

**MINUTES**

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

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

**Call to Order:** Chairman Roy Brown, on March 6, 2009 at 3:00 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. Cliff Larsen (D)  
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)  
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 70, 2/20/2009; HJ 29, 3/3/2009

Executive Action: HB 70; HJ 29

**HEARING ON HB 70**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:46 Rep. Diane Sands (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HB 70, Clarify application of exclusions from drug schedules.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:01:58 Rep. Sands

**HEARING ON HJ 29**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:16 Rep. Arlene Becker (D), HD 52, opened the hearing on HJ 29, Rheumatoid arthritis awareness day.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:26 Cliff Christian, American Heart Association

00:05:45 Sen. Schmidt present

00:07:12 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association

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00:10:10 Sen. Juneau present

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:11:23 Sen. Lewis

00:11:49 Rep. Becker

00:11:53 Sen. Lewis

00:12:05 Rep. Becker

00:12:25 Sen. Lewis

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:12:40 Rep. Becker

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 70**

00:14:04 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Murphy moved that **HB 70 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Schmidt will carry the bill in the Senate.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 29**

00:15:06 Sen. Hinkle

00:15:25 **Motion:** Sen. Murphy moved that **HJ 29 BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**

00:15:54 Sen. Juneau

00:16:38 Chairman Brown

00:16:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-2 by voice vote with Sen. Hinkle and Chairman Brown voting no. Sen. Moss will carry the bill in the Senate.

00:17:54 Sen. Hinkle

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:30 P.M.

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Joan Linkenbach, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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