Minutes: House Judiciary Wednesday, March 05, 2025 10:00 AM

Roll Call

Present: Rep. Mortenson, Rep. Reisch, Rep. Walburg, Rep. Roby, Rep. Fitzgerald,

Rep. Reimer, Rep. Hughes, Rep. Massie, Rep. Kull, Rep. Pourier, Rep. Hunt,

Rep. Soye, and Rep. Stevens

The meeting was called to order by Representative Stevens

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MONDAY, MARCH 03RD

Moved by: Fitzgerald Second by: Reisch

Action: Prevailed by voice vote

SB 215: remove the prohibition against a landowner having an easement on the landowner's property.

Presented by: Representative Matt Roby

Proponents: Matthew McCaulley, South Dakota Land Title Association, Miller (Handout(s)

Handout #5)

Travis Martin, South Dakota Land Title Association, Self, Belle Fourche Eric Hansen, Dakota Homestead Title Association, Self, Sioux Falls

MOTION: DO PASS SB 215

Moved by: Mortenson Second by: Hughes

Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (12-0-1-0)

Voting Yes: Mortenson, Reisch, Walburg, Roby, Fitzgerald, Hughes, Massie, Kull, Pourier,

Hunt, Soye, and Stevens

Excused: Reimer

HAVING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, THE CHAIR CERTIFIED SB 215 AS UNCONTESTED AND AS SUCH BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

SB 64 : revise provisions related to the establishment of an initial parole date.

Presented by: Bridget Coppersmith, Department of Corrections (Handout(s) Handout #6)

Proponents: Jenna Severyn, SD Police Chiefs Association, Pierre

Stephen Gemar, Attorney General

MOTION: DO PASS SB 64

Moved by: Fitzgerald Second by: Walburg

Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (11-1-1-0)

Voting Yes: Mortenson, Reisch, Walburg, Roby, Fitzgerald, Hughes, Massie, Kull, Hunt,

Soye, and Stevens

Voting No: Pourier

Excused: Reimer

SB 164: prohibit the use of a deepfake to influence an election and to provide a penalty therefor.

Presented by: Representative Mike Weisgram

Proponents: Senator Liz Larson

Stephen Gemar, Attorney General

Opponents: Rose Feliciano, TechNet, Santa Clara, CA

MOTION: DO PASS SB 164

Moved by: Mortenson Second by: Reisch

Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (13-0-0-0)

Voting Yes: Mortenson, Reisch, Walburg, Roby, Fitzgerald, Reimer, Hughes, Massie, Kull,

Pourier, Hunt, Soye, and Stevens

HAVING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, THE CHAIR CERTIFIED SB 164 AS UNCONTESTED AND AS SUCH BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

SB 88 : increase the amount of exempt proceeds when a homestead is sold or divided by court order.

Presented by: Representative Brandei Schaefbauer

Proponents: Senator Tom Pischke (Handout(s) SB 88 Handouts 7 & 8)

David Fransen, Self, Private Attorney, Aberdeen

MOTION: DO PASS SB 88

Moved by: Hughes Second by: Soye

Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (13-0-0-0)

Voting Yes: Mortenson, Reisch, Walburg, Roby, Fitzgerald, Reimer, Hughes, Massie, Kull,

Pourier, Hunt, Soye, and Stevens

HAVING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, THE CHAIR CERTIFIED SB 88 AS UNCONTESTED AND AS SUCH BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

SB 115: revise a provision related to sexual contact with a child under eighteen.

Presented by: Senator Joy Hohn

Proponents: Kayla Nelson, Self, Monroe

Chad Schlotterback, Hamlin County Sheriff, Self, Hayti

MOTION: DO PASS SB 115

Moved by: Hunt Second by: Walburg

Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (12-0-1-0)

Voting Yes: Mortenson, Reisch, Walburg, Fitzgerald, Reimer, Hughes, Massie, Kull,

Pourier, Hunt, Soye, and Stevens

Excused: Roby

HAVING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, THE CHAIR CERTIFIED SB 115 AS UNCONTESTED AND AS SUCH BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

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

Presented by: Senator Tom Pischke (Handout(s) Shared Parenting Bill,)

Proponents: Shane O'Connor, Self, Vermillion

Zac Martin, SD National Parents Organization, Rapid City

Danielle Finn, Self, Rapid City

Opponents: Steve Siegel, South Dakota Trial Lawyers Associaiton, Pierre

Dianna Miller, South Dakota Network Against Family Violence, Sioux Falls

Shelby Bergeson, Self, Pierre Terri Williams, Self, Rapid City Judy Zimbelman, Self, Sioux Falls Kristen M. Kochekian, Self, Redfield

MOTION: DEFER SB 172 TO THE 41ST LEGISLATIVE DAY

Moved by: Pourier Second by: Walburg

Action: Was not acted on.

MOTION: SUBSTITUTE MOTION: DO PASS SB 172

Moved by: Hughes Second by: Mortenson

Action: Failed by Majority Members Elect (6-7-0-0)

Voting Yes: Mortenson, Fitzgerald, Hughes, Kull, Hunt, and Soye

Voting No: Reisch, Walburg, Roby, Reimer, Massie, Pourier, and Stevens

Revert to previous motion

MOTION: DEFER SB 172 TO THE 41ST LEGISLATIVE DAY

Moved by: Pourier Second by: Walburg

Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (8-5-0-0)

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Voting Yes: Reisch, Walburg, Roby, Reimer, Massie, Kull, Pourier, and Stevens

Voting No: Mortenson, Fitzgerald, Hughes, Hunt, and Soye

MOTION: ADJOURN

Moved by: Soye

Second by: Mortenson

Action: Prevailed by voice vote

Leonard Chick, Committee Secretary

/s/ MIKE STEVENS Mike Stevens, Chair