

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Fred Thomas, on January 30, 2015, at 2:10 PM in Room 317  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Fred Thomas, Chair (R)  
Sen. David Howard, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Diane Sands (D)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)  
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Mary Caferro (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Barbara Pietuch, 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 217, 1/27/2015

00:00:01 Chairman Thomas

**HEARING ON SB 217**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:55 Sen. Kris Hansen (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 217, Revise laws related to vital statistics.

[EXHIBIT\(phs21a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(phs21a02\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:08:28 Virginia Seigel, military member, Montana resident, representing herself

00:11:48 Sarah Boyce, representing herself

[EXHIBIT\(phs21a03\)](#)

00:17:47 Jessica Osmundson, representing herself

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:18:54 Todd Harwell, administrator, Public Health and Safety Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

[EXHIBIT\(phs21a04\)](#)

00:26:39 Joe Russell, public health officer, Flathead City-County Health Department

**Informational Testimony:**

00:29:44 Chad Dexter, administrator, Child Support Enforcement Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:30:23 Sen. Howard

00:30:38 Mr. Harwell, DPHHS

00:30:53 Sen. Howard

00:30:59 Mr. Harwell

00:31:42 Sen. Howard

00:31:48 Mr. Harwell

00:32:05 Sen. Howard

00:32:23 Mr. Harwell

00:32:33 Sen. Swandal

00:32:50 Mr. Harwell

00:33:25 Sen. Swandal

00:34:07 Mr. Harwell

00:34:52 Sen. Swandal

00:35:13 Mr. Harwell

00:35:48 Sen. Swandal

00:36:07 Mr. Harwell

00:36:22 Sen. Swandal  
00:36:36 Mr. Harwell  
00:36:39 Sen. Sands  
00:37:27 Mr. Harwell  
00:37:48 Chairman Thomas  
00:38:30 Mr. Harwell  
00:38:38 Chairman Thomas  
00:38:54 Mr. Harwell  
00:39:19 Nicholas Domitrovich, staff attorney, Office of Legal Affairs, Department of Public Health and Human Services, DPHHS  
00:40:15 Chairman Thomas  
00:40:44 Mr. Domitrovich, DPHHS  
00:41:11 Chairman Thomas  
00:41:33 Mr. Domitrovich  
00:41:43 Chairman Thomas  
00:41:50 Sen. Swandal  
00:42:15 Chairman Thomas  
00:42:20 Sen. Howard  
00:42:35 Mr. Domitrovich  
00:42:51 Sen. Howard  
00:43:05 Mr. Domitrovich  
00:43:14 Sen. Sands  
00:43:47 Sen. Howard  
00:43:59 Sen. Sands  
00:44:02 Chairman Thomas  
00:44:27 Mr. Harwell  
00:45:13 Chairman Thomas  
00:45:45 Mr. Harwell  
00:45:57 Chairman Thomas  
00:46:06 Mr. Harwell  
00:46:08 Chairman Thomas  
00:46:33 Mr. Harwell  
00:46:49 Chairman Thomas  
00:46:57 Mr. Harwell

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:47:11 Sen. Hansen

**Committee Business:**

00:52:26 Chairman Thomas

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:14 PM

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Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([phs21aad.pdf](#))**