

## **MINUTES**

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

#### **COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** Chairwoman Arlene Becker, on April 20, 2009 at  
3:19 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Arlene Becker, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Mary Caferro, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Bill Beck (R)  
Rep. Julie French (D)  
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)  
Rep. David Howard (R)  
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)  
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)  
Rep. Michael More (R)  
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)  
Rep. Diane Sands (D)  
Rep. Cary Smith (R)  
Rep. Ron Stoker (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Pat Noonan (D)  
Rep. Jeffery Welborn (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Santella Baglivo, Committee Secretary  
Sue O'Connell, 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: SJ 35, 4/16/2009; SJ 38, 4/16/2009

Executive Action: SJ 35, SJ 38

**HEARING ON SJ 35**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:08 Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SJ 35, Study health care.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:41 Mike Foster, Wheatland Memorial Hospital, Montana Catholic Hospitals  
00:05:43 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health  
00:07:23 Claudia Clifford, AARP Montana  
00:07:58 John Flink, Montana Hospital Association  
00:09:00 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association  
00:09:42 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic  
00:10:02 Chelsea Fagen, Montana Chamber of Commerce  
00:10:40 Jaimee Greer, Montana Human Rights Network  
00:11:12 Kristina Davis, Montana Children's Defense Fund

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:11:57 Rep. Beck  
00:13:16 Sen. Schmidt  
00:14:59 Rep. Beck

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:15:17 Sen. Schmidt

**HEARING ON SJ 38**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:16:07 Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D), SD 21, opened the hearing on SJ 38, Study health care disparities.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:21:36 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association  
00:24:19 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health  
00:26:05 Claudia Clifford, AARP Montana

00:26:31 John Flink, Montana Hospital Association  
00:27:37 Mike Foster, Wheatland Memorial Hospital, Montana  
Catholic Hospitals  
00:28:59 Lindsay Love, Planned Parenthood of Montana  
00:30:30 Kristina Davis, Montana Children's Defense Fund  
00:32:29 Jaimee Greer, Montana Human Rights Network

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:33:18 Rep. Peterson  
00:33:37 Mr. Yeakel  
00:34:46 Rep. Peterson  
00:35:18 Mr. Yeakel  
00:36:01 Rep. Peterson  
00:37:14 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
00:39:43 Rep. Peterson  
00:40:01 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
00:41:17 Rep. Peterson  
00:41:38 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
00:43:01 Rep. McAlpin  
00:43:10 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
00:44:29 Rep. Peterson  
00:44:56 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
00:46:19 Rep. Peterson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:48:20 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 35**

00:49:01 **Motion:** Rep. French moved that **SJ 35 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:49:18 Rep. McAlpin  
00:49:46 Rep. Stoker  
00:50:11 Rep. Beck  
00:50:28 Chairwoman Becker  
00:50:40 Rep. Stoker  
00:50:46 Rep. French  
00:50:47 Chairwoman Becker  
00:50:53 Rep. Stoker  
00:51:03 Chairwoman Becker  
00:51:08 Rep. French

00:52:03 Chairwoman Becker  
00:52:06 Rep. Ingraham  
00:52:43 Rep. French  
00:52:57 Rep. Stoker  
00:53:28 Rep. Sands called the question.

00:53:57 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Howard, Rep. Ingraham, Rep. More, Rep. Peterson, and Rep. Smith voting no. Reps. Noonan and Welborn voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 38**

00:54:41 **Motion:** Rep. Caferro moved that **SJ 38 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:54:52 Rep. French  
00:56:10 Rep. Beck  
00:57:46 Rep. Peterson  
00:59:14 Rep. Sands  
01:02:00 Rep. Caferro called the question.

01:02:10 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Becker, Rep. Caferro, Rep. French, Rep. Furey, Rep. Hunter, Rep. McAlpin, Rep. Noonan and Rep. Sands voting aye. Reps. Noonan and Welborn voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

01:02:45 Rep. Sands  
01:03:00 Chairwoman Becker

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:03:23 Adjournment: 4:22 P.M.

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Santella Baglivo, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([huh84aad.pdf](#))**