

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Scott Mendenhall, on March 13, 2007  
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Scott Mendenhall, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Jim Keane, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Mike Milburn, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)  
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)  
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)  
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)  
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)  
Rep. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. Harry Klock (R)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)  
Rep. Bill Thomas (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch  
Nancy Kraft, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 186, 3/9/2007  
Executive Action: SB 81; SB 186

**HEARING ON SB 186**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:48 Sen. Dave Lewis (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 186, School district access to health insurance loss information.

[EXHIBIT \(buh53a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(buh53a02\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:08:36 Bob Robinson, Montana School Services Foundation

[EXHIBIT \(buh53a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(buh53a04\)](#)

00:15:05 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association

00:16:09 Darrell Rud, School Administrators of Montana

00:17:20 Kathy Bramer, Office of Public Instruction

00:18:43 Tom Bilodeau, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:20:57 Tanya Ask, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana

[EXHIBIT \(buh53a05\)](#)

00:28:32 Richard Miltenberger, Mountain West Benefit Solutions and for Jim Wichman, Montana Schools Health and Welfare Plan

[EXHIBIT \(buh53a06\)](#)

00:35:49 Frank Cote, America's Health Insurance Plans

00:43:59 Angela Huschka, New West Health Services

00:45:26 Doug Graham, Health Insurance Agent

[EXHIBIT \(buh53a07\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:47:34 Rep. Keane

00:49:40 Sen. Lewis

00:50:36 Rep. Keane

00:50:42 Mr. Robinson

00:52:38 Rep. Milburn

00:53:39 Mr. Cote

00:55:18 Rep. Reinhart

00:55:43 Mr. Robinson

00:54:23 Rep. Reinhart

00:58:01 Mr. Cote

00:58:05 Rep. Boggio

00:58:31 Mr. Miltenberger  
01:00:29 Rep. Boggio  
01:00:40 Mr. Robinson  
01:00:58 Rep. Dutton  
01:01:15 Ms. Ask  
01:02:00 Rep. Keane  
01:02:18 Ms. Ask

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:03:48 Sen. Lewis  
01:05:25 Break

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 81**

01:33:40 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Keane moved that SB 81 **BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Windy Boy, Milburn, Van Dyk, and Jones voted by proxy. Rep. Becker will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 186**

**Discussion:**

01:35:09 Rep. Reinhart  
01:35:26 Rep. Keane

01:35:38 **Motion:** Rep. Stahl moved that SB 186 **BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**

01:36:01 Rep. Mendenhall  
01:36:29 Rep. Keane  
01:37:06 Rep. Mendenhall  
01:38:06 Rep. Dutton  
01:38:52 Rep. Reinhart  
01:39:23 Rep. Keane  
01:39:36 Rep. Boggio  
01:41:18 Rep. Stahl

01:42:46 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Keane made a substitute motion that SB 186 **BE TABLED**. Substitute motion carried 13-3 by voice vote with Reps. Reinhart, Thomas, and Van Dyk voting no. Reps. Windy Boy, Milburn, Van Dyk, and Jones voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:43:49 Adjournment: 9:45 A.M.

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REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

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NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([buh53aad.pdf](#))**