

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By Chairman Ron Stoker, on January 15, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ron Stoker, Chairman (R)
Rep. Arlene Becker, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Tom McGillvray, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)
Rep. Julie French (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. William J. Jones (R)
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, 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: HB 77, 1/5/2007; HB92, 1/5/2007
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON HB 77

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:01 Rep. Edith Clark (R), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 77, Right of recovery under Medicaid provisions of the deficit reduction act.

Proponents Testimony:

00:03:39 Jeff Buska, Administrator, Quality Assurance Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

[EXHIBIT\(huh09a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh09a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh09a03\)](#)

00:15:06 Mark Burzyski, Vice President of Health Affairs, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Montana

00:15:53 Angela Huschka, New West Health Services

Opponents: none.

Informational Testimony:

00:16:53 Ali Bovingdon, Attorney General's Office

00:21:15 Christina Goe, Attorney General's Office

00:22:28 Rep. Stoker

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:43 Rep. Dutton

00:24:22 Mr. Burzyski

00:24:45 Rep. Peterson

00:25:19 Ms. Goe

00:27:54 Rep. Stoker

00:28:04 Ms. Goe

00:28:20 Rep. Peterson

00:28:49 Mr. Buska

00:33:58 Rep. Peterson

00:34:18 Mr. Buska

00:36:06 Rep. McGillvray

00:36:25 Mr. Buska

00:39:14 Rep. Ingraham

00:39:45 Mr. Buska

00:41:22 Mr. Burzyski

00:41:52 Rep. Dutton

00:42:43 Mr. Buska

00:44:11 Rep. Ingraham

00:44:38 Mr. Buska

00:45:40 Rep. French

00:46:21 Mr. Buska

00:48:03 Rep. Peterson

00:49:16 Rep. Stoker
00:49:26 Rep. Peterson
00:49:44 Mr. Buska
00:50:01 Barbara Hoffmann, Attorney, DPHHS
00:50:40 Mr. Buska
00:52:05 Rep. Stoker
00:52:14 Ms. Bovingdon
00:54:16 Rep. Peterson
00:54:29 Rep. Stoker

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:40 Rep. Clark

HEARING ON HB 92

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:56:11 Rep. Eve Franklin (D), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 92, Modernize public health laws.

Proponents Testimony:

01:00:03 Jane Smilie, Administrator, Public Health and Safety Division, DPHHS

EXHIBIT(huh09a04)

01:08:12 Tom Ellerhoff, Department of Environmental Quality
01:08:43 Lora Wier, Public Health Nurse, Montana Public Health Association

01:09:27 Ellen Leahy, Missoula Public Health Department

EXHIBIT(huh09a05)

01:12:17 Cheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties
01:12:53 Melanie Reynolds, Health Officer for Lewis and Clark County, Association of Montana Public Health Officials

EXHIBIT(huh09a06)

01:15:24 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association
01:16:02 Charles Brooks, Yellowstone County Commissioners
01:17:12 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health

Opponents Testimony:

01:17:44 John Fitzpatrick, NW Energy

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:23:17 Rep. McAlpin
01:23:33 Ms. Leahy
01:23:56 Rep. Becker
01:24:27 Ms. Smilie
01:26:09 Rep. McGillvray
01:27:39 Ms. Smilie
01:31:33 Rep. Ingraham
01:32:30 Ms. Smilie
01:33:15 Rep. McAlpin
01:33:30 Ms. Smilie
01:33:35 Rep. Peterson
01:38:12 Ms. Smilie
01:45:19 Denise Pizzini, Counsel, DPHHS, Public Health and
Safety Division
01:49:24 Rep. Stoker
01:49:30 Rep. Reinhart
01:49:39 Ms. Pizzini
01:51:00 Rep. Reinhart
01:51:11 Ms. Leahy
01:53:44 Rep. Becker
01:55:00 Ms. Smilie
01:57:47 Rep. Caffero
01:59:08 Ms. Smilie
01:59:23 Ms. Leahy
02:04:29 Rep. Sands
02:05:25 Ms. Smilie
02:06:59 Rep. Jones
02:07:59 Rep. Franklin
02:08:43 Ms. Smilie
02:10:46 Rep. Dutton
02:11:03 Ms. Smilie
02:15:43 Rep. McGillvray
02:16:26 Ms. Smilie
02:18:33 Tom Ellerhoff
02:20:07 Rep. McGillvray
02:20:57 Ms. Smilie
02:23:00 Mr. Ellerhoff
02:23:49 Rep. Becker
02:24:15 Ms. Smilie
02:24:33 Rep. Ingraham
02:25:13 Ms. Smilie
02:25:49 Rep. Stoker

Closing by Sponsor:

02:26:36 Rep. Franklin
02:32:12 Rep. McAlpin
02:32:45 Rep. Stoker

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:35 P.M.

REP. RON STOKER, Chairman

DEBBIE CARLSON, Secretary

RS/dc

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([huh09aad.pdf](#))