

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DAN WEINBERG**, on March 9, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Excused:** None.

Sen. John Cobb (R)  
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

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

**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: HB 449, 3/6/2007; HB 117, 3/6/2007  
Executive Action: HB 144; HB 449

00:00:00

**HEARING ON HB 449**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:36 REP. JP POMNICHOWSKI (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on  
HB 449, Reclassify buprenorphine.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:20 Starla Blank, Board of Pharmacy

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:04:02 Sen. Weinberg to Starla Blank

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:05:07 Rep. Pomnichowski

*Sen. Lind will carry the bill in the Senate.*

**HEARING ON HB 117**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:05:52 REP. TERESA HENRY (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB  
117, Newborn hearing testing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:10:45 Jo Ann Dotson, Family and Community Health Bureau,  
Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**EXHIBIT (phs50a01)**

00:17:02 Sandy McGennis, School for the Deaf and Blind

**EXHIBIT (phs50a02)**

**EXHIBIT (phs50a03)**

**EXHIBIT (phs50a04)**

00:23:01 Ed Bartlett, Montana Speech and Hearing Association  
00:23:17 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Child and Maternal  
Health  
00:23:43 Tara Jensen, Office of Public Instruction  
00:24:15 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:24:56 Sen. Murphy for Sandy McGennis  
00:26:00 Rep. Henry  
00:28:48 Sen. O'Neil to Jo Ann Dotson  
00:30:03 Sen. Weinberg to Rep. Henry  
00:31:07 Jo Ann Dotson  
00:31:59 Sen. Weinberg to Jo Ann Dotson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:33:56 Rep. Henry  
00:41:12 Sen. O'Neil to Rep. Henry  
00:41:50 Jo Ann Dotson  
00:42:25 Sen. O'Neil to Jo Ann Dotson  
00:43:11 Sen. Esp

*Sen. Schmidt will carry the bill in the Senate.*

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 144**

00:45:01 **Motion:** SEN. ESP moved that HB 144 BE CONCURRED IN.

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**Discussion:**

00:45:32 Sen. Esp

00:45:36 Sen. Schmidt

00:46:09 **Vote: Motion carried unanimously 6-0 by voice vote.**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 449**

00:46:56 **Motion/Vote: SEN. SCHMIDT moved that HB 449 BE  
CONCURRED IN. Motion carried 6-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:03 P.M.

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SEN. DAN WEINBERG, Chairman

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PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([phs50aad.pdf](#))**