

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Fred Thomas, on March 25, 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)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**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 403, 3/18/2015, SJ 22, 3/22/2015

Executive Action: SJ 22 - DO PASS; HB 256 - BE CONCURRED IN; SB 403 BE TABLED;  
SB 206 - BE TABLED

00:00:01 Chairman Thomas

**HEARING ON SJ 22**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:21 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SJ 22, Request interim study of state guardianship programs for elderly.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:37 Denise Armstrong, executive director, Big Sky Senior Services  
[EXHIBIT\(phs62a01\)](#)

00:08:25 Jane Amdahl, volunteer for AARP Montana  
[EXHIBIT\(phs62a02\)](#)

00:11:35 Erin McGowan, Montana Association of Area Agencies on Aging

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:13:22 Sen. Webb

**HEARING ON SB 403**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:15:17 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 403, Requiring department of labor and industry to administer medical marijuana act.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:20:54 Linda Tracy, representing herself

**Informational Testimony:**

00:22:50 Todd Younkin, Department of Labor and Industry

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:23:17 Chairman Thomas

00:23:23 Sen. Webb

00:24:03 Chairman Thomas  
 00:24:10 Sen. Webb  
 00:25:02 Sen. Sands  
 00:26:55 Sen. Webb  
 00:28:00 Sen. Sands  
 00:28:19 Sen. Webb  
 00:28:36 Sen. Sands  
 00:29:36 Sen. Webb  
 00:30:24 Sen. Howard  
 00:30:34 Sen. Webb  
 00:30:38 Sen Howard  
 00:30:44 Sen. Webb  
 00:30:50 Sen. Howard  
 00:31:01 Sen. Webb  
 00:31:06 Sen. Smith

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:33:29 Sen. Webb

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 22**

00:35:14 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Howard moved that **SJ 22 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Caferro and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 403**

00:35:50 **Motion:** Sen. Howard moved that **SB 403 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

00:36:02 Sen. Sands  
 00:37:16 Sen. Howard  
 00:37:44 Sen. Sands  
 00:37:46 Sen. Howard  
 00:37:50 Sen. Sands  
 00:39:13 Sen. Howard  
 00:39:30 Sen. Sands  
 00:39:56 Sen. Howard  
 00:40:19 Sen. Sands  
 00:40:28 Sen. Howard  
 00:40:31 Sen. Sands

00:41:12 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-4 by voice vote with Sen. Howard, Sen. C. Smith and Sen. Thomas voting aye. Sen. Caferro and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:42:07 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Sands moved that **SB 403 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 5-2 by voice vote with Sen. Howard and Sen. Thomas voting no. Sen. Caferro and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 256**

00:42:56 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 256 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:43:36 Sen. Sands

00:43:43 Sen. Smith

00:44:49 Sen. Sands

00:45:10 Sen. Smith

00:46:57 Sen. Sands

00:47:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Sands and Sen. Windy Boy voting no. Sen. Caferro and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Smith will carry the bill.

**Discussion:**

00:48:22 Sen. Swandal

00:48:26 Chairman Thomas

00:48:31 Sen. Sands

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 206**

00:49:19 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Swandal moved that **SB 206 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Caferro and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:53 PM

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Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([phs62aad.pdf](#))**