

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair Jason Priest, on April 12, 2013 at 3:30 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: Alexis Sandru, Legislative Branch
Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 623, 4/11/2013

Executive Action: HB 262, Be Concurred In
HB 604, Be Concurred In As Amended
HB 623, Be Concurred In As Amended
HB 489, Motion Failed (vote not reported out of committee)

Discussion:

00:46:10 Chairman Priest
00:49:10 Sen. Wanzenried
00:49:19 Chairman Priest
00:50:03 Sen. Caferro
00:50:14 Chairman Priest

HEARING ON HB 623 AND THE AMENDMENT

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:50:41 Rep. Liz Bangerter (R), HD 80, opened the hearing on HB 623, Generally revise laws related to health care and health insurance.
00:51:10 Sen. Thomas took over responsibilities of the chair.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:53 Sen. Wanzenried
00:52:22 Rep. Bangerter

Opening Statement by Sponsors: (on the amendment)

00:52:34 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 13, Great Falls opened the hearing on amendments to HB 623

EXHIBIT(phs77a01)

00:56:09 Sen. Jason Priest (R), SD 30, Red Lodge

Proponents' Testimony:

01:05:40 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

01:07:18 Bob Runkel, Branch Manager, Economic Security Services, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
01:12:36 Jim Ahrens, American Cancer Society, Cancer Action Network
01:16:17 Tyler Trevor, Associate Commissioner for Planning & Analysis, Montana University System (MUS)
01:19:35 Tara Veazey, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

Informational Testimony:

01:24:59 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

EXHIBIT(phs77a02)

01:26:59 Mark Taylor, Montana Hospital Association
01:28:03 Mark Staples, Blue Cross Blue Shield Montana (BCBSMT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:28:53 Sen. Wanzenried
01:35:53 Sen. Buttrey
01:36:23 Sen. Jergeson
01:38:26 Sen. Buttrey

Closing by Sponsor:

01:39:06 Sen. Buttrey
01:42:47 Sen. Priest

01:47:32 recess
01:58:04 reconvened

Chairman Priest resumed the responsibilities of the Chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 262

01:58:39 **Motion:** Sen. Jergeson moved that **HB 262 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:59:04 Chairman Priest

01:59:43 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Sen. Wittich was excused. Sen. Jergeson will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 489

02:00:21 **Motion:** Sen. Jergeson moved that **HB 489 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:00:31 Sen. Jergeson
02:01:36 Chairman Priest

02:02:35 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Jergeson and Sen. Wanzenried voting aye. Sen. Wittich voted by proxy. (vote not reported out of committee)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 604

02:03:23 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **HB 604 BE CONCURRED IN.**

02:04:43 **Motion:** Sen. Jergeson moved that **HB 604 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(phs77a03\)](#)

Discussion:

02:04:56 Sen. Jergeson
02:06:18 Chairman Priest
02:06:30 Sen. Thomas
02:07:39 Sen. Jergeson
02:08:29 Sen. Thomas
02:08:34 Chairman Priest
02:09:04 Sen. Jergeson

02:10:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Thomas moved to **SEGREGATE SECTION 3 FROM THE REST OF THE AMENDMENT AND TO AMEND HB 604 WITH SECTION 3.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

02:10:37 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Jergeson and Sen. Wanzenried voting aye. Sen. Wittich voted by proxy. (vote on remaining sections of the amendment)

02:11:06 **Motion:** Sen Thomas moved that **HB 604 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(phs77a04)

Discussion:

02:11:25 Sen. Thomas

02:11:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

02:11:47 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Thomas moved that **HB 604 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Jergeson and Sen. Wanzenried voting no. Sen. Wittich voted by proxy. Sen. Priest will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 623

02:12:26 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **HB 623 BE CONCURRED IN.**

02:12:34 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **HB 623 BE AMENDED.** (see exhibit 1)

Discussion:

02:12:47 Sen. Jergeson
02:14:30 Sen. Wanzenried
02:18:52 Chairman Priest

02:19:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Jergeson and Sen. Wanzenried voting no. Sen. Caferro and Sen. Wittich voted by proxy.

02:19:42

Motion/Vote: Sen. Thomas moved that **HB 623 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Jergeson and Sen. Wanzenried voting no. Sen. Caferro and Sen. Wittich voted by proxy. Sen. Thomas will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:10 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs77aad.pdf](#))