

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DAN WEINBERG**, on January 31, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 317-A Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dan Weinberg, Chairman (D)
Sen. Lynda Moss, Vice Chairman (D)
Sen. John Cobb (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 162, 1/22/2007; SB 142,
1/22/2007
Executive Action: SB 236

00:00:00

HEARING ON SB 162

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:51 **SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT (D), SD 11**, opened the hearing on **SB 162**, Revise genetics program laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:11 Jo Ann Dotson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

EXHIBIT (phs21a01)

EXHIBIT (phs21a02)

00:11:32 Susan Gardipee, Newborn Screening/Geneetics Task Force

00:16:11 Phil Pallister, Boulder

00:22:39 Jill Hansen Twardosky

EXHIBIT (phs21a03)

00:28:44 Dr. Jim Reynolds

EXHIBIT (phs21a04)

00:33:14 Debra Donovan, March of Dimes Foundation

EXHIBIT (phs21a05)

00:36:31 Sherrie Ende, Billings

00:39:56 Jack Casey, Administrator, Shodair Hospital

EXHIBIT (phs21a06)

00:41:47 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association

00:42:50 Chuck Hunter, Montana Primary Care Association

00:43:36 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:11 Sen. Cobb to Jan Dodson
00:46:02 Sen. Moss to Sen. Schmidt
00:47:04 Sen. Moss to Ms. Dodson
00:47:36 Sen. O'Neil to Sen. Schmidt
00:48:17 Sen. O'Neil to Ms. Dodson
00:49:27 Dr. Pallister
00:50:11 Sen. O'Neil to Dr. Pallister
00:52:56 Sen. Weinberg to Tanya Ask, Blue Cross Blue Shield of
Montana

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:33 Sen. Schmidt closed on the bill.

HEARING ON SB 142

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:57:55 **SEN. GREG LIND (D), SD 50**, opened the hearing on **SB 142**, Revise public health emergency authority.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:04:30 Jane Smilie, DPHHS

[EXHIBIT \(phs21a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(phs21a08\)](#)

01:14:05 Dan McGowan, Administrator, Montana Disaster and
Emergency Services

01:17:33 Leanne Vreeland, Missoula County Health Department

[EXHIBIT \(phs21a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(phs21a10\)](#)

01:21:43 Paul Spengler, Lewis and Clark County Disaster and
Emergency Services Coordinator

[EXHIBIT \(phs21a11\)](#)

01:23:11 Melanie Reynolds, Health Officer, Lewis and Clark
County

EXHIBIT (phs21a12)

01:25:28 Lora Wier, Public Health Nurse, Teton County, Montana
Public Health Association

01:30:09 Kim Powell, Montana Nurses Association

EXHIBIT (phs21a13)

01:31:36 Beda Lovitt, Montana Medical Association

01:32:55 John Austin, Yellowstone County Commissioner

01:33:23 John Flink, Montana Hospital Association

01:34:12 Chuck Hunter, Montana Primary Care Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:34:47 Kerry O'Connell, Montana Disaster and Emergency
Services Coordinators Association, Sweetgrass County

EXHIBIT (phs21a14)

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:42:00 Sen. Gillan to Jane Smilie

01:45:27 Denise Pizzini, Legal Counsel, Public Health and Safety
Division, DPHHS

01:47:23 Sen. Gillan to Dan McGowan, Administrator, Montana
Disaster and Emergency Services

01:48:57 Sen. O'Neil to Kerry O'Connell, Montana Disaster and
Emergency Services Coordinators Association, Sweetgrass
County

01:50:18 Sen. Esp to Sen. Lind

Closing by Sponsor:

01:53:36 Sen. Lind closed on the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 132

01:59:11 **Motion:** SEN. MOSS moved that SB 132 DO PASS.

EXHIBIT (phs21a15)

Discussion:

02:00:46 Sen. Moss
02:01:29 Sen. Esp
02:02:59 Sen. Weinberg to Ms. Smilie, DPHHS
02:03:45 Sen. Gillan to Ms. Smilie, DPHHS
02:04:50 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
02:06:11 Sen. Cobb to Jim Murphy
02:07:23 Sen. Murphy
02:07:45 Sen. Moss
02:08:28 Sen. Weinberg to Lisa Jackson
02:08:38 Sen. Cobb
02:08:50 Sen. Weinberg
02:09:01 Sen. Moss withdrew her motion on SB 132

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 236

02:10:24 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. GILLAN moved that SB 236 DO PASS.
Motion carried unanimously. SEN. SCHMIDT and SEN. WILLIAMS voted aye by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:34 P.M.

SEN. DAN WEINBERG, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([phs21aad.pdf](#))