

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on January 26, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. David Howard, Chair (R)
Rep. Pat Noonan, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Liz Bangerter (R)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)
Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill (D)
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Dan Kennedy (R)
Rep. Michael (Mike) More (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Dan Skattum (R)
Rep. Max Yates (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Miranda Keaster, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, 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 83, 1/19/2011; HB 183, 1/19/2011; HB 184, 1/19/2011; HB 227, 1/19/2011

00:00:56 Chairman Howard

HEARING ON HB 83

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:50 Rep. Tom Berry (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 83, Create prescription drug registry.

[**EXHIBIT\(huh20a01\)**](#)

[**EXHIBIT\(huh20a02\)**](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:06 Steve Bullock, Montana Attorney General

00:11:43 Ali Bovington, Attorney General's Office

00:16:16 Sen. Steve Gallus, Senate District 37

00:17:34 Dr. Bill Gallea, Emergency Physician, Montana Medical Association

[**EXHIBIT\(huh20a03\)**](#)

00:22:51 Annie Rice, Billings Community Member

00:26:05 Dr. Mike Metzger, Internal Medicine Physician, Billings

[**EXHIBIT\(huh20a04\)**](#)

00:31:11 Rita Charles, Volunteer Advocate, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

[**EXHIBIT\(huh20a05\)**](#)

00:32:42 Kaye Norris, Program Director, Montana Pain Initiative

[**EXHIBIT\(huh20a06\)**](#)

00:34:02 Tony King, Chairman, Montana Pharmacy Association

00:35:13 Ladonna Maxwell, Montana Nurses Association

00:36:48 Kevin Howlett, Department of Health Services, Salish Kootenai Tribes

00:38:36 Dr. Gary Mihelish, Dentist

[**EXHIBIT\(huh20a07\)**](#)

00:41:04 Wynn Meehan, Deputy Sheriff, Broadwater County

00:45:34 Susan Witte, Allegiance Life Insurance Company

00:46:01 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals of Montana

00:46:31 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

00:47:09 Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana

00:47:30 Mary McCue, Executive Director, Montana Dental Association

00:48:22 Barbara Schneeman, River Stone Health

00:48:50 Jim Ahrens, American Cancer Society

[**EXHIBIT\(huh20a08\)**](#)

00:49:32 Brad Griffin, Representative, Montana Retail Association

00:49:51 John MacDonall, City of Missoula

[**EXHIBIT\(huh20a09\)**](#)

00:50:10 Tanya Ask, New West Health Service

00:50:27 Candace Payne, Rimrock Foundation

[**EXHIBIT\(huh20a10\)**](#)

00:50:56 Mark Long, Executive Director, Montana Narcotics Officers Association

00:52:04 Larry Epstein, Montan Chief of Police/Montana Sheriff and Peace Officers Association

00:52:36 Hiedi Handford, Lincoln Community Member

00:53:21 Lori Morin, Pharmacist
00:54:02 Rebecca Sturdevant, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers

Opponents' Testimony:

00:55:31 Cindy Swank, Community Member

Informational Testimony:

00:59:19 Niki Zupanic, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
01:04:08 Maggie Connor, Bureau Chief, Department of Labor and Industry

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:04:37 Rep. Noonan
01:04:58 Steve Bullock, Attorney General
01:06:07 Rep. Noonan
01:06:13 Steve Bullock
01:06:40 Rep. Noonan
01:06:57 Steve Bullock
01:08:13 Rep. Ingraham
01:08:54 Steve Bullock
01:09:31 Rep. Ingraham
01:10:19 Steve Bullock
01:11:33 Rep. Ingraham
01:12:32 Dr. Mike Metzger, Internal Medicine Physician, Billings
01:14:04 Rep. Kennedy
01:14:42 Dr. Bill Gallea, Emergency Physician, Montana Medical Association
01:15:11 Rep. Kennedy
01:15:45 Dr. Bill Gallea
01:17:09 Rep. Kennedy
01:17:47 Rep. Hunter
01:18:31 Dr. Mike Metzger
01:19:15 Dr. Bill Gallea
01:20:08 Rep. Ingraham
01:20:35 Dr. Bill Gallea

