

Minutes: Senate Judiciary

Thursday, February 20, 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

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

Moved by: Mehlhaff
Second by: Duhamel
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

Committee approved two sets of Minutes, one from Senate Judiciary meeting at 7:45AM and one from Senate Judiciary Meeting at 3:00 PM on February 18th.

SB 172 : provide a rebuttable presumption in favor of joint physical custody of a minor child.

Presented by: Senator Tom Pischke (Handout(s) HO#1, HO#2, HO#3)
Proponents: Matt Doyle, Self, Colman
Vernice Doyle, Self, Colman
Shane O'Connor, Self, Vermillion (Handout(s) HO#4)
Danielle Finn, Self, Rapid City
Opponents: Dianna Miller, South Dakota Network Against Family Violence, Sioux Falls
(Handout(s) HO#5)
Steve Siegel, South Dakota Trial Lawyers Association, Pierre
Melissa McCauley, South Dakota Advocacy Network for Women, Sioux Falls
Terri Williams, Self, Rapid City

MOTION: DO PASS SB 172

Moved by: Pischke
Second by: Mehlhaff
Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (4-3-0-0)

Voting Yes: Blanc, Pischke, Hulse, and Wheeler

Voting No: Duhamel, Grove, and Mehlhaff

SB 181 : provide for noncustodial visitation of a minor born out of wedlock.

Presented by: Senator Tom Pischke
Proponents: Matt Doyle, Self, Colman
Opponents: Terri Williams, Self, Rapid City

MOTION: DO PASS SB 181

Moved by: Hulse
Second by: Pischke

Action: Failed by Majority Members Elect (3-3-1-0)

Voting Yes: Blanc, Pischke, and Hulse

Voting No: Duhamel, Grove, and Wheeler

Excused: Mehlhaff

MOTION: DEFER SB 181 TO THE 41ST LEGISLATIVE DAY

Moved by: Duhamel

Second by: Grove

Action: Failed by Majority Members Elect (3-3-1-0)

Voting Yes: Duhamel, Grove, and Wheeler

Voting No: Blanc, Pischke, and Hulse

Excused: Mehlhaff

MOTION: TO TABLE SB 181

Moved by: Pischke

Second by: Grove

Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (7-0-0-0)

Voting Yes: Blanc, Duhamel, Grove, Mehlhaff, Pischke, Hulse, and Wheeler

SCR 608 : To provide for an interim study to examine the South Dakota criminal justice system with a focus on substance abuse, mental health issues, and corrections.

Presented by: Senator Red Dawn Foster

Proponents: Cash Anderson, South Dakota Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Rapid City

Terry Dosch, South Dakota Council of Community Behavioral Health Inc.

Steve Siegel, South Dakota Trial Lawyers Association, Pierre

Others: Greg Sattizahn, Unified Judicial System

MOTION: DEFER SCR 608 TO THE 41ST LEGISLATIVE DAY

Moved by: Pischke

Second by: Duhamel

Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (5-2-0-0)

Voting Yes: Blanc, Duhamel, Pischke, Hulse, and Wheeler

Voting No: Grove and Mehlhaff

MOTION: ADJOURN

Moved by: Mehlhaff

Second by: Grove

Action: Prevailed by voice vote

Doug Mortenson, Committee Secretary

/s/ DAVID WHEELER
David Wheeler, Chair