

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Jason Priest, on April 10, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jason Priest, Chair (R)  
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)  
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)  
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Alexis Sandru, Legislative Branch  
Nadine Spencer, 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: SR 49, 4/8/2013; SR 50, 4/8/2013; HB 489, 4/5/2013

Executive Action: SR 49, Be Adopted  
SR 50, Be Adopted  
HB 76, Be Concurred In As Amended

**HEARING ON HB 489**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:15:30 Rep. Chuck Hunter (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 489, An act to create the Montana health care database.

**[EXHIBIT\(phs75a01\)](#)**

00:17:11 Sen. Wanzenried entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:26:39 Bob Marsalli, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

00:31:49 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, NAMI, Montana

00:32:57 Sen. Wittich entered the hearing.

00:33:34 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:35:54 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic (BC) and New West Health Services (NWHS)

00:38:08 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association

00:39:43 Claudia Clifford, Advocacy Director, AARP Montana

00:40:53 Ed Bartlett, Employee Benefit Management Company (EBMS)

00:41:39 Alan Hulse, Chief Executive Officer, Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA)

00:43:19 Mary Beth Frideres, self

00:46:21 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:48:26 Bruce Spencer, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

**[EXHIBIT\(phs75a02\)](#)**

00:51:34 Mike Fellow, Montana Libertarian Party (MTLP)

**[EXHIBIT\(phs75a03\)](#)**

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:56:12 Sen. Wanzenried

00:57:52 Rep. Hunter

00:59:08 Sen. Wanzenried

00:59:25 Sen. Murphy

01:00:58 Rep. Hunter

01:01:40 Sen. Wittich

01:08:26 Rep. Hunter

01:09:18 Sen. Wanzenried

01:09:37 Rep. Hunter

01:12:54 Sen. Wittich

01:13:23 Rep. Hunter  
01:13:45 Sen. Wittich  
01:14:37 Bob Marsalli, MPCA  
01:16:48 Sen. Wittich  
01:17:02 Chairman Priest  
01:18:54 Bob Marsalli  
01:19:39 Chairman Priest  
01:19:55 Sen. Wittich  
01:25:53 Rep. Hunter  
01:25:59 Sen. Wanzenried left the hearing.  
01:28:05 Chairman Priest  
01:31:53 Rep. Hunter  
01:32:50 Chairman Priest  
01:33:48 Aimee Grmoljez, BC, NWH

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:34:47 Rep. Hunter

Chairman Priest turned over Chair responsibilities to Vice Chair Terry Murphy.

**HEARING ON SR 49**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:37:27 Sen. Jason Priest (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SR 49, Confirm Governor's appointees to certain health-related boards.

**[EXHIBIT\(phs75a04\)](#)**

01:37:30 Sen. Wittich left the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:38:10 Sen. Priest

**HEARING ON SR 50**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:38:19 Sen. Jason Priest (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SR 50, Confirm Governor's appointees to the Board of Dentistry.

**[EXHIBIT\(phs75a05\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:38:40 Sen. Caferro  
01:38:55 Sen. Priest  
01:39:14 Vice Chair Murphy  
01:39:21 Sen. Priest

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:39:42 Sen. Priest

Sen. Priest resumed responsibilities as the Chair.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 49**

01:40:16 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SR 49 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote. Sen. Wanzenried and Sen. Wittich were excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 50**

01:40:33 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SR 50 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 5-0 by voice vote. Sen. Wanzenried and Sen. Wittich were excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 76**

**Discussion:**

01:40:51 Sen. Caferro  
01:41:02 Chairman Priest  
01:41:18 Sen. Caferro

01:41:43 **Motion:** Sen. Caferro moved that **HB 76 BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**

01:41:56 Sen. Caferro  
01:42:30 Sen. Wanzenried entered the hearing.

01:42:35 **Motion:** Sen. Caferro moved that **HB 76 BE AMENDED**.  
**[EXHIBIT\(phs75a06\)](#)**

**Discussion:**

01:42:42 Sen. Caferro  
01:47:58 Chairman Priest  
01:48:09 Sen. Caferro

01:48:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Sen. Wittich was excused.

01:48:36 **Motion:** Sen. Caferro moved that **HB 76 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:48:42 Chairman Priest  
01:49:25 Sen. Caferro

01:51:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Priest, Sen. Thomas and Sen. Wittich voting no. Sen. Wittich voted by proxy. Sen. Brenden will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:40 P.M.

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Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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