

**Fox, Susan**

---

**From:** webmaster@localhost.legmt.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2020 10:36 AM  
**To:** Fox, Susan; Spencer, Nadine; Everts, Todd  
**Subject:** Submission from Joint Rules Committee

## Submit Information to the Joint Rules Committee

**Date:** 21st December 2020 10:36

**Your Full Name:**  
Michael K Bunker

**Email Address:**  
mkbunker@gmail.com

**Subject Line:**  
Request to vote against HR1 as amended by HR101ATE.

**Your Comment:**  
I request that you vote against HR1 as amended by HR101ATE. 100% of the bills to be considered in MT would fall on one of 15 committee chairs. 85 other House Reps would have no say. 850,000+ Montanans would be unrepresented under these rules.

**Upload Written Testimony:**  
—

Sent via [leg.mt.gov/committees/other-groups/house-senate-and-joint-rules-committees/jrc-pc-form/](https://leg.mt.gov/committees/other-groups/house-senate-and-joint-rules-committees/jrc-pc-form/)

**Fox, Susan**

---

**From:** webmaster@localhost.legmt.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2020 10:09 AM  
**To:** Fox, Susan; Spencer, Nadine; Everts, Todd  
**Subject:** Submission from Joint Rules Committee

## Submit Information to the Joint Rules Committee

**Date:** 21st December 2020 10:09

**Your Full Name:**

Kristen Walser

**Email Address:**

kristen.walser@gmail.com

**Subject Line:**

Procedural Rules

**Your Comment:**

Please do not override decades of legislative practice by approving Regier's proposal to allow speaker-appointed committee chairs in the House to refuse to schedule bills for hearings or committee votes. Also, please allow those legislators who cannot participate in person due to COVID restrictions to vote on these procedural rules. Don't use the rules to stamp out honest discussion.

**Upload Written Testimony:**

—

Sent via [leg.mt.gov/committees/other-groups/house-senate-and-joint-rules-committees/jrc-pc-form/](https://leg.mt.gov/committees/other-groups/house-senate-and-joint-rules-committees/jrc-pc-form/)

**Fox, Susan**

---

**From:** webmaster@localhost.legmt.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2020 9:37 AM  
**To:** Fox, Susan; Spencer, Nadine; Everts, Todd  
**Subject:** Submission from Joint Rules Committee

## Submit Information to the Joint Rules Committee

**Date:** 21st December 2020 09:37

**Your Full Name:**

Virginia Caplette

**Email Address:**

vjennac@gmail.com

**Subject Line:**

No no no on in person

**Your Comment:**

Your decision to hold legislative sessions in person is immoral & disrespectful of your constituents along with the city who hosts you. Unfortunately when you host super spreader events you are not just putting yourselves & your families at risk but every Montanan in every city in the state. Meet virtually or delay the session until June. You may arrogantly & naively assume you would survive COVID but have NO right to endanger the rest of us, many of whom have already been on lockdown for MONTHS. I get you are feeling empowered by the Republican landslide this past election but that empowerment will still be true in June - or online

**Upload Written Testimony:**

—

Sent via [leg.mt.gov/committees/other-groups/house-senate-and-joint-rules-committees/jrc-pc-form/](https://leg.mt.gov/committees/other-groups/house-senate-and-joint-rules-committees/jrc-pc-form/)

## **Fox, Susan**

---

**From:** mimi van straaten <mwvanstraaten@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 20, 2020 2:03 PM  
**To:** Fox, Susan  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] HR 1

Please vote against this. Rey undemocratic

Sent from my iPad

**Fox, Susan**

---

**From:** webmaster@localhost.legmt.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 20, 2020 1:43 PM  
**To:** Fox, Susan; Spencer, Nadine; Everts, Todd  
**Subject:** Submission from Joint Rules Committee

## Submit Information to the Joint Rules Committee

**Date:** 20th December 2020 13:42

**Your Full Name:**  
Patricia Simmons

**Email Address:**  
psimmons100@gmail.com

**Subject Line:**  
Legislative session

**Your Comment:**

Vote against HR1 as amended by HR101ATE, or approx. 15 committee chairs will be able to effectively silence anyone that they don't agree with - including the representatives that I JUST ELECTED! I already wrote you on this, but it appears it still could be approved so stop this action. Total Anti-Democracy. I'm also very upset about all you Republicans walking around without masks. Even in the US Senate, McConnell requires all on the floor to wear a mask. You are limiting my ability to comment in hearings and since your hearings are in person, you will favor all the brave people who come to Helena to comment including lobbyists, because they will be in your direct view. You are violating the Lewis & Clark County and Governor's requirements for public safety. You all should be sued!!!

