

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Fred Thomas, on January 21, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Fred Thomas, Chair (R)  
Sen. David Howard, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Diane Sands (D)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)  
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary  
Alexis Sandru, Legislative Branch

**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: SB 133, 1/16/2015; SB 142, 1/16/2015; SB 148, 1/16/2015

00:00:01 Chairman Thomas

**HEARING ON SB 133**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:12 Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 133, Revise prescription authority for naturopathic physicians.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:12 Jeff Roush, ND, medical director and owner, Natural Medicine Plus; president, Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians (MANP)

**[EXHIBIT\(phs13a01\)](#)**

00:12:27 Christine White, ND, vice chair, Board of Alternative Health Care (AHC)

**[EXHIBIT\(phs13a02\)](#)**

00:16:08 Nancy Dunne Byington, RN, ND, Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians (MANP)

**[EXHIBIT\(phs13a03\)](#)**

00:19:38 Tassia Tkatschenko, representing herself and low income Montanans

**[EXHIBIT\(phs13a04\)](#)**

00:21:08 Elizabeth Cavin, ND, Liz Cavin Naturopathic Health Care

**[EXHIBIT\(phs13a05\)](#)**

00:23:19 Marguerite Sorden, RN (retired), representing herself

**[EXHIBIT\(phs13a06\)](#)**

00:24:53 Jeff Green, ND, Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians (MANP)

**[EXHIBIT\(phs13a07\)](#)**

00:27:37 Lynn Troy, ND, Kalispell Regional Healthcare, Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians (MANP)

**[EXHIBIT\(phs13a08\)](#)**

00:28:43 Laura Repola, ND, representing herself

00:29:20 Hertha Lund, representing herself

00:30:16 Joanna Dove, ND, administrative manager, Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians (MANP)

**[EXHIBIT\(phs13a09\)](#)**

00:31:23 Jane Hamman, speaking on behave of Mark Ibsen, MD, Urgent Care Plus

**[EXHIBIT\(phs13a10\)](#)**

00:32:23 Alisun Bonville, ND, owner, Spring Integrative Health

**[EXHIBIT\(phs13a11\)](#)**

00:32:31 Michael Lang, ND, Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians (MANP)  
[EXHIBIT\(phs13a12\)](#)

00:32:46 Renee Goddard, ND, Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians (MANP)  
[EXHIBIT\(phs13a13\)](#)

00:33:00 Ian Nesbit, ND, representing himself  
00:33:10 Kate Kennedy, ND, Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians (MANP)  
00:33:19 Chrissy Brand, RN, MSN, patient, representing herself  
00:33:26 Ann Baker, patient, representing herself  
00:33:34 Victoria Homer, ND, representing herself  
00:33:41 Wakefield Troy, LCSW, patient, representing himself  
00:33:49 Kirstan Roush, patient, representing herself  
00:33:57 Thor Liebert, ND, Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians (MANP)  
00:34:12 Curtis Fjelstad, representing himself  
00:34:19 Cameron Krizek, representing himself  
00:34:27 Debra Ramsdell, patient, representing herself  
00:34:40 Carole Schile, representing herself  
00:34:49 Bob Ringler, representing himself  
00:34:59 Deborah Rumberger, patient, representing herself  
00:35:09 Marlene Welch, office manager, representing self  
[EXHIBIT\(phs13a14\)](#)

00:35:25 Jamie Stafford, patient, licensed mid-wife  
[EXHIBIT\(phs13a15\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:35:56 Tom Roberts, MD, Montana Medical Association (MMA)  
[EXHIBIT\(phs13a16\)](#)

00:45:05 Bill Gallea, MD, vice president, Montana Medical Association (MMA)  
[EXHIBIT\(phs13a17\)](#)

00:50:08 Kurtis Blake, MD, representing himself  
00:51:50 Jeanne Sticht, MD, anesthesiologist, St. Peter's Hospital (SPH)  
[EXHIBIT\(phs13a18\)](#)

00:55:09 Jonathon Griffin, MD, vice president, Medical Homes & Innovation, St. Peter's  
Hospital; Montana Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP)

00:59:09 Tony King, chair, Montana Pharmacy Association (MPA)

01:00:56 Sen. Caffero left the hearing.