Closing by Sponsor:

01:21:12 Rep. Tom Berry

HEARING ON HB 227

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:26:42 Rep. Bob Wagner (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 227, Revise laws relating to religious exemptions for immunizations.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:31:48 Edna Kent, Montana Families for Health Freedom
[EXHIBIT\(huh20a11\)](#)
01:38:37 Elaine Sheff, Mother
01:41:18 Katie Watterson, Apple Blossom Montessori Pre-School
[EXHIBIT\(huh20a12\)](#)
01:44:46 Dr. Anthony Lambert, Lambert Family Chiropractic
[EXHIBIT\(huh20a13\)](#)
01:46:42 Dawn Hagedorn, Parent
[EXHIBIT\(huh20a14\)](#)
01:50:45 Dr. Jim Helmer, Chiropractor
[EXHIBIT\(huh20a15\)](#)
01:52:11 Lynn Evans, Registered Nurse
[EXHIBIT\(huh20a16\)](#)
01:55:24 Noreen Humes, Community Member
[EXHIBIT\(huh20a17\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:55:55 Gabriel Kristal, Labor Director, Montana Nurses Association
01:58:56 Joe Russell, Association of Montana Public Health Officials (AMPHO)
[EXHIBIT\(huh20a18\)](#)
02:01:47 Lorrie Halcro, Rocky Mountain Pre-School
02:03:31 Robin Biskis, Rocky Mountain Pre-School
02:03:48 Sue Buswell, President, Montana Association of School Nurses
[EXHIBIT\(huh20a19\)](#)
02:07:39 Tonya DeHaven, Helena Pediatric Clinic
[EXHIBIT\(huh20a20\)](#)
02:08:16 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
02:09:21 Dr. David Myerowitz, Flathead County
02:13:05 Lora Wier, Montana Public Health Association
[EXHIBIT\(huh20a21\)](#)
02:16:03 Barbara Sheeman, River Stone Health
[EXHIBIT\(huh20a22\)](#)
02:17:11 Mike Henderson Helena Public Health Nurse
[EXHIBIT\(huh20a23\)](#)
02:18:02 Dr. Wallace Wilder, Pediatrician, Flathead County
02:19:33 Jim Murphy, State Health Department
[EXHIBIT\(huh20a24\)](#)
02:21:59 Kristina Davis, State Director, State's Children Fund
[EXHIBIT\(huh20a25\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

02:24:50 Dewey Duffel
[EXHIBIT\(huh20a26\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:29:15 Rep. More
02:29:29 Chairman Howard

Closing by Sponsor:

02:30:00 Rep. Wagner
02:33:15 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
02:34:41 Rep. Hunter
02:35:14 Sue O'Connell, LSD
02:35:29 Chairman Howard

HEARING ON HB 183/184**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:35:48 Rep. Cary Smith (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 183, Provide for high deductible health insurance thru reimbursements and tax credits and opened the hearing on HB 184, Healthcare tax credits for individuals and out-of-pocket expenses.

EXHIBIT(huh20a27)**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:45:17 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Businesses (HB 183 and HB184)
02:49:50 Daren Engellant, Provider Director, Montana Retail Association (HB 183 and HB 184)
02:53:04 Carl Graham, President, Montana Policy Institute (HB 183 and HB 184)
02:57:17 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce (HB 183 and HB 184)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:58:06 Rep. Smith
02:58:15 Rep. Hunter
02:59:23 Carl Graham
02:59:34 Rep. Hunter
03:00:27 Carl Graham
03:00:35 Rep. Hunter
03:00:40 Carl Graham
03:01:40 Rep. Hunter
03:02:19 Carl Graham
03:02:51 Rep. Hunter

03:03:02 Rep. Smith
03:03:12 Rep. Hunter
03:03:25 Rep. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

03:04:22 Rep. Smith

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:08:02

Miranda Keaster, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits

[EXHIBIT\(huh20a28\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh20a29\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh20a30\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh20a31\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh20a32\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh20a33\)](#)

Additional Documents:

[EXHIBIT\(huh20aad.pdf\)](#)