



JOINT SENATE AND HOUSE RULES 67th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

October 19, 2020
Room 317
Helena, Montana

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SENATE ROLL CALL

Senate Members Present Remotely:

Sen. Fred Thomas, Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Scott Sales (R)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

Senate Members Excused:

Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Bryce Bennett (D)
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Sen. Nate McConnell (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Jon Sesso, Vice Chair (D)

HOUSE ROLL CALL

House Members Present in Helena:

Rep. Becky Beard (R)

House Members Present Remotely:

Rep. Derek Skees, Chair (R)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)
Rep. Dennis Lenz (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

House Members Excused:

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)
Rep. Shane Morigeau (D)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

STAFF PRESENT:

Susan Fox, Executive Director
Jaret Coles, Attorney
Nadine Spencer, Secretary

AGENDA [\(Attachment 1\)](#)

VISITORS' LIST [\(Attachment 2\)](#)

CALL TO ORDER

14:01:04 Sen. Fred Thomas called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM.

14:01:46 Sen. Thomas said there were several requests by the public wanting to provide input on continuing the emergency declaration by the Governor due to COVID-19. He said the subject matter is not on the agenda, but the committee will accept written public testimony. [\(Exhibit 1\)](#)

ROLL CALL

14:03:24 The committee secretary took the roll. [\(Attachment 3\)](#)

REVIEW BALLOTS CAST ON THREE RULE POLLING QUESTIONS

14:06:57 Sen. Thomas said the committee does not have a quorum in the House or the Senate but will recognize the votes that were taken by the legislature on the three rule polling questions.

14:07:29 Rep. Dudik objected and said she did not believe the committee had the authority to meet and convene without a quorum.

14:07:58 Sen. Thomas asked Marilyn Miller, secretary of the Senate, to provide the votes in the Senate.

14:08:02 Ms. Miller said 50 members of the Senate voted. She said Joint Rule 30-70 carried 26-24, Joint Rule 30-90 failed 21-29, and Joint Rules 60-05, 60-10, 60-40 failed 20-30.

14:08:42 Sen. Thomas asked Lindsey Vroegindewey, chief clerk of the House, to provide the vote on Joint Rule 30-70. Ms. Vroegindewey said 95 members of the House voted and the vote was 42 -53.

14:09:06 Sen. Thomas asked Ms. Vroegindewey to provide the votes on the other rules. Ms. Vroegindewey said Joint Rule 30-90 failed 36-59 and Joint Rules 60-05, 60-10, 60-40 failed 36-59.

14:09:26 President Sales joined the meeting.

DECLARE THE OUTCOMES OF THE THREE RULE POLLING QUESTIONS

14:09:39 Sen. Thomas said only one vote passed in the Senate and all three votes failed in the House. He said none of the proposed rule changes were adopted by the Legislature.

Public comment

None

14:11:00 Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Tschida, joined the meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF ANY FURTHER RULE CHANGES

14:11:41 Sen. Thomas asked if there were any other rule proposals.

14:13:33 Sen. Keenan joined the meeting.

Committee comments and discussion

14:14:40 Rep. Dudik

14:18:55 Rep. Skees

14:20:36 Rep. Dudik
14:21:26 Rep. Tschida
14:23:41 Rep. Dudik
14:24:17 Rep. Tschida
14:24:56 Sen. Thomas
14:27:08 Rep. Dudik
14:27:45 Sen. Thomas

ADJOURNMENT

14:28:04 Sen. Thomas adjourned the meeting at 2:28 PM.