

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on April 15, 2019 at 4:00 P.M., in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. David Howard, Chair (R)
Sen. Jen Gross, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Corina Hach, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 27, 4/10/2019; SR 53, 4/10/2019

Executive Action: SR 53 - Be Adopted
SJ 27 - Motion failed
HB 544 - Motion failed

16:01:50 Chair Howard turned the duties of the Chair over to Vice Chair Smith.

HEARING ON SR 53

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:02:16 Sen. David Howard (R), SD 29, opened the hearing on SR 53, Confirm Governor's appointee for Board of Dentistry.

16:02:45 Sen. McNally entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:03:07 Sen. Sands

16:03:13 Sen. Howard

16:03:17 Sen. Sands

Closing by Sponsor:

16:03:29 Sen. Howard

16:03:36 Sen. Malek entered the hearing.

16:03:45 Chair Howard resumed the position of the Chair.

HEARING ON SJ 27

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:03:55 Sen. Albert Olszewski (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SJ 27, Interim study on impacts of enhanced nurse licensure compact.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:05:14 Eric Anderson, Montana Nurses Association

16:07:01 Vicky Byrd, RN, CEO, Montana Nurses Association

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Opponents' Testimony:

16:08:27 Heather O'Hara, RN, vice president, Montana Hospital Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

16:14:30 Sen. Olszewski

Discussion:

16:15:00 Chair Howard
16:15:12 Sen. Sands
16:15:20 Chair Howard
16:15:49 Sen. Sands
16:16:00 Cori Hach, staff attorney, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
16:16:05 Chair Howard
16:16:08 Sen. Sands
16:16:11 Ms. Hach, LSD
16:16:25 Chair Howard

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 544

16:16:32 **Motion:** Sen. Gross moved that **HB 544 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

Discussion:

16:17:40 Sen. Olszewski
16:18:05 Chair Howard
16:18:07 Sen. Gross

16:18:15 Without objection, Sen. Gross withdrew the motion.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 53

16:18:25 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SR 53 BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Hinebauch voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 27

16:19:01 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SJ 27 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:19:09 Sen. Gross
16:19:35 Sen. Smith
16:20:00 Sen. McNally
16:20:23 Chair Howard
16:20:42 Sen. Sands
16:21:11 Sen. Malek

16:21:45 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. McNally and Sen. Olszewski voting aye.

Discussion:

16:22:18 Sen. Gross
16:22:39 Chair Howard

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 544

16:22:43

Motion/Vote: Sen. Gross moved that **HB 544 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**
Motion failed 5-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. Malek, Sen. McNally,
Sen. Sands and Sen. Small voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:23 PM

Julie Emge, Secretary

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