

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair Jason Priest, on February 20, 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 298, 2/13/2013; SB 323, 2/14/2013; SB 358, 2/19/2013

Executive Action:	SB 223	Do Pass as Amended
	SB 292	Do Pass
	SB 296	Do Pass
	SB 298	Do Pass

HEARING ON SB 358

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:35 Sen. Edward Walker (R), SD 29, opened the hearing on SB 358, Revise allocation of legislators in certain legislative committees.

[EXHIBIT\(phs38a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:35 Sen. Wanzenried
00:26:44 Sen. Walker
00:27:13 Sen. Thomas
00:29:14 Sen. Walker
00:30:15 Sen. Jergeson
00:32:25 Sen. Walker
00:33:11 Sen. Jergeson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:38 Sen. Walker

HEARING ON SB 323

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:10 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 323, Revise workers' compensation laws on prescribing schedule II and III drugs.

[EXHIBIT\(phs38a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:44:08 Kevin Braun, representing Montana State Fund (MSF)
00:46:47 Kiely Keane, representing Montana Medical Association (MMA)
00:50:16 Aidan Myhre, representing Kalispell Regional Medical Center (KRMC)
00:52:15 Aimee Grmoljez, representing Billings Clinic (BC)
00:53:19 Jessie Luther, representing Montana Self Insurers Association (MSIA), Montana Contractors Compensation Fund (MCCF), Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA)
00:54:00 Mike Foster, representing Catholic Hospitals of Montana (CHM)
00:54:52 Gary Mihelish, DMD, representing himself

Opponents' Testimony:

00:56:28 Andrea Olsen, representing Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:00:00 Sen. Wanzenried
01:04:01 Sen. Thomas
01:04:13 Chairman Priest
01:05:28 Sen. Thomas
01:07:18 Chairman Priest
01:10:35 Ms. Grmoljez
01:10:55 Chairman Priest
01:11:21 Sen. Thomas

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:51 Sen. Thomas

Committee Discussion:

01:15:07 Chairman Priest
01:15:31 Sen. Caferro
01:15:40 Chairman Priest

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 223

01:18:12 **Motion:** Sen. Caferro moved that **SB 223 DO PASS.**

01:19:47 **Motion:** Sen. Caferro moved that **SB 223 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(phs38a03\)](#)

Discussion:

01:21:25 Sen. Wanzenried
01:21:39 Alexis Sandru, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:21:55 Sen. Wanzenried
01:22:15 Sen. Caferro
01:22:39 Sen. Wanzenried
01:24:27 Christina Goe, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State Auditor (CSI)
01:24:38 Sen. Thomas
01:25:38 Sen. Caferro

01:27:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Wittich voted by proxy.

01:27:21 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Caferro moved that **SB 223 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.
Motion carried 6-1 by voice vote with Sen. Wanzenried voting no. Sen. Wittich
voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 272

01:28:25 Chairman Priest
01:28:41 Ms. Sandru, LSD
01:29:20 Sen. Wanzenried
01:30:10 Chairman Priest
01:30:18 Ms. Sandru

EXHIBIT(phs38a04)

01:30:23 Chairman Priest
01:30:30 Ms. Sandru
01:30:46 Chairman Priest
01:31:01 Sen. Jergeson
01:32:14 Sen. Wanzenried
01:32:27 Chairman Priest

Note: No action taken - waiting on fiscal note and amendments.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 292

01:34:00 **Motion:** Sen. Murphy moved that **SB 292 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:34:48 Sen. Thomas
01:35:00 Ms. Sandru
01:36:00 Chairman Priest

01:36:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Wanzenried voting no. Sen.
Wittich voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 296

01:38:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 296 DO PASS**. Motion carried 7-0
by voice vote. Sen. Wittich voted by proxy.

01:40:25 Recess

01:58:50 Reconvened

HEARING ON SB 298

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:58:58 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), SD 16, opened the hearing on SB 298, Consider
adverse childhood experiences in state prevention efforts.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:01:47 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
Montana
02:03:50 Alicia Smith, representing herself

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:06:21 Sen. Thomas
02:07:34 Sen. Windy Boy
02:09:30 Sen. Jergeson
02:10:18 Sen. Windy Boy
02:11:00 Mr. Kuntz, NAMI

Closing by Sponsor:

02:12:50 Sen. Windy Boy

(Sen. Wanzenried was not present for executive action)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 298

02:16:00 **Motion:** Sen. Caferro moved that **SB 298 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:16:12 Sen. Thomas
02:16:39 Sen. Jergeson
02:16:46 Chairman Priest
02:18:03 Sen. Jergeson
02:19:43 Chairman Priest
02:19:58 Sen. Caferro

02:21:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Wanzenried and Sen. Wittich voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:25 pm

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs38aad.pdf](#))