

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chairman Roy Brown, on April 6, 2009 at 3 P.M., in Room 317A 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)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Acting 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: SJ 35, HB 662, 4/1/2009

Executive Action: SJ 35

HEARING ON SJ 35

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:26 Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SJ 35, Study health care.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:46 William Taylor, Christian Science Committee on Publication
00:03:23 Mike Foster, Wheatland Memorial Hospital, Harlowton, and all Montana Catholic Hospitals
00:05:10 Claudia Clifford, Advocacy Director, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Montana
00:06:30 John Flink, Montana Hospital Association
00:07:47 Natalie Claiborne, Project Director, Montana State University, Bozeman
00:09:12 Gary Lusin, self, Bozeman
00:09:39 Lorena Pettet, President, Montana Chapter, American Physical Therapy Association
00:10:29 Linda Stoll, Association of Montana Public Health Officers
00:11:13 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association
00:13:24 Jamee Greer, Montana Human Rights Network
00:13:45 Mary Beth Frideres, Montana Community Health Centers
00:15:14 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association
00:15:31 Tanya Ask, New West Health Services, also representing Susan Witte, Regence Life and Health Insurance Company

EXHIBIT (phs75a01)

00:16:52 Amy Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
00:17:17 Dennis Lopach, Americas Health Insurance Plans
00:18:00 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health
00:18:53 Frank Cote, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana
00:19:55 Chelsey Fagen, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:07 Sen. Brown
00:21:15 Sen. Schmidt

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:44 Sen. Schmidt

HEARING ON HB 662

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:10 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 662, License massage therapists.

[EXHIBIT \(phs75a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:27:18 Rachael Romanelli, Chair, Government Relations Committee, American Massage Therapy Association Montana Chapter

[EXHIBIT \(phs75a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(phs75a04\)](#)

00:33:10 Deborah Kimmet, massage therapist licensed in New Mexico

00:39:38 Susan Carlson, massage therapist in Billings and massage teacher

00:43:00 Michael Eayrs, massage therapist, also bringing testimony from Dr. Stephen Biggs

[EXHIBIT \(phs75a05\)](#)

00:45:30 Henry Cloud, massage therapist, and massage teacher

00:47:17 Debra Shorrock, massage therapist

00:48:10 Kerrick Murray, self

00:49:57 Rose Stoudt, self, Missoula

00:50:31 Arin St. Cyr, massage therapist bringing testimony from Ruth Marion, owner of Health Works Institute, Bozeman

[EXHIBIT \(phs75a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(phs75a07\)](#)

00:50:58 Janie Hamman, Montana Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine

00:51:24 Kyle Forman, massage therapist

00:52:24 Robert W. Personette, massage and alternative medicine field

00:53:13 Teresa Thormahlen, massage therapist, Billings

00:53:56 Eric Anderson, Circle of Light Wellness Center, Billings

00:54:40 Linda Fahl, self, Helena

00:57:22 Celeste River, self, Missoula

01:00:47 Phil Robison, massage therapist, Helena

01:01:23 Julie Solberg, Helena

01:01:50 Claudia Fife, massage therapist, Laurel
 01:02:20 Patty Johnson, massage therapist
 01:02:37 Sue Lenander, Helena
 01:03:01 Karla Green, massage therapist
 01:03:39 Souta Calling Last, self
 01:03:57 Cynthia Clarke, self
 01:04:32 Kim Keil, licensed practical nurse and massage
 therapist
 01:04:55 Jennifer Daily, massage therapist, Helena, also
 bringing additional testimony from Jaelene Johnson

EXHIBIT (phs75a08)

01:05:51 Amy Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
 01:06:26 Mark Staples, Montana Chiropractic Association
 01:07:15 Susy Benjamin, self
 01:07:50 Jane Johnson, self, also bringing testimony from Mary
 Lakes, teacher of Shiatsu, Thai Massage, and Qigong.

EXHIBIT (phs75a09)

01:08:07 Sally Beall, massage therapist, Helena
 01:08:16 Audrey Romine, massage therapist
 01:08:49 Mary Jo Roselle, self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:09:27 Cindy Kafka, self
 01:13:03 Becky Mesaros, self, Cascade
 01:15:34 Lorena Pettet, President, Montana Physical Therapy
 Association
 01:21:05 Robert Allen, Executive Director, Montana Nurses
 Association
 01:24:20 Gary Lesin, Montana Physical Therapy Association

Informational Testimony:

01:36:15 Marilyn Kelly-Clark, Licensing Bureau, Department of
 Labor and Industry (DOLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:36:44 Sen. Lewis
 01:37:00 Gary Lesin
 01:37:17 Chairman Brown
 01:38:26 Gary Lesin
 01:38:31 Sen. Larsen
 01:42:29 Rep. Arntzen
 01:43:05 Sen. Schmidt
 01:49:30 Rachel Romanelli
 01:51:22 Sen. Murphy

01:51:50 Deb Kimmet
01:51:58 Sen. Schmidt
01:54:01 Deb Kimmet
01:54:15 Sen. Schmidt
01:54:48 Rachel Romanelli
01:55:43 Sen. Lewis
01:56:15 Robert Allen
01:57:21 Chairman Brown
01:58:19 Robert Allen
01:58:30 Chairman Brown
02:00:12 Cindy Kafka
02:00:38 Chairman Brown
02:03:42 Rachel Romanelli
02:05:50 Sen. Hinkle
02:06:43 Rachel Romanelli
02:07:04 Sen. Juneau
02:09:12 Marilyn Kelly-Clark
02:09:47 Sen. Juneau
02:10:16 Rep. Arntzen
02:10:44 Sen. Schmidt
02:16:11 Rachel Romanelli
02:17:54 Chairman Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

02:19:11 Rep. Arntzen
EXHIBIT (phs75a10)

02:23:33 Chairman Brown

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 35

02:24:06 **Motion:** Sen. Schmidt moved that **SJ 35 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

02:24:26 Chairman Brown
02:24:35 Sen. Schmidt

02:24:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously 7-0 by voice vote.

02:24:55 Sen. Lewis

02:25:26 Chairman Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:30 P.M.

Linda Keim, Acting Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([phs75aad.pdf](#))