

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Jason Priest, on April 4, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jason Priest, Chair (R)  
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)  
Sen. Rowlie Hutton (R)  
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)  
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Branch  
Liane Taylor, 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.

**HEARING ON HB 83**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:51 Rep. Tom Berry (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 83, Create prescription drug registry.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:14 Steve Bullock, Attorney General, Department of Justice (DOJ)

**EXHIBIT(phs75a01)**

00:10:00 Bill Gallea, ER Physician

**EXHIBIT(phs75a02)**

00:14:25 Tony King, Montana Pharmacy Association (MPA)

00:16:17 Mark Long, Montana Narcotics Officers Association (MNOA)

00:18:19 Kevin Howlett, Director Health and Human Services, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

00:21:09 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

00:22:31 Larry Epstein, Montana County Attorneys (MCA)

00:22:59 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic (BC)

00:23:42 Candace Payne, Rimrock Foundation (RF)

00:24:49 Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS)

00:25:19 Claudia Clifford, AARP

00:26:02 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals of Montana (CHM)

00:26:41 Jim Aherns, American Cancer Society (ACS)

**EXHIBIT(phs75a03)**

**EXHIBIT(phs75a04)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:28:40 Sen. Gillan

00:29:05 Steve Bullock, DOJ

00:30:51 Sen. Gillan

00:30:55 Steve Bullock

00:31:37 Sen. Gillan

00:32:12 Steve Bullock

00:33:20 Sen. Van Dyk

00:33:58 Steve Bullock

00:35:51 Sen. Murphy

00:36:52 Tony King, MPA

00:38:14 Sen. Gillan

00:38:18 Tony King

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:39:15 Rep. Berry

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 83**

00:40:53 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Murphy moved that **HB 83 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Tutvedt will carry the bill.

**HEARING ON HB 183**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:41:49 Rep. Cary Smith (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 183, Provide for high deductible health insurance thru reimbursements and tax credits.

**EXHIBIT**(phs75a05)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:47:08 Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS)

00:48:05 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB)

00:51:18 Bob Faw, self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:53:21 Sen. Gillan

00:53:48 Rep. Smith, HD 55

00:55:12 Sen. Gillan

00:55:26 Rep. Smith

00:55:55 Sen. Gillan

00:56:23 Frank Cote, BCBS

00:57:02 Sen Gillan

00:57:19 Frank Cote

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:57:55 Rep. Smith

**HEARING ON HB 551**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:59:34 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 551, Revise state employee health insurance program to include high deductible plan.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

01:04:47 Russ Hill, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:05:11 Rep. Flynn

01:07:29 Sens. Caferro and Gillan now excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 551**

01:07:38 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hutton moved that **HB 551 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Priest will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:08:56      Adjournment:

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Liane Taylor, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([phs75aad.pdf](#))**