

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DAN WEINBERG**, on February 12, 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

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 289, 2/2/2007; SJ 5, 2/2/2007; SB 368, 2/2/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:01

HEARING ON SB 289

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:26 **SEN. STEVEN GALLUS (D), SD 37**, opened the hearing on **SB 289**, Allow prescribed epinephrine use in school for severe allergies.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:24 Dick Paulsen, American Lung Association of the Northern Rockies

EXHIBIT (phs31a01)

00:08:37 Jo Ann Dotson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

EXHIBIT (phs31a02)

00:10:26 Darrel Rud, School Administrators of Montana

00:11:08 Debra Silk, Montana School Board Association

00:12:14 Dot Warner, RN, School Nurse

EXHIBIT (phs31a03)

00:17:11 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association

00:18:50 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association

00:19:06 Rep. Arlene Becker, HD 52, Billings

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:54 Sen. O'Neil to Sen. Steve Gallus

00:22:56 Dot Warner, RN

00:23:44 Sen. Gillan to Dot Warner, RN

00:27:00 Sen. Weinberg to Sen. Steve Gallus

00:32:28 Sen. Schmidt to Dave Paulsen, American Lung Association

00:33:25 Sen. O'Neil to Dot Warner, RN

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:44 Sen. Gallus closed on the bill.

HEARING ON SJ 5

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:37 **SEN. JOHN BRUEGGEMAN (R), SD 6**, opened the hearing on **SJ 5**, Study acute care and rural emergency medical services.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:38:46 Cliff Christian, American Heart Association, American Stroke Association

EXHIBIT (phs31a04)

00:42:59 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association

00:43:33 John Flink, Montana Hospital Association

00:44:12 Dick Paulsen, representing himself

00:45:01 Mike Foster, Sisters of Charity Hospitals

00:45:56 Pat Colbeck Harper, AARP Montana

00:47:03 Jim DeTienne, State EMS Director, DPHHS

EXHIBIT (phs31a05)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:10 Sen. Esp to Sen. John Brueggeman

00:54:22 Sen. Weinberg to Sen. John Brueggeman

Closing by Sponsor:

00:56:30 Sen. Brueggeman closed on the bill.

00:58:17 Recess

01:24:15 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 368

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:24:32 **SEN. GREG LIND (D), SD 50**, opened the hearing on **SB 368**, Confidentiality of group medical practice quality assurance information.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:28:01 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:36:31 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

01:46:07 Terry Triewweiler, Attorney

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:50:09 Sen. Schmidt to Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association

01:51:42 Sen. Esp to Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

01:58:36 Sen. Esp to Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association

02:03:33 Sen. Gillan to Terry Triewweiler, Attorney

02:06:37 Sen. Gillan to Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association

02:11:24 Sen. Cobb to Terry Triewweiler, Attorney

02:14:37 Sen. Weinberg to Sen. Greg Lind

02:21:03 Sen. Weinberg to Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

02:25:49 Sen. O'Neil to Terry Triewweiler, Attorney

Closing by Sponsor:

02:27:31 Sen. Lind closed on the bill.

02:33:00 Sen. Esp

02:33:10 Sen. Weinberg

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:04 P.M.

SEN. DAN WEINBERG, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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