

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DAN WEINBERG**, on March 21, 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: HJ 1, 3/8/2007; HB 782, 3/8/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:01

HEARING ON HJ 1

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:14 **REP. JIM KEANE (D), HD 75**, opened the hearing on **HJ 1**,
Urge Congress to reform health care system.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:34 Jason Miller, AFL-CIO

00:04:54 Sandra Jankowski, AARP

EXHIBIT (phs60a01)

00:06:49 Chuck Hunter, Montana Primary Care Association, and for
Beda Lovitt, Montana Medical Association

00:07:28 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association, Teamsters Local
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Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:45 Sen. Moss to Rep. Keane

00:09:44 Sen. Weinberg to Rep. Keane

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:02 Rep. Keane

HEARING ON HB 782

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:33 **REP. MARY CAFERRO (D), HD 80**, opened the hearing on **HB
782**, Revise law on over-payment of food stamps.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:54 Michael Kakuk, Attorney

00:17:55 Susan Kidd, Working for Equity and Economic Liberation
(WEEL)

EXHIBIT (phs60a02)

00:20:51 Christy Melburn, Missoula

00:22:41 Don Judge, representing himself

00:24:34 Kate Bradford, Montana Food Bank Network

00:25:38 Hank Hudson, Department of Public Health and Human
Services (DPHHS)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:48 Rep. Weinberg to Michael Kakuk

00:32:05 Sen. Weinberg to Hank Hudson

00:33:02 Sen. O'Neil to Hank Hudson

00:34:16 Sen. Weinberg to Hank Hudson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:27 Rep. Caferro

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:52 P.M.

SEN. DAN WEINBERG, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([phs60aad.pdf](#))