

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By Vice-Chairman Mike Milburn, on January 17, 2007, at 8:00 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Scott Mendenhall, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jim Keane, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Mike Milburn, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Bill Thomas (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Ralph Heinert
Rep. Wayne Stahl

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch
Nancy Kraft, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 101, 1/11/2007; HB 156,
1/11/2007; HB 190, 1/11/2007
Executive Action: HB 156; HB 29; HB 212; HB 213

HEARING ON HB 156

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:14 Rep. Eve Franklin (D), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 156, Revise long-term care insurance laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:00 Christina Goe, State Auditor's Office

[EXHIBIT\(buh11a01\)](#)

00:13:29 Frank Cote, America's Health Insurance Plans

[EXHIBIT\(buh11a02\)](#)

00:18:34 Robert Speirer, Volunteer Advocate for AARP of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(buh11a03\)](#)

00:21:39 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Counsel of Life Insurers

00:22:26 Don Allen, National Association of Financial Advisors

00:23:54 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:25:22 Hank Hudson, Department of Public Health & Human Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:51 Rep. Franklin

HEARING ON HB 190

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:14 Rep. Bill Thomas (D), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 190, Revise card game act.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:30:09 Gene Huntington, Department of Justice

[EXHIBIT\(buh11a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh11a05\)](#)

00:39:36 Rich Miller, Gaming Industry Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:43:15 Michael O'Brien

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:52 Rep. Furey
00:46:26 Mr. O'Brien
00:46:39 Rep. Van Dyk
00:48:38 Rep. Thomas
00:49:06 Rep. Windy Boy
00:49:55 Rep. Thomas
00:52:39 Rep. Arntzen
00:53:31 Mr. Huntington

Closing by Sponsor: None

00:54:15 Chairman Mendenhall arrived.

HEARING ON HB 101

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:56:07 Rep. Bob Ebinger (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 101, Revise insurance coverage for pediatric audiological services.

EXHIBIT(buh11a06)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:58:46 Rob Forstenzer, The Lore Kann Foundation
01:02:02 Lucie Forstenzer
01:03:58 Connie Krogstad
01:06:24 Karen Krogstad
01:08:45 Jeff Krogstad
01:11:42 Cleo Klepzig
01:16:30 Brad Griffin
01:17:18 Sarah Eyer

EXHIBIT(buh11a07)

01:21:14 Kathy Johnson, Montana School for the Deaf & Blind

EXHIBIT(buh11a08)

01:23:27 Wendy Williams
01:25:27 Maureen Leo
01:25:38 Elaine Spino, Montana Speech & Hearing
01:25:48 Bob Runkel, Office of Public Instruction

Opponents' Testimony:

01:26:26 Tanya Ask, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Montana

EXHIBIT (buh11a09)

01:30:59 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

01:34:36 Frank Cote, America's Health Insurance Plans

01:36:40 Susan Witte, Allegiance Life & Health Insurance Company

01:38:37 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association

01:40:05 Mary Allen, National Association of Insurance &
Financial Advisors

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:40:59 Rep. Keane

01:41:25 Rep. Ebinger

01:42:23 Rep. Dutton

01:42:49 Ms. Ask

01:44:13 Rep. Mendenhall

01:45:16 Ms. Ask

01:46:53 Rep. Mendenhall

01:47:25 Rep. Ebinger

01:47:39 Rep. Keane

01:47:56 Mr. Cote

01:50:01 Rep. Arntzen

01:50:37 Mr. Forstenzer

01:51:18 Rep. Arntzen

01:51:25 Ms. Johnson

01:52:35 Rep. Arntzen

01:53:01 Rep. Ebinger

01:54:00 Rep. Furey

01:54:31 Ms. Johnson

01:55:35 Rep. Windy Boy

01:56:12 Ms. Ask

01:58:59 Rep. Van Dyk

02:01:10 Rep. Van Dyk

02:01:50 Ms. Ask

02:04:30 Rep. Van Dyk

02:04:45 Julie Danaher

Closing by Sponsor:

02:05:58 Rep. Ebinger

02:08:11 Break

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 156

02:34:11 **Motion:** Rep. Keane moved that HB 156 **DO PASS.**

Discussion

02:35:59 Rep. Furey

02:39:15 **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
Reps. Stahl and Heinert voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 29

02:38:00 Rep. Mendenhall

02:38:36 **Motion:** Rep. Windy Boy moved that HB 29 **DO PASS.**

Discussion

02:38:51 Rep. Keane

02:39:33 Rep. Milburn

02:40:53 Rep. Dutton

02:43:11 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-11 by roll call vote. Reps.
Thomas, Windy Boy, Reinhart, Augare, and Furey voted
aye. Reps. Heinert and Stahl voted by proxy.

02:43:23 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Milburn moved to **REVERSE THE VOTE**
AND TABLE THE BILL. HB 29 was tabled with a vote of
11-5. Reps. Thomas, Windy Boy, Reinhart, Augare, and
Furey voted no. Reps. Heinert and Stahl voted by
proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 212

02:43:39 **Motion:** Rep. Windy Boy moved that HB 212 **DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:43:59 Rep. Milburn

02:45:02 Rep. Keane

02:45:21 Rep. Jones

02:46:10 Rep. Windy Boy

02:46:38 Rep. Dutton

02:47:58 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-10 by roll call vote. Reps.
Keane, Windy Boy, Reinhart, Augare, Furey, and Van Dyk
voted aye. Reps. Heinert and Stahl voted by proxy.

02:48:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Milburn moved to **REVERSE THE VOTE AND TABLE THE BILL**. Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote.
HB 212 was tabled with a vote of 10-6. Reps. Keane, Windy Boy, Reinhart, Augare, Furey, and Van Dyk voted no. Reps. Heinert and Stahl voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 213

02:49:01 **Motion:** Rep. Windy Boy moved that HB 213 **DO PASS**.

Discussion

02:49:13 Rep. Windy Boy
02:50:02 Rep. Furey
02:52:07 Rep. Milburn
02:53:16 Rep. Reinhart
02:55:53 Rep. Jones
02:57:42 Rep. Dutton
02:59:00 Rep. Windy Boy

02:59:10 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-9 by roll call vote. Reps. Keane, Thomas, Windy Boy, Reinhart, Augare, Furey, and Van Dyk voted aye. Reps. Heinert and Stahl voted by proxy.

02:59:58 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Milburn moved to **REVERSE THE VOTE AND TABLE THE BILL**. Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote.
HB 213 was tabled with a vote of 9-7. Reps. Keane, Thomas, Windy Boy, Reinhart, Augare, Furey, and Van Dyk voted no. Reps. Heinert and Stahl voted by proxy.

Additional Exhibits:

Documents pertaining to HB 101; Hearing 1/17/07

[EXHIBIT\(buh11a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh11a11\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh11a12\)](#)

Document pertaining to HB 29; Hearing 1/15/07

[EXHIBIT\(buh11a13\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

03:01:10 Adjournment: 11:03 P.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([buh11aad.pdf](#))