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:03:07 Sen. Smith  
01:03:32 Mr. Roush, MANP

01:04:49 Sen. Swandal  
01:05:03 Mr. Roberts, MMA  
01:05:24 Sen. Swandal  
01:05:34 Mr. Roberts  
01:06:20 Chairman Thomas  
01:06:35 Mr. Roberts  
01:07:01 Chairman Thomas  
01:07:19 Mr. Roberts  
01:08:26 Chairman Thomas  
01:08:40 Mr. Roberts  
01:08:54 Chairman Thomas  
01:09:08 Mr. King, MPA  
01:09:25 Chairman Thomas  
01:09:32 Mr. Roush  
01:10:11 Chairman Thomas  
01:10:14 Sen. Smith  
01:10:38 Mr. King  
01:10:42 Sen. Smith  
01:10:44 Mr. King  
01:10:51 Sen. Swandal  
01:11:14 Mr. Roberts  
01:11:17 Sen. Swandal  
01:11:25 Mr. Roberts  
01:12:27 Sen. Swandal  
01:12:31 Mr. Roberts  
01:12:51 Chairman Thomas  
01:13:15 Mr. Griffin, MAFP  
01:13:18 Chairman Thomas  
01:13:28 Sen. Sands  
01:13:52 Mr. Roberts  
01:15:11 Sen. Sands  
01:15:23 Mr. Roberts  
01:16:12 Sen. Sands  
01:16:46 Mr. Roush  
01:17:10 Sen. Sands  
01:17:15 Mr. Roush  
01:17:22 Sen. Sands  
01:17:29 Ms. White, AHC  
01:18:25 Sen. Sands  
01:19:08 Ms. White  
01:20:34 Chairman Thomas  
01:20:43 Sen. Windy Boy  
01:21:58 Mr. Sticht, SPH  
01:23:38 Sen. Windy Boy  
01:24:11 Mr. Roush  
01:25:26 Chairman Thomas

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:25:35 Sen. Kauffman  
01:30:52 Chairman Thomas

**HEARING ON SB 142**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:31:27 Sen. Cary Smith (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 142, Revise laws related to health care options for patients with terminal illnesses.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:37:22 Bill Gallea MD, vice president, Montana Medical Association (MMA)  
01:38:49 Bill Warden, lobbyist, St. Peter's Hospital, Benefis Health System and Bozeman Deaconess Hospital

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:39:24 Sen. Sands  
01:39:42 Sen. Smith  
01:40:10 Chairman Thomas

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:40:15 Sen. Smith  
01:42:11 Chairman Thomas

**HEARING ON SB 148**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:42:49 Sen. Cary Smith (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 148, Provide for the welfare fraud prevention act.

[EXHIBIT\(phs13a19\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:49:53 Bill Gallea MD, vice president, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:51:36 Stuart Fuller, chief information officer, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

[EXHIBIT\(phs13a20\)](#)

02:00:11 Kelson Young, executive director, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:03:40 Sen. Swandal  
02:04:24 Ms. Young, MCADSV  
02:05:08 Sen. Windy Boy  
02:05:31 Mr. Fuller, DPHHS  
02:05:54 Bob Runkle, manager, Economic Security Services Branch, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
02:07:37 Sen. Windy Boy  
02:07:50 Mr. Runkle, DPHHS  
02:08:18 Sen. Windy Boy  
02:09:34 Sen. Smith  
02:10:03 Chairman Thomas  
02:10:24 Sen. Howard  
02:10:47 Mr. Runkle  
02:12:40 Chairman Thomas  
02:12:57 Sen. Windy Boy  
02:13:28 Mr. Fuller  
02:13:31 Sen. Windy Boy  
02:13:44 Mr. Fuller  
02:14:00 Sen. Windy Boy  
02:14:53 Mr. Fuller  
02:15:17 Sen. Windy Boy  
02:16:34 Chairman Thomas  
02:16:59 Sen. Sands  
02:17:28 Chairman Thomas  
02:17:54 Mr. Fuller  
02:18:07 Chairman Thomas  
02:18:12 Mr. Fuller  
02:18:33 Chairman Thomas  
02:18:46 Mr. Fuller  
02:18:52 Chairman Thomas  
02:18:56 Mr. Fuller  
02:19:07 Chairman Thomas  
02:19:12 Mr. Fuller  
02:19:49 Chairman Thomas

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:20:00 Sen. Smith  
02:29:28 Chairman Thomas

**Committee Business:**

02:29:42 Chairman Thomas

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Sen. Sands

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Chairman Thomas

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:33 PM

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Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([phs13aad.pdf](#))**