

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

#### Call to Order:

00:00:34 **CHAIRMAN RON STOKER**, on January 9, 2009 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### ROLL CALL

#### Members Present:

Rep. Ron Stoker, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Deborah Kottel, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Ken Peterson, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)  
Rep. Gerald Bennett (R)  
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)  
Rep. David Howard (R)  
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)  
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)  
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)  
Rep. Michael More (R)  
Rep. Keith Regier (R)  
Rep. Diane Sands (D)  
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)  
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Anders Blewett (D).

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Jennifer Eck, Committee Secretary  
David Niss, 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: HB 122, 1/6/2009  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 122**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:17 **REP. MIKE MENAHAN (D), HD 82**, opened the hearing on **HB 122**, Revise false claims act.

00:08:23 Chairman Stoker

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:08:31 Ali Bovington, Attorney General's Office  
**EXHIBIT (juh05a01)**

00:09:43 Chairman Stoker

00:09:52 Jon Ellingson, Assistant Attorney General

00:18:48 Chairman Stoker

00:19:02 Jeff Buska, Department of Health and Human Services  
**EXHIBIT (juh05a02)**

00:20:02 Chairman Stoker

00:20:07 Mr. Buska

00:22:09 Chairman Stoker

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:22:41 Rep. Kottel

00:22:52 Mr. Ellingson

00:22:57 Rep. Kottel

00:23:13 Mr. Ellingson

00:23:25 Rep. Kottel

00:24:39 Mr. Ellingson

00:25:53 Rep. Kottel

00:25:54 Chairman Stoker

00:25:56 Rep. Kottel

00:26:10 Mr. Ellingson

00:27:05 Rep. Kottel

00:27:06 Chairman Stoker

00:27:10 Rep. Regier

00:27:16 Rep. Macdonald

00:27:48 Mr. Ellingson

00:28:20 Chairman Stoker

00:28:23 Rep. Regier

00:28:29 Chairman Stoker  
00:28:30 Rep. Regier  
00:29:03 Rep. Ellingson  
00:30:20 Chairman Stoker  
00:30:25 Rep. Ebinger  
00:30:45 Rep. Ellingson  
00:30:52 Rep. Ebinger  
00:30:54 Chairman Stoker

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:31:05 Rep. Menahan

**Informational Discussion:**

00:34:23 Chairman Stoker  
00:35:50 Rep. Kottel  
00:36:07 Chairman Stoker  
00:36:20 Rep. Kottel

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:36:23 Adjournment

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([juh05aad.pdf](#))**