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**To:** Fox, Susan; Spencer, Nadine; Everts, Todd  
**Subject:** Submission from Joint Rules Committee

## Submit Information to the Joint Rules Committee

**Date:** 16th December 2020 07:39

**Your Full Name:**

John David Lee

**Email Address:**

pierrelee8@hotmail.com

**Subject Line:**

Please require masks and social distancing

**Your Comment:**

Please require masks and social distancing throughout the 2021 Legislative session. If not, please postpone till it is safe to meet in person. You have a duty to protect your constituents Thank Yoi.

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**Your Full Name:**

Abigail Adams

**Email Address:**

abigail.adams06@gmail.com

**Subject Line:**

Please vote against HR1 as amended by HR101ATE

**Your Comment:**

In a democracy, it is important for there to be fair representation and for voices to be heard from multiple perspectives. I would urge the Joint Rules Committee to keep this in mind and to vote against HR1 as amended by HR101ATE to ensure that there is not an unbalance of power with only 15 committee chairs (all from the same party and gender) deciding which bills are heard in Committee. Sequestering power in that way will only lead to backlash and repercussions down the road when people don't feel heard/seen outside of the group in power. So I urge you to do the right thing from the outset, and to vote against HR1. Thank you!

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**Your Full Name:**  
Dolores Andersen

**Email Address:**  
dodieinmont@msn.com

**Subject Line:**  
Rule changes being considered to stifle the will of the people

**Your Comment:**  
The idea that the chairman of committees should decide whether a bill will be heard in committees or not is wrong. Every legislator was elected by Montana voters to serve and each legislator must be allowed to submit bills and have them given fair consideration. The chairman of committees must not be given the power to suppress any proposed bill from being heard in committees.

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**Date:** 15th December 2020 23:17

**Your Full Name:**

Jan Lombardi

**Email Address:**

jan.lombardimt@gmail.com

**Subject Line:**

Legislative Session, Health, Economy and Safety

**Your Comment:**

I believe that it would be in the best interest of the citizens of Montana if the legislature would no longer operate per customary operations. I respectfully request that the legislators and staff find alternative means to meet and conduct business with the public. As a resident of Helena and third generation from Helena, I am deeply concerned about the health and well-being of my family and friends. We are struggling with a pandemic and unable to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our loved ones. Our healthcare facilities are not at risk, which puts us at risk for emergency and necessary care. Our treasures -- the children of this state -- are trying to get back to school and learn. I do not believe that the legislature delaying normalcy would result in permanent damage to our way of life. Be creative, innovative, and continue to conduct your business. Leaving a generation of kiddos behind academically, a struggling economy of small businesses and seniors who failed to get the care they need will leave a sad legacy for the 2021 legislative session. Thank you for your consideration. Stay safe and healthy.

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**Date:** 15th December 2020 23:02

**Your Full Name:**

Diana

**Email Address:**

diana.mann10@gmail.com

**Subject Line:**

Safe legislation

**Your Comment:**

Please require masks and personal distancing or postpone until safe for all Montanans. Be responsible citizens.

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**Date:** 15th December 2020 22:40

**Your Full Name:**

Mark Mackin

**Email Address:**

markmackin@juno.com

**Subject Line:**

Rules Changes to limit Bill Hearing

**Your Comment:**

All bills that our representatives choose to introduce should have a hearing. Committee chairs should not have arbitrary authority to stifle the speech of the members or of the public. Obviously, some issues will rate more time and attention than others. But the ability to put forth ideas in bill form for discussion, not just by the legislators, but by the press and the public, is essential to citizenship and self-governance. Accountability is a thing, A majority that "hides the ball" will become suspect fairly quickly. If you need to limit the number of bills considered, then set a reasonable limit on the number that each legislator can introduce. The majority can readily introduce additional committee bills as needed.

