MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order:  By CHAIRMAN DAN WEINBERG, on February 5, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:
Sen. Dan Weinberg, Chairman (D)
Sen. Lynda Moss, Vice Chairman (D)
Sen. John Cobb (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused:
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)

Members Absent:  None.

Staff Present:  Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:
Hearing & Date Posted:  SB 287, 1/31/2007
Executive Action:  SB 186; SB 287; SB 182; SB 140
HEARING ON SB 287

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. DAN WEINBERG (D), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 287, Revise uniform anatomical gift act.

Proponents' Testimony:

Diana Clark, CEO, Life Center Northwest Organ Donation Network
Gloria Hermanson, Life Center Northwest, Montana Academy of Ophthalmology, Society of Otolaryngology
Joe Mazurek, self
Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association
Marjorie Allen, Missoula
Jani McCall, Billings Clinic
Winter Michelberry, self

EXHIBIT (phs25a01)
Viola Green, self

EXHIBIT (phs25a02)
Jennifer Knight, Sight Life and Northwest Lions for Sight and Hearing
Jim Phillips, self

EXHIBIT (phs25a03)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:
Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
Sen. Trudi Schmidt
Closing by Sponsor:
00:40:26 Sen. Weinberg closed on the bill.
00:43:46 recess
00:51:27 reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 186

00:51:58 Motion: SEN. ESP moved that SB 186 DO PASS.
00:52:08 Motion: SEN. ESP moved that SB018601.ALG BE ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT (phs25a04)

Discussion:
00:53:49 Sen. O'Neil
00:54:29 Bob Robinson, Montana School Services Foundation
00:54:40 Sen. O'Neil to Bob Robinson, School Services Foundation
00:56:35 Sen. Williams to Sen. Esp
00:56:54 Sen. Weinberg to Sen. Esp
00:58:15 Sen. Schmidt to Sen. Esp
00:59:27 Vote: Motion failed 4-5 by voice vote with SEN. COBB, SEN. ESP, SEN. MURPHY, and SEN. WEINBERG voting aye. SEN. SCHMIDT voted aye by proxy.

01:00:48 Sen. Esp withdrew his motion

01:01:00 Motion: SEN. COBB moved that SB 186 DO PASS.

Discussion:
01:01:03 Sen. Murphy
01:01:58 Sen. Esp

01:03:08 Vote: Motion failed 3-6 by roll call vote with SEN. COBB, SEN. O'NEIL, and SEN. WILLIAMS voting aye.
Motion: SEN. O'NEIL moved TO RECONSIDER ACTION ON SB 186.

Motion: SEN. ESP moved a SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO TABLE SB 186

Vote: Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with SEN. O'NEIL voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 142

Sen. Weinberg announced SEN. MURPHY, ESP and MOSS would be on a subcommittee on SB 142.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 287

Motion: SEN. MOSS moved that SB 287 DO PASS.

Motion: SEN. WEINBERG moved that AMENDMENT SB028701.ALJ BE ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT (phs25a05)

Discussion:

Gloria Hermanson, Life Center Northwest

Sen. Cobb

Sen. Schmidt to Gloria Hermanson, Life Center Northwest

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with SEN. ESP, WILLIAMS and GILLAN voting aye by proxy.

Motion: SEN. COBB moved that SB 287 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Sen. Schmidt

Sen. Cobb withdrew his motion

SEN. SCHMIDT had a conceptual amendment on page 16, line 10 to add "who is in a health care facility."

Discussion:

Sen. O'Neil
Motion: SEN. MURPHY moved that the CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT BE ADOPTED.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with SEN. ESP and SEN. GILLAN voting aye by proxy.

Motion: SEN. COBB moved that SB 287 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

Sen. Moss

Vote: Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with SEN. ESP voting no by proxy. SEN. GILLAN voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 182

Motion: SEN. COBB moved that SB 182 BE TABLED.

Sen. Cobb

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with SEN. ESP and SEN. GILLAN voting aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 140

Motion: SEN. WEINBERG moved that SB 140 DO PASS.

Motion: SEN. WEINBERG moved that AMENDMENT SB014001.ALJ BE ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT (phs25a06)

Erin McGowan-Fincham

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with SEN. ESP and SEN. GILLAN voting aye by proxy.

Motion: SEN. WEINBERG moved that AMENDMENT SB014002.ALJ BE ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT (phs25a07)

Erin McGowan-Fincham
01:26:48 Sen. Cobb to Erin McGowan-Fincham

01:28:11 Sen. Cobb to Christina Goe, Attorney, Department of Insurance

01:29:30 Sen. Weinberg to Christina Goe, Department of Insurance

01:30:47 Sen. Cobb to Christina Goe, Department of Insurance


01:32:28 Erin McGowan-Fincham

01:33:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:33:15 **Motion:** SEN. WEINBERG moved that AMENDMENT SB014003.ALJ BE ADOPTED.

**EXHIBIT** (phs25a08)

01:33:22 Erin McGowan-Fincham

01:34:43 Sen. O'Neil

01:35:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with SEN. O'NEIL voting no. SEN. ESP and SEN. GILLAN voting aye by proxy.

01:35:16 **Motion:** SEN. COBB moved that SB 140 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

**Discussion:**

01:35:27 Sen. Schmidt to Christina Goe, Department of Insurance

01:37:56 Sen. O'Neil to Sen. Weinberg

01:41:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with SEN. ESP and SEN. GILLAN voting aye by proxy.
ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:56 P.M.

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SEN. DAN WEINBERG, Chairman

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PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT (phs25aad.pdf)