

**MINUTES**

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

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

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DAN WEINBERG**, on March 26, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 303 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. Terry Murphy (R)  
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

**Members Excused:**

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: 459, 3/9/2007; HB 414, 3/09/2007;  
HJ 19, 3/9/2007  
Executive Action: HB 57; HB 198; HB 437; HB 577;  
HJ 1; HJ 22

00:00:00

**HEARING ON HB 459**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:47 **REP. RALPH HEINERT (R), HD 1**, opened the hearing on **HB 459**, Revise fetus transport for autopsy purposes.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:38 Rachel Roberts, Montana Family Foundation

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:05:23 Sen. Moss to Rep. Heinert

00:07:09 Sen. Weinberg to Rep. Heinert

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:08:49 Rep. Heinert

**HEARING ON HB 414**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:09:56 **REP. MICHELE REINHART (D), HD 97**, opened the hearing on **HB 414**, Revise records regarding involuntary commitment of developmentally disabled.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:11:14 Beth Brenneman, Montana Advocacy Program

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:13:16 Sen. Esp to Rep. Reinhart

00:14:00 Sen. Esp to Beth Brenneman  
00:14:54 Sen. Esp to Rep. Reinhart  
00:15:32 Sen. Weinberg to Rep. Reinhart  
00:16:42 Sen. Weinberg to Beth Brenneman  
00:23:04 Sen. Esp to Beth Brenneman  
00:25:40 Sen. O'Neil to Beth Brenneman

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:27:32 Rep. Reinhart

**HEARING ON HJ 19**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:28:47 **REP. PENNY MORGAN (R), HD 57**, opened the hearing on **HJ 19**, Urge facilitated access to health care information for families.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:32:54 Tammy Faul, Columbus

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:44:07 Sen. Esp to Rep. Morgan  
00:46:58 Sen. Weinberg to Rep. Morgan

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:50:25 Rep. Morgan

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 57**

00:54:08 **Motion:** SEN. MOSS moved that HB 57 BE CONCURRED IN.

**Discussion:**

00:54:26 Sen. Moss

00:54:31 Sen. Esp

00:54:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with  
SEN. COBB and SEN. Gillan voting aye by proxy.

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

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 198**

00:55:45 **Motion:** SEN. MOSS moved that HB 198 BE CONCURRED IN.

**Discussion:**

00:55:57 Sen. Weinberg

00:56:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with  
SEN. COBB, SEN. GILLAN, and SEN. SCHMIDT voting aye by  
proxy.

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

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 437**

00:56:37 **Motion:** SEN. WEINBERG moved that HB 437 BE CONCURRED  
IN.

**Discussion:**

00:57:24 Sen. Williams to Sen. Weinberg

00:57:58 Sen. Weinberg

00:58:19 Sen. Williams

00:59:00 Sen. Weinberg

01:00:06 Sen. Moss

01:00:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with  
SEN. COBB, SEN. GILLAN, and SEN. SCHMIDT voting aye by  
proxy.

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

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 577

01:01:17 **Motion:** SEN. MOSS moved that HB 577 BE CONCURRED IN.

**Discussion:**

01:01:25 Sen. Esp

01:02:18 Sen. Moss

01:03:13 Sen. Weinberg

01:04:15 Sen. Cobb

01:04:31 Sen. Weinberg to Rep. Caferro

01:07:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-3 with SEN. ESP, SEN. MURPHY and SEN. O'NEIL voting no. SEN. SCHMIDT and SEN. GILLAN voting aye by proxy.

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

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 1

**Motion:** SEN. MOSS moved that HJ 1 BE CONCURRED IN.

**Discussion:**

01:08:54 Sen. Moss

01:09:34 Sen. O'Neil

01:10:01 Sen. Esp

01:10:54 Sen. Weinberg

01:12:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-3 with SEN. ESP, SEN. MURPHY and SEN. O'NEIL voting no. SEN. SCHMIDT and SEN. GILLAN voting aye by proxy.

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

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 22

01:14:10 **Motion:** SEN. WILLIAMS moved that HJ 22 BE CONCURRED IN.

**Discussion:**

01:14:20 Sen. Weinberg

01:15:03 **Vote: Motion carried 8-1 with SEN. O'NEIL voting no.  
SEN. SCHMIDT and SEN. GILLAN voting aye by proxy.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:58 P.M.

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SEN. DAN WEINBERG, Chairman

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PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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