

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair Jason Priest, on March 16, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jason Priest, Chair (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Rowlie Hutton (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (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.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 25

- 00:01:03 **Motion:** Sen. Murphy moved that **HB 25 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 00:01:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting with Senators Essmann and Gillan voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 559

- 00:01:47 **Motion:** Sen. Hutton moved that **HB 559 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- Discussion:**
- 00:02:01 Sen. Van Dyk
00:02:25 Sen. Priest
- 00:02:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-2 by roll call vote with Senators Gillan and Van Dyk voting no and Senators Essmann and Gillan voting by proxy.
- 00:03:15 Recess

HEARING ON HB 206

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

- 00:13:45 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 206, Constitutional amendment on freedom to choose health care coverage.

Proponents' Testimony:

- 00:15:40 Roger Nummerdor, self
0:17:39 Tim Ravndal, Montana 10th Amendment Group and Lewis and Clark Conservative Group (LCCG)
00:18:55 Bob Faw, self
00:19:35 Gayle Lair, self

Opponents' Testimony:

- 00:20:00 Gabriel Kristal, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)
00:22:46 Joy Bruck, State President, AARP
00:23:58 Rita Blouke, self

Informational Testimony: None

00:26:59 Julianne Burkhardt, LSD discussed the Constitutionality of the bill at the Chair's request.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:26 Sen. Priest

00:29:28 Rep. MacLaren, HD 89

00:29:46 Sen. Priest

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:56 Rep. MacLaren

ADJOURNMENT

00:32:54 Adjournment:

Liane Taylor, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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