

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Terry Murphy, on April 3, 2009 at
3:30 P.M., in Room 405 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. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Dave Lewis (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Legislative Branch
Linda Keim, Acting Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 23, 3/30/2009

Executive Action: SR 23, HB 578

HEARING ON SR 23

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:49 Sen. Roy Brown (R), SD 25, opened the hearing on SR 23, Confirm DPHHS director.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:34 Bruce Nelson, Chief of Staff to Governor Schweitzer
00:02:24 John Flink, Montana Hospital Association
00:02:50 Mike Foster, Wheatland Memorial Hospital, Harlowton, and all Montana Catholic Hospitals
00:03:54 Rep. Mary Caferro, HD 80, advocate for WEEL (Working for Equality in Economic Liberation)
00:04:27 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health, and Montana Advocates for children
00:05:30 James Steel, Chair, Confederated Kootenai and Salish Tribes
00:06:39 Bill Slaughter, self
00:07:52 Sen. Trudy Schmidt, SD 11, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony from Nominee:

00:09:15 Anna Whiting Sorrell

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:15 Sen. Larsen
00:13:55 Ms. Sorrell
00:14:34 Sen. Brown
00:21:02 Ms. Sorrell

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:01 Sen. Brown

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 23

00:22:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Schmidt moved that **SR 23 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Lewis voted by proxy.

00:23:32 Sen. Schmidt
00:23:40 Sen. Brown

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 578

00:24:57 Sen. Brown

00:25:02 Rep. Caferro

00:25:31 **Motion:** Sen. Schmidt moved that **HB 578 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:25:47 Sen. Schmidt

00:25:57 Sen. Larsen

00:26:28 Sen. Hinkle

00:26:39 Rep. Caferro

00:27:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously 7-0 by voice vote.
Sen. Lewis voted by proxy. Sen. Hinkle will carry the
bill on the Senate floor.

00:28:32 Sen. Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:58 P.M.

Linda Keim, Acting Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([phs74aad.pdf](#))