

Minutes: Senate Judiciary

Tuesday, March 04, 2025 8:00 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 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>**

Moved by: Pischke  
Second by: Blanc  
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

**HB 1096 : prohibit eligibility for a suspended imposition of sentence for certain rape offenses.**

Presented by: Representative Mary J. Fitzgerald  
Proponents: Lara Roetzel, Self, Pennington County States Attorney, Rapid City  
Eric Erickson, South Dakota State's Attorneys Association, Sioux Falls  
Grant Flynn, Attorney General  
Melissa McCauley, South Dakota Advocacy Network for Women, Sioux Falls

**MOTION: DO PASS HB 1096**

Moved by: Pischke  
Second by: Blanc  
Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (6-0-1-0)

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

Excused: Duhamel

**HAVING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, THE CHAIR CERTIFIED HB 1096 AS UNCONTESTED AND AS SUCH BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**HB 1115 : establish the crime of aggravated criminal entry of a motor vehicle with the intent to steal a firearm or firearm silencer, to make offenders ineligible for presumptive probation, and to provide a penalty therefor.**

Presented by: Representative Mary J. Fitzgerald  
Proponents: Lara Roetzel, Self, Pennington County States Attorney, Rapid City  
Eric Erickson, South Dakota State's Attorneys Association, Sioux Falls  
Grant Flynn, Attorney General

**MOTION: DEFER HB 1115 TO THE 41<sup>ST</sup> LEGISLATIVE DAY**

Moved by: Pischke  
Second by: Grove  
Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (6-0-1-0)

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

Excused: Duhamel

**HB 1174 : revise certain provisions related to the rights and obligations of a father of a child born to an unmarried mother.**

Presented by: Representative John Hughes

Proponents: Mary Beck, Self, University of MO-Columbia  
Beth Hughes, Self, Hughes Law, Sioux Falls  
Lisa Gennaro, Concerned Women for America, Alexandria, VA

**MOTION: DO PASS HB 1174**

Moved by: Duhamel

Second by: Grove

Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (6-0-1-0)

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

Excused: Hulse

**MOTION: ADJOURN**

Moved by: Grove

Second by: Mehlhaff

Action: Prevailed by voice vote

Doug Mortenson, Committee Secretary

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/s/ DAVID WHEELER  
David Wheeler, Chair