

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY**

**Call to Order: CHAIRMAN ROY BROWN**, on January 19, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 317-A Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Roy Brown, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)  
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)  
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)  
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Joan Linkenbach, 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 53, 12/9/2008; SB 77,  
12/20/2008; SB 79, 12/20/2008

Executive Action: SB 53, SB 77

**HEARING ON SB 53**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:27 **SEN. DAVE LEWIS (R), SD 42**, opened the hearing on **SB 53**, Revise trial period for hearing aid purchased from traveling vendor.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:12 Steve Wilson, State Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers (SBHAD)  
00:05:42 Eve Franklin, Advisor to the Governor on Health Care Issues  
00:06:33 Gloria Hermanson, Montana Society of Ear, Nose and Throat Physicians, (MSENTP)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:07:35 Sen. Schmidt  
00:07:55 Mr. Wilson, (SBHAD)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:09:56 Sen. Lewis

**HEARING ON SB 77**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:11:12 **SEN. CAROL JUNEAU (D), SD 8**, opened the hearing on **SB 77**, Volunteer EMT on board of medical examiners.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:14:46 Erin MacClean, Montana Medical Association (MMA)  
00:15:38 John Flink, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:16:31 Chairman Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:17:12 Sen. Juneau

**HEARING ON SB 79**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:17:28 **SEN. CAROL JUNEAU (D), SD 8**, opened the hearing on **SB 79**, Reduced staffing for certain ambulance transports.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:22:52 Chairman Brown

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:23:41 Doug Neil, Montana State Fireman's Association (MSFA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:27:56 Sen. Hinkle

00:28:42 Sen. Juneau

00:29:27 Jim DeTienne, Supervisor, Emergency Medical Services, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

00:30:29 Sen. Schmidt

00:31:10 Sen. Juneau

00:31:54 Sen. Schmidt

00:32:00 Sen. Juneau

00:32:25 Mr. DeTienne (DPHHS)

00:32:56 Chairman Brown

00:33:13 Sen. Juneau

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:33:36 Sen. Juneau

00:34:00 Chairman Brown

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 53**

00:37:02 **Motion:** SEN. LARSEN moved that **SB 53 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:37:18 Sen. Schmidt

00:37:26 Chairman Brown

00:37:48 Sen. Schmidt

00:38:03 Lisa Jackson

00:38:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously. Sen. Lewis voted aye by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 77**

00:39:33 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. JUNEAU moved that **SB 77 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously. Sen. Lewis voted aye by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:35 P.M.

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JOAN LINKENBACH, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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