

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair Fred Thomas, on February 2, 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. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D) (arrived after roll call)

Members Excused: Sen. Mary Caferro (D)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 9, 1/29/2015

Executive Action: SB 217 - DO PASS AS AMENDED, SJ 9 - DO PASS

00:00:01 Chairman Thomas

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 217

00:01:05 Chairman Thomas

00:01:14 **Motion:** Sen. Swandal moved that **SB 217 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:02:05 Sen. Swandal

00:02:30 Alexis Sandru, staff attorney, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:02:51 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Swandal moved that **SB 217 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Sen. Caferro was excused.

00:03:04 Sen. Sands

00:04:08 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Swandal moved that **SB 217 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Caferro voted by proxy.

00:04:29 Sen. Windy Boy

HEARING ON SJ 9

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:18 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SJ 9, Resolution on medicare/medicaid expansion.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:24 Joy Bruck, state president, AARP Montana (AARP)

EXHIBIT(phs23a01)

00:15:39 Kim Abbott, president, Montana Human Rights Network

00:17:05 Amanda Harrow, Montana Primary Care Association

00:18:39 Robin Turner, public policy and legal director, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:59 Sen. Sands

00:20:56 Ms. Bruck, AARP

00:22:18 Sen. Sands

00:22:32 Ms. Bruck

00:22:49 Sen. Sands
00:23:12 Sen. Brenden
00:23:24 Sen. Sands
00:23:41 Sen. Brenden
00:23:49 Sen. Swandal
00:24:19 Ms. Bruck
00:24:36 Sen. Swandal
00:24:39 Ms. Bruck
00:24:43 Sen. Howard
00:25:19 Sen. Brenden
00:27:11 Sen. Windy Boy
00:28:17 Mike Foster, representing Catholic Hospitals of Montana (CHM)
00:30:50 Sen. Sands
00:31:00 Mr. Foster, CHM
00:31:53 Sen. Sands
00:32:14 Mr. Foster
00:33:24 Chairman Thomas
00:33:28 Sen. Smith
00:34:27 Mr. Foster
00:35:34 Sen. Smith
00:35:55 Mr. Foster
00:36:06 Sen. Smith
00:36:17 Mr. Foster
00:36:40 Sen. Smith
00:37:22 Sen. Brenden
00:40:11 Sen. Howard
00:40:26 Joe Balyeat, Montana state director, Americans for Prosperity (AFP-Montana)
00:40:45 Sen. Howard
00:40:48 Mr. Balyeat, AFP-Montana
00:43:25 Chairman Thomas

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:35 Sen. Brenden
00:44:41 Chairman Thomas

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 9

00:45:18 **Motion:** Sen. Swandal moved that **SJ 9 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:45:58 Sen. Sands

00:48:07 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Swandal moved that **SJ 9 DO PASS.** Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Sands and Sen. Windy Boy voting no. Sen. Caferro voted by proxy.

00:51:45 Chairman Thomas

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:54 PM

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs23aad.pdf](#))