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**Your Full Name:**  
Robert Capriccio

**Email Address:**  
rcapriccio@icloud.com

**Subject Line:**  
Rules Committee

**Your Comment:**  
The committee chairs should not be able to decide which bills will be heard. Please don't change the present rules in HR1 which make sure that the public gets to know all the bills of their elected legislators. The Joint Committees should be able to use remote technology to protect the health of legislators who need to safely vote & of the testifying citizens and Helena residents.

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**Your Full Name:**

Andrea

**Email Address:**

pinebliss@gmail.com

**Subject Line:**

Session

**Your Comment:**

Please keep Montanans healthy. Apply safe measures for the session. Set a good example and be health conscious role models. We need positive leadership. Thank you.

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**Your Full Name:**  
Elizabeth Paddock

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epaddock11@yahoo.com

**Subject Line:**  
Vote no on hr 1

**Your Comment:**  
Vote no on HR 101 which is anti -democratic, and an overreach by our elected leaders.

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**Your Full Name:**

Bob Pyfer

**Email Address:**

jbpyfer@charter.net

**Subject Line:**

Fair Hearing for All Bills

**Your Comment:**

Members of the Rules Committee: I worked in the Montana legislative process for 35 years, nine years with the Legislative Services Division (six years as Legislative Director) and 25 years in government relations for Montana's Credit Unions. In the latter I worked both the Montana Legislature and the Congress. After witnessing first hand the truly open and democratic Montana Legislature, where every member, freshman or veteran, republican or democrat, was respected and empowered to have his/her bill introduced and heard, I was dismayed to see just how undemocratic the Congressional process is. So if you want Montana to look more like Washington, go ahead and adopt the rule to give committee chairs and their majorities power to gag those constituents who may not have voted for them. Please don't succumb to pure power politics...you will be doing our state a great disservice. Thank you.

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**Your Full Name:**

Raquel Davis

**Email Address:**

raquel.davis86@yahoo.com

**Subject Line:**

On-line sessions

**Your Comment:**

Please taken I to consider to meet remotely. COVID is nothing to mess.with I know I'm a survivor. Our hospitals are full, our curve is trending up not down. Please for your fellow Montanans please meet remotely.

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**Date:** 15th December 2020 22:05

**Your Full Name:**

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**Email Address:**

ionemyoung@charter.net

**Subject Line:**

2021 Legislative Session

**Your Comment:**

Joint Rules Committee, Please follow the CDC guidelines for wearing masks and allowing for social distancing in the 2021 session. Doing so will help ensure that everyone remains healthy and the session can be completed. Masking and social distancing demonstrates respect of other's health. Montana has lost too many people to COVID-19 already. We don't want to lose more. Lone Young

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**Your Full Name:**

Emily Sedgwick

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**Subject Line:**

Legislative sessions amid surging COVID

**Your Comment:**

As a hospice RN at St. Peter's Health, I have seen the effects of COVID first hand. I am writing to urge you to postpone the upcoming legislative sessions if they are to be in-person or conduct them using video conferencing, such as ZOOM. The rate at which victims are dying of the virus is astounding. As of Oct, COVID-19 is the 3rd leading cause of death in the US in 2020. Not only are people dying from the initial respiratory infection, but survivors of COVID-19 are ending up with serious long-term health complications. With the legislative sessions about to start here in Helena, I am concerned not only about people traveling here and possibly contributing to local spread, but also those people becoming victims themselves and adding to the burden on healthcare workers and the strained healthcare system. I think everyone needs to adhere to public health guidelines, including our legislators who represent us and set an example for others. If it is deemed that sessions are to continue in person, then they should be postponed until herd immunity has been reached in MT, likely months down the road as vaccinations become more available. For sessions to continue at this time, I believe video concerning is the best way to practice social responsibility while also participating in democracy. With that I also believe the democratic process should be conducted the same way it would be in-person, but through video conferencing, meaning votes through video meeting should still be allowed/counted as if in-person. I believe our democracy is important, but at a time like this we all need to learn to be flexible to protect each other, our loved ones and our community. Emily Sedgwick, RN

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