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57th Montana Legislature

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, August 2, 2001

9:00 a.m. Room 102, State Capitol

NOTE: All times are tentative. Additionally, the individuals listed in items IV through VI, below, have been invited to address the Committee. Due, at least in part, to short notice and other factors, the individuals had not, as of this writing, indicated whether or not they would attend.

- 9:00 I. Call meeting to order: roll call -- Senator Steve Doherty, Senior Senator
- II. Overview of statutory authority, duties, and responsibilities of the Law and Justice Interim Committee (LJIC) -- Dave Bohyer, LSD Research Director
- 9:30 III. Overview of legislation of interest from 57th Legislative Session (2001) -- LSD staff
- ? HJR 39, a continuation of the study of criminal statutes, etc., that has been ongoing for at least a couple of interims.
 - ? HB 124, a.k.a. "The Big Bill", which significantly restructures state and local government finances;
 - ? SB 176, providing for state assumption of the costs of funding district courts and substantially reforming the relationships between the district courts and state government;
 - ? SB 386, making the intervention in delinquency pilot program permanent, making participation by judicial districts in the program discretionary, and other changes;
 - ? HB 146, revising the youth court act to generally revise laws relating to the detention and placement of youth.
- 9:50 IV. Comments from the Bench -- An open invitation to The Honorable Karla M. Gray, Chief Justice, and the Justices of the Montana Supreme Court. (Invited)
- 10:15 V. Comments from the Attorney General -- An open invitation to The Honorable Mike McGrath, Attorney General. (Invited)

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- 10:35 VI. Comments from the Clerk of the Supreme Court -- An open invitation to Mr. Ed Smith, Clerk of the Supreme Court. (Invited)
- 11:00 VII. Comments from the Department of Corrections -- An open invitation to Mr. Bill Slaughter, Director, Department of Corrections
- 11:30 VIII. Briefing on Judicial Redistricting -- Susan B. Fox, LSD Research Analyst

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- 1:15 IX. Introduction to the Judicial Education System Project, an undertaking by the Montana Supreme Court to provide regular, ongoing, systemic education to Montana judges. Mr. Ted Clack, Office of the Supreme Court Administrator.
- 1:45 X. Public comment -- Public comment may be accepted at the discretion of the Presiding Officer to accommodate Committee priorities and time limitations.
- 2:15 XI. Member Issues -- LJIC members may present items of new business for consideration by the Committee
- 2:45 XII. Adoption of Committee meeting schedule for 2001-02 interim
- 3:00 XIII. Election of Officers -- Nominations from the floor will be taken for Presiding Officer and Vice Presiding Officer
- XIV. Adjourn