

**MINUTES**

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

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

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DAN WEINBERG**, on January 5, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Excused:**

Sen. John Cobb (R)

**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: SB 2, 1/2/2007; SB 48, 1/2/2007; SB 90, 1/2/2007  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON SB 2**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**SEN. DON RYAN (D), SD 10**, opened the hearing on **SB 2**, Require availability of paper towels in public restrooms.

**Proponents:** None.

**Opponents:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:00:00 *Please note: audio begins here due to technical difficulty*

00:00:09 Sen. Jerry O'Neil to Sen. Ryan

00:02:38 Sen. Weinberg to Sen. Ryan

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:03:10 Sen. Ryan closed on the bill.

**HEARING ON SB 48**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:25 **SEN. JOHN ESP (R), SD 31**, opened the hearing on **SB 48**, Caretaker relative consent to medical care.

00:04:36 Sen. Esp

**EXHIBIT (phs03a01)**

**Proponents:**

00:07:05 Shirley Brown, DPHHS

00:08:09 Janie McCall, Billings Clinic

00:09:11 Bethany Letiecq

00:10:31 Catherine Gabriel

00:11:52 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Clinic

00:12:19 John Flink, Montana Hospital Association

**Opponents:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:12:57 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:13:53 Sen. Schmidt to Shirley Brown

00:14:21 Shirley Brown referred to Al Smith

00:14:35 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

00:15:57 Sen. Schmidt to Bethany Letiecq

00:16:33 Sen. Gillan to Sen. Esp

00:17:24 Sen. Esp

00:18:35 Sen. Gillan to Shirley Brown

00:20:09 Sen. O'Neil to Sen. Esp

00:21:19 Sen. O'Neil to Al Smith

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:22:37 Sen. Esp closed on the bill.

**HEARING ON SB 90**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:24:17 **SEN. JESSE LASLOVICH (D), SD 43**, opened the hearing on **SB 90**, Multi-year adjustments to institutional per diem.

**Proponents:**

00:25:40 Lori Lamson, DPHHS

**EXHIBIT (phs03a02)**

**Opponents:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:28:57 Sen. Gillan of Lori Lamson

00:31:09 Sen. Esp of Lori Lamson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:31:50 Sen. Laslovich closed on the bill.

**Discussion:**

00:32:33 Sen. Weinberg

00:32:39 Sen. Schmidt

00:32:58 Sen. O'Neil

00:33:33 Sen. Weinberg

00:34:06 Sen. Williams

00:34:47 Sen. Schmidt

00:35:05 Sen. Weinberg

00:35:37 Sen. Gillan

00:36:27 Sen. Schmidt

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:56 P.M.

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SEN. DAN WEINBERG, Chairman

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PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([phs03aad.pdf](#))**