

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chairwoman Arlene Becker, on February 6, 2009 at 3:02 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Arlene Becker, Chairwoman (D)
Rep. Mary Caferro, Vice Chairwoman (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham, Vice Chairwoman (R)
Rep. Julie French (D)
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)
Rep. David Howard (R)
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)
Rep. Michael More (R)
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)
Rep. Cary Smith (R)
Rep. Ron Stoker (R)
Rep. Jeffery Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Bill Beck (R), Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Santella Baglivo, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 325, 2/2/2009, SB 77, 2/2/2009,
SB 79, 2/2/2009

Executive Action: HB 243, HB 96, HB 265, HJ 5

HEARING ON SB 77

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:51 Sen. Carol Juneau (D), SD 8, opened the hearing on SB 77, Volunteer EMT on board of medical examiners.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:42 John Flink, Montana Hospital Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:05:42 Jean Branscum, Executive Director, Board of Medical Examiners

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:06:22 Sen. Juneau

HEARING ON SB 79

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:06:44 Sen. Carol Juneau (D), SD 8, opened the hearing on SB 79, Reduced staffing for certain ambulance transports.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:44 John Flink, Montana Hospital Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:10:16 Doug Neil, Montana State Firemen's Association

00:12:25 Bob Gilbert, City of Roundup Ambulance Service

Informational Testimony:

00:13:49 Jim DeTienne, EMS and Trauma Services, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:26 Rep. Stoker

00:14:44 Mr. Gilbert

00:14:55 Rep. Stoker
00:15:11 Mr. Gilbert
00:15:35 Rep. Ingraham
00:16:04 Mr. DeTienne
00:16:30 Rep. Ingraham
00:16:46 Mr. DeTienne
00:17:14 Chairwoman Becker
00:17:44 Mr. Neil
00:19:41 Chairwoman Becker
00:19:54 Mr. Neil
00:20:53 Chairwoman Becker
00:21:49 Sen. Juneau
00:22:01 Chairwoman Becker
00:23:01 Sen. Juneau
00:24:18 Rep. Ingraham
00:24:42 Sen. Juneau
00:26:54 Rep. Ingraham
00:27:13 Sen. Juneau

Closing by Sponsor:

00:28:04 Sen. Juneau

00:28:55 Chairwoman Becker
00:29:01 Sen. Juneau
00:29:16 Chairwoman Becker
00:29:25 Sen. Juneau

00:29:36 Chairwoman Becker calls a recess.
00:45:42 Chairwoman Becker resumes hearing. Rep. Stoker does not
return from break.

HEARING ON HB 325

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:02 Rep. Diane Sands (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HB
325, Assured coverage of colon cancer screening.

[EXHIBIT \(huh28a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:49:07 Brian Landsverk, Self, Physician
00:55:01 Rita Charles, Volunteer Advocate, AARP Montana

[EXHIBIT \(huh28a02\)](#)

00:56:39 Rosalee Walsh, Self
01:00:18 Lois Fitzpatrick, Self

[EXHIBIT \(huh28a03\)](#)

01:05:47 Kristin Page Nei, American Cancer Society, Cancer Action Network

EXHIBIT (huh28a04)

01:13:14 Susan Witte, General Counsel, Allegiance Life and Health Insurance Co.

01:14:29 Robert Allen, Executive Director, Montana Nurses Association

EXHIBIT (huh28a05)

01:16:27 Robert Shepard, Medical Director, New West Health Services

01:23:19 Christina Goe, Chief Legal Counsel, State Auditors Office

01:24:44 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

EXHIBIT (huh28a06)

01:26:18 Charlie Briggs, Vice President, Easter Seals Goodwill

01:28:07 Paula Block, Montana Primary Care Association

EXHIBIT (huh28a07)

01:30:36 Chairwoman Becker

EXHIBIT (huh28a08)

01:31:07 Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana

01:34:22 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association

01:36:57 Jim Ahrens, Montana Cancer Society

EXHIBIT (huh28a09)

01:37:29 Bob Robinson, Montana Unified School Trust

Opponents' Testimony:

01:40:40 Dennis Lopach, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

01:42:43 Don Allen, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors

Informational Testimony:

01:45:02 Connie Welsh, Department of Administration

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:45:48 Chairwoman Becker

01:46:01 Rep. Sands

01:46:23 Rep. Ingraham

01:46:42 Ms. Welsh

01:48:50 Rep. Peterson

01:49:16 Ms. Witte

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01:49:38 Ms. Witte

01:50:06 Rep. Peterson

01:50:32 Ms. Witte

01:51:13 Rep. Peterson

01:51:41 Ms. Witte

01:52:09 Rep. Peterson
01:52:24 Mr. Cote
01:53:08 Rep. Peterson
01:53:37 Mr. Cote
01:54:33 Rep. Peterson
01:54:42 Rep. Smith
01:54:56 Rep. Caferro
01:55:07 Mr. Cote
01:55:57 Rep. Smith
01:56:19 Mr. Cote
01:57:05 Rep. Smith
01:57:40 Mr. Cote
01:57:52 Rep. Ingraham
01:58:23 Rep. Sands

Closing by Sponsor:

01:58:48 Rep. Sands

02:00:10 Chairwoman Becker calls a recess.
02:07:56 Chairwoman Becker resumes hearing.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 243

02:08:13 **Motion:** Rep. Hunter moved that **HB 243 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:09:37 Rep. Peterson

02:10:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
With Rep. Beck, Rep. French, Rep. McAlpin, Rep. Stoker
voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 96

02:12:18 **Motion:** Rep. Caferro moved that **HB 96 DO PASS AS
AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:12:45 Ms. O'Connell
02:13:20 Chairwoman Becker
02:13:54 Rep. Caferro
02:15:39 Chairwoman Becker
02:15:51 Rep. Peterson
02:17:20 Rep. French
02:18:48 Rep. Welborn
02:19:54 Rep. Hunter
02:20:31 Rep. Ingraham
02:22:23 Rep. Furey

- 02:23:48 Rep. Welborn
02:24:18 Chairwoman Becker
- 02:24:45 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. French, Rep. Furey, Rep. Hunter, Rep. Noonan, Rep. McAlpin and Rep. Sands voting aye. Rep. Beck, Rep. McAlpin, and Rep. Stoker voted by proxy.
- 02:26:31 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Caferro moved that **HB 96 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Beck, Rep. McAlpin, and Rep. Stoker voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 265

- 02:26:59 **Motion:** Rep. Caferro moved that **HB 265 DO PASS**.
- 02:27:10 Rep. French
02:27:25 Chairwoman Becker
02:27:37 Rep. Caferro withdraws her motion of DO PASS on HB 265.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 5

- 02:27:50 **Motion:** Rep. Caferro moved that **HJ 5 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

- 02:28:16 Rep. Sands
- 02:28:53 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. French moved that **HJ 5 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Beck, Rep. McAlpin, Rep. Stoker voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

02:29:37 Adjournment: 5:31 P.M.

Santella Baglivo, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([huh28aad.pdf](#))