

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

**Call to Order:** Chair Jason Priest, on January 21, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jason Priest, Chair (R)  
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)  
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)  
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Art Wittich (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Emge, Committee Secretary  
Alexis Sandru, 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: SB 28, 1/18/2013

**Executive Action:** SB 12 Do Pass; SB 55 Do Pass; SB 69 Do Pass as Amended;  
SB 79 Tabled

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 12**

00:23:28 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 12 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:24:03 Sen. Thomas

00:24:52 Sen. Caferro

00:24:57 Sen. Thomas

00:26:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-2 by voice vote. Sen. Jergeson and Sen. Wanzenried voted no. Sen. Jergeson voted by proxy. Sen. Wittich was excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 55**

00:26:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Caferro moved that **SB 55 DO PASS.** Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Sen. Jergeson voted by proxy. Sen. Wittich was excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 69**

00:27:42 **Motion:** Sen. Murphy moved that **SB 69 DO PASS.**

00:27:50 **Motion:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **SB 69 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(phs12a01)**

**Discussion:**

00:28:10 Chairman Priest

00:28:28 Ms. Sandru, LSD

00:29:10 Sen. Wanzenried

00:29:50 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Wanzenried made a substitute motion that **SB 69 BE AMENDED BY SEGREGATING SECTION 1 AND 2.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

00:30:24 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **SB 69 BE AMENDED WITH SECTION 2.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

00:30:44 **Motion:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **SB 69 BE AMENDED WITH SECTION 1.**

**Discussion:**

00:32:03 Sen. Thomas

00:34:10 Sen. Caferro

00:34:15 Sen. Thomas

00:34:22 Chairman Priest

00:34:48 Sen. Wanzenried

00:35:26 Ms. Sonju

00:36:02 Chairman Priest  
00:36:28 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Healthcare Association (MHA)  
00:37:43 Chairman Priest  
00:38:07 Sen. Thomas  
00:39:16 Sen. Caferro  
00:40:03 Chairman Priest

00:40:41 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Jergeson and Sen. Wanzenried voting aye. Sen. Jergeson and Sen. Wittich voted by proxy.

00:41:06 Sen. Jergeson entered the hearing.

00:41:29 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Murphy moved that **SB 69 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Wittich voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 79**

00:42:26 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 79 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

00:42:53 Sen. Wanzenried  
00:43:44 Sen. Murphy  
00:44:22 Sen. Caferro  
00:44:28 Chairman Priest  
00:45:10 Sen. Wanzenried  
00:45:45 Sen. Caferro

00:46:05 **Vote:** Motion failed 1-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Thomas voting aye. Sen. Wittich voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

00:46:58 Chairman Priest  
00:47:28 Sen. Jergeson  
00:50:20 Sen. Thomas  
00:51:40 Sen. Jergeson  
00:52:28 Chairman Priest

00:53:08 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **SB 79 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 5-2 by voice vote with Sen. Jergeson and Sen. Thomas voting no. Sen. Wittich voted by proxy.

**HEARING ON SB 28**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:54:46 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 28, Authorize Montana joining interstate insurance product regulation compact.

[EXHIBIT\(phs12a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(phs12a03\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:00:44 Adam Schafer, Deputy Commissioner for the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Montana State Auditor (CSI)

01:04:40 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Council of Life Insurers, AFLAC, Homesteaders Life Insurance Company, Farmers Insurance Group, American Insurance Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:08:08 Sen. Jergeson

01:08:32 Sen. Thomas

01:10:19 Chairman Priest

01:10:32 Mr. Schafer

01:10:50 Chairman Priest

01:11:11 Sen. Thomas

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:12:20 Sen. Thomas

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:00 pm

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Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([phs12aad.pdf](#))**