

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN BOB CLARK, on March 12, 1997, at
8 AM, in Room 312-1.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Clark, Chairman (R)
Rep. Daniel W. McGee, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)
Rep. Diana E. Wyatt, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)
Rep. Chris Ahner (R)
Rep. Shiell W. Anderson (R)
Rep. Ellen Bergman (R)
Rep. William E. Boharski (R)
Rep. Aubyn A. Curtiss (R)
Rep. Jon Ellingson (D)
Rep. Duane Grimes (R)
Rep. H.S. "Sonny" Hanson (R)
Rep. Joan Hurdle (D)
Rep. Deb Kottel (D)
Rep. Linda McCulloch (D)
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)
Rep. Gerald Pease (D)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)
Rep. Liz Smith (R)
Rep. Loren L. Soft (R)
Rep. Bill Tash (R)

Staff Present: John MacMaster, Legislative Services Division
Joanne Gunderson, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 167, SB 168, SB 178
POSTED 2/24/97

HEARING ON SB 167

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. VIVIAN BROOKE

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.1; Comments: This set of minutes is recorded on 90-minute tapes.}

Proponents' Testimony:

**KATHY SEWELL, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual
Violence {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.3}**

BETTY WADDELL, Montana Association of Churches
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.0}

KATE CHOLEWA, Montana Women's Lobby
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.5}

JOE KIRWIN, Secretary of State - Elections
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.7}

ROBERT THROSSELL, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.5}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.4 - 20.4}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. BROOKE
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.5; Comments: Sponsor
said Rep. Ryan would carry the bill.}

HEARING ON SB 168

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. STEVE DOHERTY
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.0}

Proponents' Testimony:

JOHN CONNOR, Department of Justice, Montana County Attorneys'
Association {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.4}

GEORGE CORN, Powell County Attorney
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 33.9}

JAY PRINTZ, Sheriff, Ravalli County
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 37.6}

BETTY WADDELL, Montana Association of Churches
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 39.9}

Opponents' Testimony:

MIKE HANKINS, First National Volunteer Militia
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 41.0}

ALLEN LANNING, ACLU
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.5}

Informational Testimony:

ARLETTE RANDASH, Eagle Forum
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 9.4}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 12.3-Tape 2; Side B; 5.3}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. DOHERTY
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 5.4}

HEARING ON SB 178

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. STEVE DOHERTY
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 11.2}

Proponents' Testimony:

JOHN CONNOR, Department of Justice, Montana County Attorneys'
Association {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.8}

GEORGE CORN, Ravalli County Attorney
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 23.8}

JAY PRINTZ, Sheriff, Ravalli County
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 32.5}

Opponents' Testimony:

MIKE HANKINS, First National Volunteer Militia
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 35.1}

ARLETTE RANDASH, Eagle Forum
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 39.2}

LAURIE KOUTNIK, Montana Christian Coalition
{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.2}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:
{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 30.5}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. DOHERTY
{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 30.6}

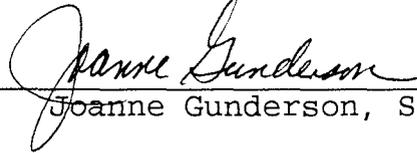
Motion/Vote: REP. MC CULLOCH moved to adjourn. The motion
carried by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.



Rep. Bob Clark, Chairman



Joanne Gunderson, Secretary

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