

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Ron Stoker, on April 4, 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. Pat Ingraham (R)  
Rep. William J. Jones (R)  
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)  
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)  
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)  
Rep. Diane Sands (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** Rep. Julie French (D)  
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)

**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: HJR 48, 3/30/2007; HJR 52,  
3/30/2007  
Executive Action: None.

**HEARING ON HJR 52**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:01 Rep. Sue Dickenson (D), HD 25, opened the hearing on HJR 52, Study problem gambling.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:10:02 Gene Huntington, Administrator, Gambling Control Division, Department of Justice  
00:13:57 Rich Miller, Gaming Industry  
00:16:44 Pat Melby, Rimrock Foundation  
00:17:46 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana Coin Operators Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:19:55 Rep. McAlpin  
00:20:08 Rep. Dickenson  
00:22:11 Rep. Peterson  
00:22:29 Rep. Dickenson  
00:23:29 Rep. Peterson  
00:24:05 Rep. McGillvray  
00:24:41 Rep. Dickenson  
00:25:31 Rep. McGillvray  
00:25:41 Rep. Dickenson  
00:25:58 Rep. McGillvray  
00:26:13 Rep. Dickenson  
00:27:01 Rep. McGillvray  
00:27:10 Rep. Dickenson  
00:27:44 Rep. Dutton  
00:28:32 Rep. Dickenson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:29:33 Rep. Dickenson  
[EXHIBIT \(huh72a01\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT \(huh72a02\)](#)

**HEARING ON HJR 48****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:31:12 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HJR 48, Study health insurance reform and publicly funded health care programs.

**EXHIBIT (huh72a03)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:34:50 Tanya Ask, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana  
00:36:34 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association  
00:39:20 John Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce  
00:40:35 Jackie Boyle, American Association of Retired People Montana  
00:41:37 Gordon Higgins, State Auditor's Office  
00:42:38 Jim Ahrens, Montana Hospital Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:43:08 Mary Dalton, Administrator, Health Resources Division, Department of Health and Human Services

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:43:34 Rep. Becker  
00:44:33 Rep. MacLaren  
00:46:07 Rep. Becker  
00:46:24 Rep. MacLaren  
00:47:19 Rep. Sands  
00:48:39 Rep. MacLaren  
00:49:22 Rep. Sands  
00:49:35 Rep. MacLaren  
00:49:59 Rep. Reinhart  
00:50:16 Mr. Melby  
00:50:58 Rep. Reinhart  
00:51:14 Mr. Melby  
00:52:39 Rep. Reinhart  
00:52:52 Rep. MacLaren  
00:53:17 Rep. Dutton  
00:53:55 Rep. MacLaren  
00:54:13 Rep. Dutton  
00:54:24 Rep. McGillvray  
00:54:47 Rep. MacLaren  
00:55:15 Rep. McGillvray  
00:55:37 Ms. Ask  
00:56:08 Rep. Becker

00:56:47 Rep. MacLaren

00:57:31 Rep. Stoker

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:57:38 Rep. MacLaren

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

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REP. RON STOKER, Chairman

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DEBBIE CARLSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([huh72aad.pdf](#))**