

Minutes: Senate Judiciary

Thursday, February 13, 2025 7:45 AM

Roll Call

Present: Sen. Blanc, Sen. Duhamel, Sen. Grove, Sen. Mehlhaff, Sen. Pischke,  
Sen. Hulse, and Sen. Wheeler

**The meeting was called to order by Senator Wheeler**

**SB 168 : prohibit non-disclosure agreements in settlement cases involving the Associated School Boards of South Dakota Protective Trust Workers Compensation Pool.**

**THE CHAIR DEFERRED SB 168**

**SB 156 : increase the minimum age for marriage.**

Presented by: Senator Sydney Davis

Proponents: Holly Rehder, Self, Scott City MO  
Fraidy Reiss, Unchained At Last, Westfield, NJ  
Sheena Eastman, Self, Joplin MO  
Becky Rassmussen, Self, Call to Freedom, Sioux Falls  
Michele Hanash, Self, AHA Foundation, Bethesda MD

Opponents: Norman Woods, SD Family Voice Action, Rapid City  
Dawson Schroeder, Self, Mitchell

**MOTION: DEFER SB 156 TO THE 41<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATIVE DAY**

Moved by: Pischke

Action: Died for lack of a second

**MOTION: DO PASS SB 156**

Moved by: Mehlhaff

Second by: Duhamel

Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (4-2-1-0)

Voting Yes: Duhamel, Mehlhaff, Hulse, and Wheeler

Voting No: Grove and Pischke

Excused: Blanc

**SB 119 : repeal capital punishment.**

Presented by: Senator Jamie Smith

Proponents: Dennis Lynn Davis, South Dakotans Opposed to the Death Penalty, Vermillion  
SueZann Bosler, Self, Journey of Hope, Miami FL  
Michael G. Pauley, South Dakota Catholic Conference, Rapid City  
Arthur Rusch, Self, Yankton

Opponents: Marty Jackley, Attorney General, State of South Dakota  
Eric Erickson, South Dakota State's Attorneys Association, Sioux Falls  
Tom Wollman, Lincoln County State Attorney, Sioux Falls

Lynette Johnson, Self, Sioux Falls

**MOTION: DEFER SB 119 TO THE 41<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATIVE DAY**

Moved by: Grove  
Second by: Hulse  
Action: Failed by Majority Members Elect (3-2-2-0)

Voting Yes: Blanc, Grove, and Hulse

Voting No: Duhamel and Wheeler

Excused: Mehlhaff and Pischke

**THE CHAIR DEFERRED SB 119 UNTIL TUESDAY FEB 18TH**

**MOTION: ADJOURN**

Moved by: Hulse  
Second by: Grove  
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

Doug Mortenson, Committee Secretary

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/s/ DAVID WHEELER  
David Wheeler, Chair