Self

00:44:39 Rep. Rosendale

[EXHIBIT\(juh26a17\)](#)

00:46:07 Mark Hyden, Conservatives Concerned about the Death Penalty

00:48:35 Sarah Beck, Self

[EXHIBIT\(juh26a18\)](#)

00:51:16 Rep. Hopkins

00:52:45 Matthew Brower, Montana Catholic Conference, Diocese of Helena, Diocese of Great Falls, Diocese of Billings

[EXHIBIT\(juh26a19\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh26a20\)](#)

00:53:35 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(juh26a21\)](#)

00:55:47 SK Rossi, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

00:57:32 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (MCASDV)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:58:51 Rep. Mortensen
00:59:13 Ray Krone, WTI
01:01:25 Rep. Manzella
01:01:47 Rep. Hertz
01:01:58 Rep. Kelker
01:02:33 Betsy Griffing, Self
01:04:57 Rep. McConnell
01:05:50 Ray Krone, WTI
01:08:52 Rep. Harris
01:09:34 Robert Filipovich, Self
01:10:56 Rep. C. Knudsen
01:11:25 Betsy Griffing, Self
01:13:26 Chair Doane
01:13:36 Betsy Griffing, Self
01:13:46 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
01:16:19 Rep. Hertz
01:16:46 Betsy Griffing, Self
01:17:18 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
01:18:04 Betsy Griffing, Self
01:19:33 Rep. B. Brown
01:20:14 Betsy Griffing, Self
01:25:12 Vice Chair Berglee
01:26:19 Betsy Griffing, Self
01:27:47 Vice Chair Court
01:28:35 Betsy Griffing, Self
01:28:45 Rep. C. Knudsen
01:29:34 Franklin Brookhart, MAC
01:30:43 Rep. Hill Smith
01:32:05 Mark Hyden, Conservatives Concerned about the Death Penalty
01:34:11 Rep. Hill Smith
01:35:00 Betsy Griffing, Self
01:35:58 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
01:37:29 Mark Hyden, Conservatives Concerned about the Death Penalty

01:38:16 Rep. Usher
01:39:11 Betsy Griffing, Self
01:40:41 Rep. Hertz
01:41:09 Rep. C. Knudsen
01:42:19 Mark Hyden, Conservatives Concerned about the Death Penalty
01:43:16 Rep. Harris
01:45:34 Betsy Griffing, Self
01:48:35 Rep. Regier
01:48:48 Betsy Griffing, Self
01:49:37 Rep. B. Brown
01:50:12 Mark Hyden, Conservatives Concerned about the Death Penalty
01:50:56 Rep. Usher
01:51:51 Mark Hyden, Conservatives Concerned about the Death Penalty
01:54:05 Chair Doane
01:54:31 Rep. Hertz
01:55:23 Abigail St. Lawrence, AbCo
01:57:07 Rep. Hertz

Closing by Sponsor:

01:57:29 Rep. Hertz

Committee Business:

01:58:43 Chair Doane
01:59:24 Rep. Usher

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:22:18

Sara Fleming, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([juh26aad.pdf](#))