

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chairman Gary L. Perry, on April 2, 2009 at 9:00
A.M., in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gary L. Perry, Chairman (R)
Sen. Jim Shockley, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Sen. John Esp (R)

Staff Present: Valencia Lane, Legislative Branch
Pam Schindler, Committee Secretary

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 130, HB 131, 4/2/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 130

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:21 Rep. Ron Stoker (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 130, Grant program for local crisis services and jail diversion for mentally ill.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:18 Anita Roessmann, Attorney, Disability Rights Montana
EXHIBIT(jus73a01)

00:10:19 Paul Meyer, Executive Director, Western Montana Health Center

00:11:29 Rep. Teresa Henry, HD 96

00:16:19 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County Commissioners

00:16:45 Linda Stoll, Missoula County

00:17:01 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Health(NAMI), Montana

00:18:44 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association; Montana County Attorneys Association

00:19:32 Judy Reel, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

00:19:54 Scott Malloy, Executive Director, Western Montana Mental Health Center; Crisis Center, Park County

00:20:34 Mike Foster, Wheatland Memorial Hospital, Harlowtown; St. Vincent Healthcare, Billings; St. Patrick Hospital, Missoula; St. James Healthcare, Butte, Holy Rosary Healthcare, Miles City, St. Joseph Hospital, Polson

00:22:35 Patti Jacques, self

00:23:52 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic; Montana Hospital Association

00:25:35 Tom Peluso, self; Chair, NAMI, Bozeman; also for Dorothy Eck, Montana League of Woman Voters

EXHIBIT(jus73a02)

00:30:39 Dr. Ray Peck, Psychologist; Montana Association of Churches; Central Montana Mental Health Center; Volunteer, Vet to Vet, Fort Harrison

Opponents' Testimony:

00:34:14 Eve Franklin, Office of the Governor

00:39:48 Lou Thompson, Administrator, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Informational Testimony:

00:42:05 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of
Counties (MACo)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:27 Sen. McGee
00:44:54 Ms. Thompson
00:48:04 Sen. McGee
00:48:25 Ms. Franklin
00:49:28 Sen. Larsen
00:50:13 Ms. Thompson
00:54:16 Sen. Juneau
00:55:06 Rep. Stoker
00:58:23 Sen. Juneau
00:58:38 Ms. Roessmann

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:55 Rep. Stoker
01:02:12 break

HEARING ON HB 131

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:18:36 Rep. Ron Stoker (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB
131, State contracting for mental health emergency
detention beds.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:20:14 Rep. Teresa Henry, HD,96
01:21:19 Anita Roessmann, Attorney, Disability Rights Montana
01:26:35 Paul Meyer, Executive Director, Western Montana Mental
Health Center
01:27:26 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County Commissioners
01:27:53 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, National Alliance for
Mental Illness(NAMI) Montana
01:29:03 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic; Montana Hospital
Association
01:29:48 Scott Malloy, Executive Director, Montana Mental Health
Center

EXHIBIT(jus73a03)

01:30:39 Mike Foster, Wheatland Memorial Hospital, Harlowtown;
St. Vincent Healthcare, Billings; St. Patrick
Hospital, Missoula; St. James Healthcare,
Butte, Holy Rosary Healthcare, Miles City, St. Joseph
Hospital, Polson
01:31:17 Judy Reel, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and
Sexual Violence
01:31:34 Dr. Ray Peck, Psychologist; Montana Association of
Churches; Central Montana Mental Health Center;
Volunteer, Vet to Vet, Fort Harrison

Opponents' Testimony:

01:34:26 Eve Franklin, Office of the Governor
01:37:26 Lou Thompson, Administrator, Addictive and Mental
Health Disorders Division, DPHHS

Informational Testimony:

01:47:30 Sheryl Wood, MACo

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:48:37 Sen. McGee
01:48:48 Ms. Thompson
01:49:43 Sen. Laslovich
01:50:32 Ms. Thompson
01:53:58 Sen. Curtiss
01:54:17 Ms. Thompson
01:56:36 Sen. Perry
01:56:55 Ms. Franklin
02:00:36 Sen. Juneau
02:01:12 Rep. Stoker

Closing by Sponsor:

02:04:37 Rep. Stoker

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:10 A.M.

Pam Schindler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([jus73aad.pdf](#))