

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Fred Thomas, on April 1, 2015 at 2:30 PM, in Room 405 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)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary  
Alexis Sandru, Legislative Branch

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**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 479, 3/30/2015; SR 48, 3/30/2015; SR 49, 3/30/2015

Executive Action: SR 48 - BE ADOPTED; SR 49 - BE ADOPTED; HB - 517 BE CONCURRED  
IN AS AMENDED

00:00:01 Chairman Thomas turned the chair over to Sen. Swandal

00:00:05 Sen. Howard left the hearing.

00:00:06 Sen. C. Smith left the hearing.

**HEARING ON SR 48**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:46 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SR 48, Confirm appointee for board of dentistry.

[EXHIBIT\(phs68a01\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:01:33 Sen. Thomas

**HEARING ON SR 49**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:49 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SR 49, Confirm appointee for board of nursing home administrators.

[EXHIBIT\(phs68a02\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:02:26 Sen. Thomas

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 48**

00:03:03 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Sands moved that **SR 48 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Howard, Sen. Smith and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 49**

00:03:31 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Sands moved that **SR 49 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Howard, Sen. Smith and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 517**

00:04:09 **Motion:** Sen. Sands moved that **HB 517 BE CONCURRED IN**.

00:04:15 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **HB 517 BE AMENDED**.  
[EXHIBIT\(phs68a03\)](#)

**Discussion:**

00:05:16 Chairman Swandal

00:05:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Howard, Sen. Smith and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:06:29 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Sands moved that **HB 517 BE AMENDED WITH A CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Howard, Sen. Smith and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

00:06:56 Sen. Thomas

00:07:09 Chairman Swandal

00:08:45 Sen. Sands

00:09:03 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Thomas moved that **HB 517 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Howard, Sen. Smith and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Swandal will carry the bill.

00:10:10 Recess

00:24:55 Reconvene

**HEARING ON HB 479**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:25:31 Rep. Albert Olszewski (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 479, Revise laws regarding fetal surgery.

**[EXHIBIT\(phs68a04\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:27:29 Gary Bacon, representing himself  
00:28:26 Jeff Laszloffy, president, Montana Family Foundation (MFF)  
00:31:48 Gregg Turde, executive director, Right to Life of Montana  
00:34:16 Matt Brower, executive director, Montana Catholic Conference  
00:36:18 Rep. Albert Olszewski, HD 11

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:36:55 Maggie Moran, executive director, NARAL Pro-Choice Montana (NARAL)

**[EXHIBIT\(phs68a05\)](#)**

00:42:54 Sen. Thomas  
00:43:16 Martha Stahl, president and chief executive officer, Planned Parenthood of Montana (PPM)  
00:45:47 Niki Zupanic, public policy director, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU-Montana)  
00:48:10 Kim Abbott, outreach and engagement director, Montana Human Rights Network  
00:48:34 Kelsen Young, executive director, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:49:01 Sen. Sands  
00:49:32 Ms. Zupanic, ACLU-Montana  
00:50:26 Sen. Thomas  
00:50:49 Rep. Olszewski  
00:56:39 Sen. Thomas  
00:57:27 Rep. Olszewski  
00:59:27 Sen. Thomas  
01:00:31 Ms. Moran, NARAL  
01:02:09 Sen. Thomas  
01:03:15 Ms. Moran  
01:03:48 Chairman Swandal  
01:04:09 Rep. Olszewski  
01:07:06 Sen. Sands  
01:07:59 Rep. Olszewski  
01:09:58 Sen. Sands  
01:10:20 Rep. Olszewski

01:11:17 Sen. Sands  
01:11:42 Rep. Olszewski  
01:12:31 Sen. Sands  
01:13:30 Ms. Zupanic  
01:15:34 Sen. Thomas  
01:16:15 Ms. Stahl, PPM  
01:16:48 Sen. Thomas  
01:18:07 Ms. Stahl  
01:18:28 Sen. Thomas  
01:18:42 Ms. Stahl  
01:19:33 Sen. Thomas  
01:20:29 Mr. Laszloffy, MFF  
01:21:17 Sen. Thomas

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:21:51 Rep. Olszewski

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:10 P.M.

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Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([phs68aad.pdf](#))**