

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DAN WEINBERG**, on January 29, 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)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 140, 1/12/2007; SB 149,
1/12/2007; SB 206, 1/12/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:03:33

HEARING ON SB 140

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:34 **SEN. DAN WEINBERG (D), SD 2**, opened the hearing on **SB 140**, Revise small business health insurance pool laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:07 John Morrison, State Auditor, Insurance Commissioner

EXHIBIT (phs19a01)

00:18:07 Anna Whiting Sorrel, Policy Advisor, Governor's Office

00:19:56 Kate McGiver, Cooperative Health Clinic, Insure Montana Governing Board

00:22:15 Cliff Larson, Insure Montana Governing Board

00:25:41 Tim Garden, Western States Insurance, Missoula

00:27:08 Riley Johnson, National Association of Independent Business

00:29:20 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:31:58 John Flink, Montana Hospital Association

00:32:46 Claudia Clifford, AARP Montana

00:33:59 Olan Lloyd Alsup, small business owner

00:36:20 Jim Edwards, Insure Montana Board

00:37:04 Tanya Ask, Blue Cross Blue Shield

EXHIBIT (phs19a02)

00:38:00 Shalon Hastings, Downtown Helena

00:38:52 Todd Lovshin, Allegiance Family of Companies

00:39:51 Miriam Perez, Western States, Billings

EXHIBIT (phs19a03)

00:40:46 Mary Allen, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors

00:41:17 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic

Opponents' Testimony:

00:41:46 Frank Cote, America's Health Insurance Plans

00:44:42 Darren Englant, Glacier Insurance Strategies, insurer
for Montana Retail Association

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:58 Sen. Esp to Sen. Weinberg

00:48:00 Sen. Esp to Frank Cote, America's Health Insurance
Plans

00:49:31 Sen. Murphy to Olan Alsup, small business owner

00:51:05 Sen. O'Neil to Insurance Commissioner John
Morrison

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:35 Sen. Dan Weinberg closed on the bill.

HEARING ON SB 149

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:57:26 **SEN. BILL TASH (R), SD 36**, opened the hearing on **SB
149**, Revise use of Xanthopoulos building.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:01:07 Anna Whiting Sorrel, Policy Advisor, Governor's office

01:04:35 Joan Miles, Director, Department of Public Health and
Human Services (DPHHS)

01:10:00 Mike Ferriter, Director, Montana Department of
Corrections

01:15:15 Deb Mattucci, DPHHS and Department of Corrections
liaison

01:26:22 Ed Amberg, Director, State Hospital

01:30:27 J.D. Lynch, Community Corrections, Inc.

01:31:08 Bob Olson, Montana Hospital Association

01:36:01 Betty Young, mother of inmate at Montana State Prison

EXHIBIT (phs19a04)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:38:35 Anita Rossman, Montana Advocacy Program (MAP)

EXHIBIT (phs19a05)

01:47:39 Kurt Chisholm, National Alliance on Mental Illness
(NAMI)

EXHIBIT (phs19a06)

Informational Testimony:

01:52:25 Scott Crichton, American Civil Liberties Union

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:54:36 Sen. O'Neil to Anna Whiting Sorrel, Governor's
Office

01:56:39 Sen. O'Neil to Anita Rossman, MAP

01:58:03 Sen. O'Neil to Ed Amberg, Montana State Hospital

02:00:31 Sen. O'Neil to Mike Ferriter, Department of
Corrections

02:02:30 Sen. Esp to Deb Mattucci, DPHHS and Department of
Corrections liaison

02:05:11 Sen. Weinberg to Deb Mattucci, DPHHS and Department of
Corrections liaison

02:05:21 Sen. Esp to Ed Amberg, Montana State Hospital

02:08:14 Sen. Cobb

02:09:11 Sen. Gillan to Deb Mattucci, DPHHS and Department
of Corrections liaison

02:13:19 Sen. Schmidt to Deb Mattucci, DPHHS and Department of
Corrections liaison

02:15:25 Sen. Esp to Joan Miles, DPHHS

02:16:17 Sen. Esp to Deb Mattucci, DPHHS and Department of
Corrections liaison

02:16:51 Sen. Esp to Mike Ferriter, Department of
Corrections

02:17:52 Sen. Gillan to DPHHS and Department of Corrections
liaison

02:19:14 Sen. Gillan to Dr. David Schaefer, Montana State
Prison

02:20:39 Sen. Schmidt to Anita Rossman, MAP

Closing by Sponsor:

02:22:34 Sen. Bill Tash closed on the bill.

HEARING ON SB 206

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:25:35 **SEN. JOHN COBB (R), SD 9**, opened the hearing on **SB 206**,
Health insurance incentives for Medicaid healthcare
workers.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:29:13 Mike Hanshu, Consumer Direct Personal Care, Missoula

02:36:51 Anna Whiting Sorrel, Policy Advisor, Governor's Office

02:37:33 Kelly Williams, Senior Long Term Care Division, DPHHS

02:38:31 Charlie Briggs, Community Disability Providers
Association

02:41:18 Sandra Jankowsky, AARP Montana

EXHIBIT (phs19a07)

02:43:49 Diane Holland, Nightingale Nursing

02:46:36 Beda Lovitt, Montana Medical Association

02:47:28 Web Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

02:48:08 Susan Palmer, Nightingale Nursing

02:51:28 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association

02:54:12 Jan Cahill, CEO, Quality Life Concepts

02:56:49 Bill Witte, Montana Health Solutions

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:58:08 Sen. O'Neil to Sen. Cobb

02:58:44 Sen. Esp to Bill Witte, Montana Health Solutions

02:59:20 Sen. Esp to Mike Hanshu, Consumer Direct Personal
Care, Missoula

03:00:38 Sen. Dan Weinberg to Mike Hanshu, Consumer Direct
Personal Care, Missoula

Closing by Sponsor:

03:01:28 Sen. Cobb closed on the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:00 P.M.

SEN. DAN WEINBERG, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([phs19aad.pdf](#))