**Upload Written Testimony:**

—

Sent via [leg.mt.gov/committees/other-groups/house-senate-and-joint-rules-committees/jrc-pc-form/](https://leg.mt.gov/committees/other-groups/house-senate-and-joint-rules-committees/jrc-pc-form/)

**Fox, Susan**

---

**From:** webmaster@localhost.legmt.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 20, 2020 11:33 AM  
**To:** Fox, Susan; Spencer, Nadine; Everts, Todd  
**Subject:** Submission from Joint Rules Committee  
**Attachments:** COVID-19 opinionn.docx

## Submit Information to the Joint Rules Committee

**Date:** 20th December 2020 11:33

**Your Full Name:**  
Cindy Garthwait

**Email Address:**  
cindygarthwait@gmail.com

**Subject Line:**  
COVID-19 safety policies and rules

**Your Comment:**  
See up uploaded written testimony below

**Upload Written Testimony:**  
/media/djangocms\_forms/joint-rules-committee-comments-18/COVID-19\_opinionn\_8c8e0fa4eba4649fbb89520109e868738f6031ea.docx

Sent via [leg.mt.gov/committees/other-groups/house-senate-and-joint-rules-committees/jrc-pc-form/](https://leg.mt.gov/committees/other-groups/house-senate-and-joint-rules-committees/jrc-pc-form/)

As a legislator elected to protect all Montanans, I urge you to take seriously your responsibility to all of us (e.g., citizens, the Helena community, legislative staff, and each other) in the COVID-19 policies you adopt. I have written to many of you urging a remote session or at the very least the (1) wearing of masks and (2) social distancing. I also watched the live stream of the joint rules committee and was more than discouraged and quite upset that all Democratic proposals which are based on the recommendations of medical professionals, actual data, and public health officials, were voted down. The establishment of a COVID response panel made up a majority of Republicans is not a non-partisan approach. Response, by definition, is reactive rather than pro-active. Rather than using and living out the phrase “personal responsibility,” I urge you to re-think what that means and instead adopt the concept and practice of “collective responsibility” which means all of us, including you, take responsibility for the welfare of others, not just ourselves. Wearing a mask and social distancing are the easiest and yet most effective ways of being pro-active and preventing the spread of COVID. Yet I see videos of Republicans refusing to do either. I sure would like a credible explanation of this other than a political and partisan one. These two actions require a small sacrifice that I wish all of you could take. Finally, having a remote option for legislators and citizen participants is exactly backwards. Those who refuse to wear masks or maintain a safe distance from others are the ones who should be required to participate remotely, as their actions are putting others at risk. You must do better. Professional medical groups, health department officials, and all but 1 person testifying at the joint rules committee asked the legislature not to come to Helena. The Chamber of Commerce supports an in-person session, I realize, but controlling the virus now will help businesses survive and thrive sooner. Please do some soul searching about your responsibility to all of us.

**Fox, Susan**

---

**From:** webmaster@localhost.legmt.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 20, 2020 10:21 AM  
**To:** Fox, Susan; Spencer, Nadine; Everts, Todd  
**Subject:** Submission from Joint Rules Committee

## Submit Information to the Joint Rules Committee

**Date:** 20th December 2020 10:20

**Your Full Name:**

Judy Staigmiller

**Email Address:**

judyannst@gmail.com

**Subject Line:**

bills to consider/HR1/HR101ATE

**Your Comment:**

This is just a reminder that I am strongly opposed to allowing only 15 representatives decide which bills to consider. Standard procedure must be followed. This is beneficial to everyone in the state. I will be paying close attention.

**Upload Written Testimony:**

—

Sent via [leg.mt.gov/committees/other-groups/house-senate-and-joint-rules-committees/jrc-pc-form/](http://leg.mt.gov/committees/other-groups/house-senate-and-joint-rules-committees/jrc-pc-form/)