

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Ron Stoker, on January 17, 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 255, 1/9/2007; HB 148, 1/9/2007;  
HB 117, 1/9/2007

**HEARING ON HB 117****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:42 Rep. Teresa Henry (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 117, Newborn hearing testing.

**Proponents:**

00:08:41 Joanne Dotson, Chief of Family and Community Health, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**EXHIBIT (huh11a01)**

00:11:15 Casey Blumenthal, Registered Nurse, Montana Hospital Association

00:12:17 Kathleen Johnson, Audiologist, Montana School for Deaf and Blind

**EXHIBIT (huh11a02)**

Ms. Johnson read a statement from Steve Gottel, Administrator of Montana School for Deaf and Blind

00:18:23 Sandy McGennis, Outreach Consultant, Montana School for Deaf and Blind

**EXHIBIT (huh11a03)**

00:20:29 Bob Runkel, Acting Assistant Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction

00:22:14 Theresa Metropoulus, Speech Therapist

**EXHIBIT (huh11a04)**

00:24:16 Wendy Williams, parent of hearing impaired sons

00:27:30 Betty Hidalgo, representing herself

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:28:27 Rep. French

00:29:13 Ms. Johnson

00:33:10 Ms. Dotson

00:36:12 Rep. McAlpin

00:36:53 Ms. Williams

00:38:23 Rep. Ingraham

00:38:46 Rep. Henry

00:40:33 Ms. Dotson

00:41:30 Rep. Ingraham

00:42:52 Rep. Milburn

00:43:09 Ms. Dotson

00:47:59 Rep. Peterson

00:50:32 Ms. Dotson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:50:54 Rep. Henry

**EXHIBIT (huh11a05)**

**HEARING ON HB 148**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:55:25 Rep. Wanda Grinde (D), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 148, Pool inspection fee.

**Proponents:**

00:59:10 Kathy McCarthy, Department of Health and Human Services

01:05:11 Jim Carlson, Director, Environmental Health Division,  
Missoula City-County Health Department

**EXHIBIT (huh11a06)**

01:09:18 Melanie Reynolds, Health Officer for Lewis and Clark  
County

**EXHIBIT (huh11a07)**

01:12:03 Amy Grmoljez, Montana Innkeepers Association

**Opponents:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:13:38 Rep. Jones

01:15:45 Rep. Grinde

01:16:21 Ms. McCarthy

01:16:39 Rep. Jones

01:17:29 Rep. Stoker

01:17:42 Mr. Carlson

01:19:09 Rep. French

01:20:04 Ms. McCarthy

01:20:16 Rep. French

01:20:50 Laurel Riek, Sanitarian, Lewis and Clark County

01:22:22 Ms. McCarthy

01:22:53 Rep. French

01:23:14 Rep. Milburn

01:23:33 Ms. McCarthy

01:24:37 Rep. Sands

01:25:14 Ms. Grmoljez

01:26:08 Rep. McGillvray

01:26:48 Ms. McCarthy

01:28:48 Rep. French

01:29:17 Rep. Dutton

01:29:45 Ms. Reynolds

01:31:40 Mr. Carlson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:33:14 Rep. Grinde

**HEARING ON HB 255**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:34:52 Rep. Edith Clark (R), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 255, Clarify cosmetology services in nursing homes.

**Proponents:**

01:38:14 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Health Care Association

**EXHIBIT (huh11a08)**

01:41:13 Linda Sandman, Owner, Administrator, Son Heaven Residential Center

**EXHIBIT (huh11a09)**

01:42:21 Amy Edwards Webb, Administrator, Granite County Health Center

01:45:29 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association

**Opponents:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:50:12 Rep. McAlpin

01:50:30 Ms. Blumenthal

01:50:51 Rep. Dutton

01:51:34 Ms. Webb

01:52:01 Rep. Dutton

01:53:02 Rep. Clark

01:55:16 Rep. Peterson

01:55:42 Ms. Hughes

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:01:42 Rep. Clark

02:02:15 Rep. Sands

02:03:16 Rep. Stoker

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:10 P.M.

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REP. RON STOKER, Chairman

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DEBBIE CARLSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([huh11aad.pdf](#))**