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MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair Jason Priest, on February 14, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317-C
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jason Priest, Chair (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Rowlie Hutton (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Branch
Liane Taylor, Committee Secretary

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: SB 241
SB 309

HEARING ON SB 309

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:44 Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 309, Study insurance alternatives for low-income individuals under PPACA.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:53 Cynthia Wolken, representing Center for Rural Affairs (CRA)

00:05:31 Olivia Riutta, Montana Women Vote (MWV)

00:07:28 Kim Abbott, representing Montana Human Rights Network (HRN)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

00:09:25 Chairman Priest

00:09:34 Sen. Kaufmann

00:09:51 Chairman Priest

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:14 Sen. Kaufmann

HEARING ON SB 241

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:30 Sen. Jason Priest (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 241, Revise calculation of physician reimbursement for Medicaid services.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:34 Erin MacLean, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

00:19:21 Dr. Tarif Bakdash

00:21:19 Dr. David Chavez

00:25:26 Dr. K. C. Brewington

00:27:01 Dr. Mark Rumans, Billings Clinic

00:28:33 Dr. Paul Cook, Rocky Mountain Health Network (RMHN)

00:30:26 Mike Foster, representing Catholic Hospitals

00:32:15 Bob Olson, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

00:35:41 Gabriel Kristal, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:36:20 Terry Krantz, Division Manager, Health Resources Division, Department of
Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
00:42:03 David Ewer, Budget Director, Office of the Governor
00:46:04 Matt Bugni, representing A.W.A.R.E., Inc.

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:30 Sen. Lewis
00:49:38 Terry Krantz, DPHHS
00:51:28 David Ewer, Office of the Governor
00:52:50 Sen. Lewis
00:53:00 David Ewer
00:53:15 Sen. Lewis
00:54:29 Pat Sullivan, Office of the Governor, without objection from the committee
00:55:29 Sen. Lewis
00:56:20 Pat Sullivan
00:56:41 Sen. Hutton
00:57:32 Erin MacLean, MMA
00:57:44 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals
00:59:00 Sen. Hutton
00:59:11 Mike Foster
01:00:24 Sen. Hutton
01:01:02 Mike Foster
01:01:38 Sen. Hutton
01:02:48 David Ewer
01:02:59 Sen. Hutton
01:03:23 David Ewer
01:06:06 Sen. Hutton

01:02:29 Sen. Van Dyke joined the committee.

01:07:17 Sen. Gillan
01:08:14 Mike Foster
01:08:32 Sen. Gillan
01:08:41 Erin MacLean, MMA
01:09:04 Sen. Gillan
01:09:12 Erin MacLean
01:09:53 Sen. Gillan
01:11:05 Erin MacLean

Closing by Sponsor:

01:11:13 Sen. Priest

ADJOURNMENT

01:12:06 Adjournment:

Liane Taylor, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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