

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order:

Vice Chairman Bill Beck, on January 23, 2009 at 8:32 A.M.,
in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bill Wilson, Chairman (D)
Rep. Bill Beck, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart, Vice Chairwoman (D)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)
Rep. Paul Beck (D)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)
Rep. Cary Smith (R)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)
Rep. Jeffery Welborn (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Santella Baglivo, Committee Secretary
Bart Campbell, 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 263, 1/15/2009; HB 264,
1/15/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 263

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:55 Rep. Cary Smith (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on
HB 263, Ensure patient's right to know costs of medical
procedures.

[EXHIBIT \(buh16a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:15 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association

[EXHIBIT \(buh16a02\)](#)

00:11:32 Rep. Augare enters.

00:16:31 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association

00:17:28 Mike Foster, Wheatland Memorial Hospital and all
Catholic Hospitals in Montana

00:23:58 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

00:25:59 Mona Jamison, Attorney, Great Falls Clinic and Great
Falls Clinic Medical Center

00:29:25 Lorena Pettet, President for Montana Physical Therapy
Association

00:30:43 Jane Hamman, Montana Association of Acupuncture and
Oriental Medicine (MAAOM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:32:59 Rep. Reinhart

00:33:47 Rep. Smith

00:34:30 Rep. Reinhart

00:34:40 Mr. Melby

00:37:14 Rep. Reinhart

00:37:30 Mr. Olsen

00:38:15 Rep. Reinhart

00:38:23 Mr. Olsen

00:39:46 Rep. Fleming

00:40:36 Mr. Olsen
00:41:22 Rep. Hunter
00:42:30 Mr. Melby
00:43:03 Rep. Milburn
00:43:22 Rep. Smith
00:44:04 Rep. Berry
00:45:11 Ms. Jamison
00:46:33 Rep. Berry
00:46:52 Rep. Smith
00:47:37 Rep. Berry
00:47:43 Rep. Reinhart
00:48:09 Rep. Smith
00:49:32 Rep. Berry
00:49:51 Ms. Jamison
00:52:05 Rep. Berry
00:52:21 Vice Chairman Beck
00:52:33 Ms. Jamison
00:53:01 Rep. Reinhart
00:53:41 Ms. Jamison

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:28 Rep. Smith

00:54:53 Vice Chairman Beck calls for a recess.
01:06:10 Vice Chairman Beck resumes meeting.

HEARING ON HB 264

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:06:26 Rep. Cary Smith (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 264, Patient's right to know insurer coverage provisions for medical procedures.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:07:51 Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield Montana
01:09:39 Rep. Smith
EXHIBIT (buh16a03)
01:10:12 Tanya Ask, New West Health Services
01:12:43 Todd Lovshin, Allegiance Benefit Plan Management and Allegiance Life and Health
01:14:36 Dennis Lopach, American Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)
01:15:27 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
01:16:03 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:16:46 Rep. Boland
01:16:59 Rep. Smith
01:19:16 Bart Campbell, Legislative Services Division
01:20:05 Vice Chairman Beck
01:20:08 Rep. Smith
01:20:29 Vice Chairman Beck
01:20:30 Rep. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

01:20:50 Rep. Smith

Announcements:

01:21:21 Vice Chairman Beck

ADJOURNMENT

01:22:19 Adjournment: 9:55 A.M.

SANTELLA BAGLIVO, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([buh16aad.pdf](#))