

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN ROY BROWN, on January 26, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 317-A Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Roy Brown, Chairman (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joan Linkenbach, Committee Secretary
Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 63, 1/8/2009; SB 83, 1/8/2009;
SJ 5, 1/8/2009

Executive Action: SJ 5

HEARING ON SB 63

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:03 **SEN. RICK LAIBLE (R), SD 44**, opened the hearing on **SB 63**, Tax incentives for volunteer EMTs and their employers.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:11 Cliff Christian, American Heart Association (AHA),
American Stroke Association (ASA)

EXHIBIT (phs18a01)

00:15:07 Todd O'Hair, Rio Tinto Energy America (RTEA)
00:17:26 Boyce Fowler, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
00:19:41 Aimee Grmoljez, Attorney, Billings Clinic (BC)
00:20:42 Mike Foster, Wheaton County Hospital (WCH), Sisters of Charity Hospitals of Montana (SCHM), Montana Catholic Hospitals (MCH)
00:22:51 Erin MacLean, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:47 Chairman Brown
00:24:14 Sen. Laible

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:19 Sen. Laible

HEARING ON SB 83

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:52 **SEN. RICK LAIBLE (R), SD 44**, opened the hearing on **SB 83**, Confidentiality protection for review of emergency service calls.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:39 Jim DeTienne, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Trauma
Systems Section, Department of Public Health and Human
Services (DPHHS)

EXHIBIT (phs18a02)

00:38:32 Susan Bomstad, Missoula 911
00:41:17 Cliff Christian, AHA, ASA
00:46:13 Debbie Ogden, Missoula 911, Missoula Emergency Medical
Services (MEMS)
00:49:02 Forrest Merrill, Missoula County Emergency Medical
Responder (MCEMR)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:50:43 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)
00:56:05 John Barrows, Executive Director, Montana Newspaper
Association (MNA)

EXHIBIT (phs18a03)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:04:45 Sen. Lewis
01:05:09 Sen. Laible
01:05:32 Sen. Lewis
01:05:42 Chairman Brown
01:06:06 Sen. Laible
01:09:31 Sen. Larsen
01:10:02 Sen. Laible
01:11:20 Sen. Larsen
01:11:35 Sen. Laible
01:12:42 Sen. Schmidt
01:13:17 Sen. Laible
01:13:23 Sen. Schmidt
01:13:28 Chairman Brown
01:13:51 Mr. Christian, AHA
01:14:05 Chairman Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

01:14:14 Sen. Laible

HEARING ON SJ 5

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:14:45 **SEN. RICK LAIBLE (R), SD 44**, opened the hearing on **SJ 5**, Continued interim monitoring of health care pricing and information disclosure.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:18:24 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

EXHIBIT (phs18a04)

01:24:05 Mike Foster, Wheaton County Hospital (WCH), Sisters of Charity Hospitals of Montana (SCHM), Montana Catholic Hospitals (MCH)
01:28:55 Tanya Ask, New West Health Services (NWHS)
01:30:30 Aimee Grmoljez, Attorney, Billings Clinic (BC)
01:31:22 Margaret Morgan, Montana Physical Therapists Association (MPTA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:32:04 Connie Welsh, Health Care Benefits Division, Department of Administration (DOA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:32:30 Sen. Schmidt
01:33:40 Mr. Foster, WCH, SCHM, MCH
01:33:51 Chairman Brown
01:34:18 Bob Olsen, MHA
01:36:30 Chairman Brown
01:36:55 Bob Olsen, MHA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:38:06 Sen. Laible
01:40:43 Chairman Brown
01:45:43 Sen. Schmidt
01:46:08 Chairman Brown

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 5

01:46:53 **Motion:** SEN. SCHMIDT moved that **SJ 5 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:47:03 Sen. Hinkle

01:47:45 Chairman Brown

01:48:29 Sen. Schmidt

01:49:13 Chairman Brown

01:49:58 Sen. Larsen

01:50:45 Chairman Brown

01:51:08 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:50 P.M.

JOAN LINKENBACH, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([phs18aad.pdf](#))