

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair Jason Priest, on March 25, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jason Priest, Chairman (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Rowlie Hutton (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Helen Thigpen, Legislative Branch
Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 20, 3/22/2011

Executive Action: SJ 20; HB 410; HB 409; SJ 18

HEARING ON SJ 20

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:33 Sen. Art Wittich (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on SJ 20, Study resolution on implementation of privatization of Medicaid administration.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:29 Bill Warden, St. Peter's Hospital and Benefis Health Systems

00:03:50 Mark Taylor, Montana Hospital Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:04:19 Hank Hudson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:25 Sen. Gillan
00:06:02 Sen. Wittich
00:08:01 Sen. Gillan
00:08:40 Sen. Wittich
00:09:26 Chairman Priest
00:10:12 Mr. Hudson, DPHHS
00:12:57 Chairman Priest
00:13:01 Mr. Hudson
00:13:06 Sen. Lewis
00:13:16 Chairman Priest
00:13:27 Mr. Hudson
00:14:01 Chairman Priest
00:15:02 Mr. Warden

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:54 Sen. Wittich

Sen. Caferro not present

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 20

00:18:13 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lewis moved that **SJ 20 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 410

00:18:49 **Motion:** Sen. Lewis moved that **HB 410 BE TABLED.**

Discussion:

00:19:19 Sen. Gillan

00:19:35 Sen. Lewis **WITHDREW HIS MOTION.**

00:19:48 **Motion:** Sen. Gillan moved that **HB 410 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:19:56 Sen. Gillan

00:21:17 Chairman Priest

00:21:34 Sen. Gillan

00:22:20 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lewis moved a substitute motion that **HB 410 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Gillan and Sen. Van Dyk voting no. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Essmann, Sen. Hutton and Sen. Murphy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 409

00:23:29 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lewis moved that **HB 409 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Gillan and Sen. Van Dyk voting no. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Essmann, Sen. Hutton and Sen. Murphy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 18

00:24:35 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Gillan moved that **SJ 18 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:01 PM

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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