

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Fred Thomas, on March 9, 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)  
Sen. Diane Sands (D)  
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Cary Smith (R)

**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: SR 14, 2/24/2015; SR 16, 2/24/2015; SR 23, 2/24/2015; HB 319, 2/25/2015

Executive Action: HB 319 - BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED; SR 14 BE ADOPTED;  
SR 16 - BE ADOPTED; SR 23 - BE ADOPTED

00:00:01 Chairman Thomas

00:00:20 Chairman Thomas turned the chair over to Vice Chair Howard.

**HEARING ON SR 16**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:02 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SR 16, Confirm Governor's appointee to the board of public assistance.

[EXHIBIT\(phs48a01\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:03:04 Sen. Thomas

**HEARING ON SR 23**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:19 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SR 23, Confirm Governor's appointee to board radiologic technologists.

[EXHIBIT\(phs48a02\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:04:11 Sen. Thomas

**HEARING ON SR 14**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:04:29 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SR 14, Confirm Governor's appointees for health related boards.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:06:50 Sen. Thomas

00:08:28 Committee reviewed resumes.

[EXHIBIT\(phs48a03\)](#)

00:21:51 Vice Chair Howard turned the chair back over to Chairman Thomas.

### **HEARING ON HB 319**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:22:01 Rep. Albert Olszewski (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 319, Revise medical lien laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:23:06 Mark Baker, attorney, representing Kalispell Regional Healthcare (KRH)

[EXHIBIT\(phs48a04\)](#)

00:26:40 Casey Blumenthal, Association of Montana Health Care Providers

00:27:50 Jane Hamman, Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:28:35 Rep. Olszewski

### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 319**

00:29:30 **Motion:** Sen. Swandal moved that **HB 319 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:29:49 **Motion:** Sen. Swandal moved that **HB 319 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(phs48a05\)](#)

00:30:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Sen. Smith was excused.

**Discussion:**

00:30:25 Sen. Sands  
00:30:59 Chairman Thomas  
00:31:03 Sen. Swandal  
00:31:07 Sen. Sands  
00:31:14 Chairman Thomas  
00:31:32 Mr. Baker, KRH  
00:32:11 Chairman Thomas  
00:32:37 Mr. Baker  
00:33:22 Sen. Sands  
00:33:37 Chairman Thomas

00:34:31 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Swandal moved that **HB 319 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 5-1 by voice vote with Sen. Windy Boy voting no. Sen. Smith was excused. Sen. Swandal will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 23**

00:35:45 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Swandal moved that **SR 23 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Sen. Smith was excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 16**

00:36:11 **Motion:** Sen. Howard moved that **SR 16 BE ADOPTED**.

**Discussion:**

00:36:36 Sen. Sands  
00:37:47 Chairman Thomas

00:38:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Sen. Smith was excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 14**

00:38:46 **Motion:** Sen. Swandal moved that **SJ 14 BE ADOPTED**.

**Discussion:**

00:38:47 Sen. Swandal  
00:39:47 Sen. Windy Boy  
00:39:54 Chairman Thomas

00:40:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Sen. Smith was excused.

**Committee Business:**

00:40:44 Chairman Thomas

00:41:58

Sen. Windy Boy

00:42:03

Chairman Thomas

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:46 PM

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Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([phs48aad.pdf](#))**