

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair Jason Priest, on January 25, 2013 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. 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 27, 1/10/2013; SB 159, 1/22/2013

Executive Action:

SB 11 Partial Action
SB 28 Do Pass as Amended

HEARING ON SB 159

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:32 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 159, Revise traumatic brain injury contribution on vehicle registration to opt-out.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:47 Tana Ostrowski, representing herself

00:23:35 Jessica Malouf, representing herself

00:24:09 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Montana

00:25:31 Donald Johnston, representing himself

EXHIBIT(phs16a01)

00:26:24 Douglas Dove, representing himself

00:27:44 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

00:28:40 Carol Wilcock, representing herself

00:29:15 Tammy Dove, representing herself

00:29:45 Barb Swehla, representing herself

00:30:46 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyer's Association (MTLA)

00:31:40 Beth Brenneman, Staff Attorney, Disability Rights Montana

00:32:37 Kristen Morgan, Program Director, Brain Injury Alliance of Montana (BIAM)

EXHIBIT(phs16a02)

00:37:54 Jana Suchy, representing herself

Opponents' Testimony:

00:39:48 Dave Ponte, representing himself

00:41:00 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

Informational Testimony:

00:43:05 Kristen Morgan, BIAM

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:50 Sen. Hamlett

HEARING ON SB 27

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:45:48 Sen. Cliff Larsen (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 27, Revise Insure Montana laws to expand small employer definition.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:49:37 Adam Schafer, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State Auditor (CSI)

[EXHIBIT\(phs16a03\)](#)

00:52:20 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

00:53:38 Joy Bruck, State President, AARP Montana

[EXHIBIT\(phs16a04\)](#)

00:55:20 Rhonda Wiggers, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce (GFCC) and Helena Chamber of Commerce (HCC)

00:57:16 Frank Cote, Chief Sales Officer, Blue Cross Blue Shield Montana (BCBSMT)

00:58:01 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

00:59:16 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:00:24 Sen. Larsen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 28

01:04:35 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 28 DO PASS**.

01:06:12 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 28 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Wanzenried voted by proxy. Sen. Wittich was excused.

[EXHIBIT\(phs16a05\)](#)

01:07:47 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 28 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Sen. Wanzenried voted by proxy. Sen. Wittich was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 11

01:08:33 **Motion:** Sen. Caferro moved that **SB 11 DO PASS.**

01:08:53 **Motion:** Sen. Caferro moved that **SB 11 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(phs16a06)

Discussion:

01:09:14 Sen. Caferro
01:11:18 Sen. Wanzenried entered the hearing.
01:11:48 Sen. Caferro
01:13:45 Sen. Wanzenried
01:16:34 Sen. Murphy
01:16:43 Sen. Caferro
01:17:09 Sen. Thomas
01:17:35 Sen. Caferro
01:17:55 Chairman Priest
01:18:24 Sen. Wanzenried
01:18:50 Sen. Caferro
01:19:25 Sen. Thomas
01:23:12 Sen. Caferro
01:23:25 Sen. Thomas
01:24:03 Alexis Sandru, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:24:26 Sen. Thomas

01:24:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote by those present and voting.

01:24:56 Chairman Priest
01:25:13 Sen. Wanzenried

01:25:40 **Motion:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **SB 11 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:25:50 Sen. Jergeson
01:26:30 Sen. Priest
01:27:25 Sen. Thomas
01:28:01 Sen. Jergeson
01:28:22 Sen. Thomas
01:28:46 Chairman Priest

01:29:10 Sen. Wanzenried **WITHDREW MOTION SB 11 DO PASS AS AMENDED**

Discussion:

01:29:25 Chairman Priest
01:30:50 Sen. Wanzenried
01:31:00 Chairman Priest
01:31:15 Sen. Thomas

01:31:28 Sen. Jergeson
01:32:17 Chairman Priest
01:32:32 Sen. Wanzenried

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:20

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([phs16aad.pdf](#))