

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DAN WEINBERG**, on March 19, 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 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. John Cobb (R)

Members Absent: None.

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 687, 3/8/2007; HB 727, 3/8/2007;
HB 713, 3/8/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:03

HEARING ON HB 687

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:29 **REP. WILLIAM JONES (R), HD 9**, opened the hearing on **HB 687**, Extend age for well child care coverage.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:43 Boyce Fowler, AARP

00:13:33 Jo Ann Dotson, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

EXHIBIT (phs58a01)

00:16:55 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association

00:17:44 Mary Dalton, Health Resources Administrator, DPHHS

00:18:10 Olivia Riutta, Working for Equity and Economic Liberation (WEEL)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:21:38 Mark Burzynski, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana

EXHIBIT (phs58a02)

00:33:10 John Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:34:54 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

00:36:22 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association

00:37:35 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers Association

00:39:27 Frank Cote, Americas Health Insurance Plans

00:41:14 Susan Witte, Allegiance Benefit Plan Management, Inc. and Allegiance Life and Health Insurance Company

00:42:28 Leo Berry, New West Health Services

00:43:45 Riley Johnson, NFIB

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:29 Sen. Schmidt to Rep. Jones

00:45:50 Sen. Schmidt to Riley Johnson

00:46:38 Sen. O'Neil to Leo Berry

00:47:51 Sen. O'Neil to Frank Cote

00:49:45 Sen. Moss to Rep. Jones

00:52:21 Sen. Weinberg to Frank Cote

00:53:14 Sen. Weinberg to Mark Burzynski

01:00:41 Sen. O'Neil to Frank Cote

01:02:16 Jo Ann Dotson, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:06 Rep. Jones

HEARING ON HB 727

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:10:21 **REP. MICHAEL LANGE (R), HD 55**, opened the hearing on **HB 727**, Revise eligibility requirements for certain benefits.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

01:18:30 Joyce DeCunzo, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division,
DPHHS

01:18:55 Mary Dalton, DPHHS

01:19:09 Amy Carlson, Governor's Budget Office

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:20:24 Sen. O'Neil to Joyce DeCunzo

01:21:17 Sen. O'Neil to Lou Thompson, Chief of Mental Health
Services Bureau, DPHHS

01:22:13 Sen. Esp to Rep. Lange

01:24:22 Sen. Esp to Amy Carlson

01:26:19 Sen. Esp to Rep. Lange

01:30:29 Sen. Esp to Bob Mullen

EXHIBIT (phs58a03)

01:31:19 Sen. Weinberg to Rep. Lange

Closing by Sponsor:

01:33:20 Rep. Lange

HEARING ON HB 713

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:36:34 **REP. TOM MCGILLVRAY (R), HD 50**, opened the hearing on
HB 713, Revise post-adoption services.

EXHIBIT (phs58a04)

EXHIBIT (phs58a05)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:43:26 Moe Wosepka, Montana Catholic Conference

EXHIBIT (phs58a06)

01:49:35 Rachel Roberts, Montana Family Foundation

01:50:44 Olivia Riutta, WEEL

01:51:17 Rosemary Miller, Catholic Social Services of Montana

EXHIBIT (phs58a07)

01:54:29 Bill Driscoll, Catholic Social Services of Montana

[EXHIBIT](#) (phs58a08)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

01:58:44 Shirley Brown, Child and Family Services, DPHHS

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:59:27 Sen. Gillan to Bill Driscoll

02:07:14 Sen. Schmidt to Bill Driscoll

02:18:09 Sen. Esp to Rep. McGillvray

02:20:23 Sen. Gillan to Rep. McGillvray

02:21:32 Sen. O'Neil to Bill Driscoll

02:24:40 Sen. O'Neil to Rep. McGillvray

Closing by Sponsor:

02:26:54 Rep. McGillvray

Sen. Roy Brown will carry the bill in the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:31 P.M.

SEN. DAN WEINBERG, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([phs58aad.pdf](#))