

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DAN WEINBERG**, on January 19, 2007 at 3:23 P.M., in Room 317-A Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Lynda Moss, Vice Chairman (D)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Dan Weinberg, Chairman (D)
Sen. John Cobb (R)

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 81, 1/12/2007; SB 124,
1/12/2007

Executive Action:

00:00:03

HEARING ON SB 81

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:46 **SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT (D), SD 11**, opened the hearing on **SB 81**, Include licensed psychologists as statutory providers.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:53 Dr. Patrick Davis, Psychologist, Great Falls
00:04:23 Dr. Michael Butz, Billings
00:06:01 George Watson, Chair, Board of Psychologists
00:06:35 Dr. Gary Mihelish, President, NAMI
00:07:28 Dr. Donna Zook, Great Falls
00:08:17 Mike Barrett, Helena
00:11:56 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic
00:12:49 Dr. Vincent River, Clinical Psychologist, Polson
00:13:25 Dr. Hugh Black, Ph.D, Helena
00:13:53 Beth Brenneman, Montana Advocacy Program
00:14:28 Mike Foster, Sisters of Charity Hospitals in Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:15:23 Lou Thompson, Mental Health Service Bureau

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:48 Sen. John Esp to Lou Thompson
00:16:47 Sen. John Esp to Sen. Trudi Schmidt

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:02 Sen. Trudi Schmidt closed on the bill.

HEARING ON SB 124

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:19:17 **SEN. DAN HARRINGTON (D), SD 38**, opened the hearing on **SB 124**, Cost for state hospital forensic commitment for court-ordered exam.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:40 Laurie Lamson, DPHHS

EXHIBIT (phs13a01)

00:23:30 Lois Menzies, Court Administrator, Montana Supreme Court

EXHIBIT (phs13a02)

00:27:04 Ed Amberg, Montana State Hospital, Warm Springs

00:28:38 Harry Frebourn, Administrative Officer, Office of State Public Defender

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:38 Sen. John Esp to Lois Menzies

00:31:16 Sen. Esp to Ed Amberg, Montana State Hospital

00:31:41 Sen. Kim Gillan to Sen. Dan Harrington

00:32:16 Sen. Kim Gillan to Lois Menzies

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:45 Sen. Harrington closed on the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:55 P.M.

SEN. DAN WEINBERG, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([phs13aad.pdf](#))