

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

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

**Call to Order:** Chairman Roy Brown, on March 4, 2009 at 300 P.M.,  
in Room 317-A Capitol

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Roy Brown, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)  
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)  
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Dave Lewis (R)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Joan Linkenbach, 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 151, 2/21/2009; HJ 17, 2/20/2009

Executive Action: HJ 17; HB 151

HEARING ON HJ 17

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:01 Rep. Julie French (D), HD 36, opened the hearing on HJ 17, Study use of medication aides in nursing homes.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:41 Gary Spaeth, Montana Health Care Association  
[EXHIBIT \(phs48a01\)](#)

00:08:51 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

00:09:32 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Health Care Providers

00:11:14 Robert Allen, Executive Director, Montana Nurses Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:00 Gail Hinkle, Registered Nurse

Informational Testimony:

00:15:40 Jeff Buska, Administrator, Quality Assurance Division, Department of Health and Human Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:47 Sen. Hinkle

00:17:18 Rep. French

00:17:38 Sen. Hinkle

00:18:17 Rep. French

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:34 Rep. French

HEARING ON HB 151

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

t0:20:35 Rep. Arlene Becker (D), HD 52, opened the hearing on HB 151, Revise breast reconstruction mandate to comply with federal law.

00:22:35 Sen. Lewis present

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:25:03 Christina Goe, Chief Legal Counsel, State Auditor's  
Office (SAO)

**EXHIBIT (phs48a02)**

00:27:41 Frank Cote, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Montana  
00:28:20 Susan Witte, Vice President and General Counsel,  
Allegiance Benefit Plan Management and Allegiance Life  
and Health Insurance Company  
00:29:06 Tonya Ask, New West Health Services  
00:29:54 Kathy McGowan, American Cancer Society  
00:30:20 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic  
00:30:42 Erin MacLean, Montana Medical Association  
00:31:05 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties  
00:31:43 Robert Allen, Executive Director, Montana Association  
of Nurses

**EXHIBIT (phs48a03)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:33:37 Sen. Murphy  
00:33:52 Ms. Goe, SAO  
00:34:59 Sen. Murphy  
00:35:08 Ms. Goe, SAO

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:35:54 Rep. Becker

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 17**

00:37:18 **Motion:** Sen. Juneau moved that **HJ 17 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:37:41 Sen. Hinkle  
00:38:00 Sen. Juneau  
00:38:43 Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Legislative Services  
Division (LSD)  
00:38:58 Sen. Juneau  
00:39:07 Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, LSD  
00:39:22 Sen. Larsen  
  
00:40:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote,  
present and voting. Chairman Brown will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 151**

00:41:43 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **HB 151 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:41:51 Chairman Brown

00:41:56 Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, LSD

00:42:00 Sen. Larsen

00:42:34 Sen. Murphy

00:43:02 Sen. Larsen

00:43:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, present and voting. Sen. Juneau will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:45 P.M.

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Joan Linkenbach, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([phs48aad.pdf](#))**