

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE**

**60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DAN WEINBERG**, on January 10, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 317-A 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. Kim Gillan (D)  
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)  
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Carol Williams (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:**

Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, 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: SB 94, 1/5/2007; SB 22, 1/5/2007  
Executive Action: SB 2; SB 48; SB 90; SB 94

00:00:03

**HEARING ON SB 94**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:06 **SEN. JOHN ESP (R), SD 31**, opened the hearing on **SB 94**,  
Remove regulation of nonprescription drugs.

**Proponents:** None.

**Opponents:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:02:03 Kathleen McCarthy, DPHHS

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:03:31 Sen. Esp closed on the bill.

**HEARING ON SB 22**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:04:25 **SEN. DAN WEINBERG (D), SD 2**, opened the hearing on **SB 22**,  
Expand CHIP eligibility to 165% of federal poverty level.

**Proponents:**

00:10:57 Bob Olson, Montana Hospital Association

00:12:30 Mike Foster, St. Vincent's Healthcare

00:14:03 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child  
Health

**EXHIBIT (phs06a01)**

00:17:57 Susan Kidd, WEEL

00:19:20 Jennifer Harris, WEEL

**EXHIBIT (phs06a02)**

00:22:21 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association

00:22:58 Mary McCue, Montana Dental Association

00:23:40 Holly Rorvik, parent

**EXHIBIT (phs06a03)**

00:26:53 Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner

00:27:40 Scott Martin, Students of MSU Billings

00:28:47 Denver Henderson, University of Montana

00:30:04 Janie McCall, Billings Clinic, MCI

00:30:36 Erin McGowan Fincham, Montana State Auditors Office

00:31:58 Frank Cote, America's Health Insurance Plans

00:32:24 Rep. Mary Caferro, HD 80, Helena

**Opponents:**

00:35:09 Sen. John Esp, SD 31, Big Timber

**Informational Testimony:**

00:36:02 Mary Dalton, DPHHS

**EXHIBIT (phs06a04)**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:41:05 Sen. Schmidt to Mary Dalton

00:42:02 Sen. Schmidt to Sen. Weinberg

00:43:11 Sen. O'Neil to Mary Dalton

00:45:28 Sen. Esp to Mary Dalton

00:47:05 Sen. Schmidt to Mary Dalton

00:47:50 Sen. Gillan to Mary Dalton

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:51:48 Sen. Weinberg closed on the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 2

00:57:26 Motion/Vote: Sen. Esp. moved to indefinitely postpone SB 2. Motion carried 7-1 with SEN. COBB voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 48

01:00:04 Motion: SEN. ESP moved that SB 48 DO PASS.

01:00:19 Motion: SEN. ESP moved to amend SB 48.

[EXHIBIT](#) (phs06a05)

Discussion:

01:03:50 Chairman Weinberg to Lisa Mecklenberg

01:04:33 Vote: Motion to amend SB 48 carried unanimously.

01:04:59 Motion: SEN. ESP moved that SB 48 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:05:25 Sen. Moss to Sen. Esp

01:07:54 Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 90

01:08:30 Motion: SEN. MOSS moved that SB 90 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:09:23 Sen. O'Neill to Sen. Cobb

01:10:21 Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 94

01:10:59 Motion/Vote: SEN. ESP moved that SB 94 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:19 P.M.

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SEN. DAN WEINBERG, Chairman

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PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([phs06aad.pdf](#))**