

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on February 10, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. David Howard, Chair (R)
Sen. Carl Glimm, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jen Gross, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Bob Keenan (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Corina Hach, Legislative Branch
Gwyn Schooler, Committee Secretary
Hallie Swain, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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 56, 2/5/2021; SR 57, 2/5/2021; SR 71, 2/5/2021

11:44:10 Chair Howard gave the duties of the chair to Vice Chair Glimm.

HEARING ON SR 57

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:04:00 Sen. David Howard (R), SD 29, opened the hearing on SR57, Confirm Governor's appointee for Director of Dept. of Public Health & Human Serv.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:54 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras

15:08:01 Adam Meier, Governor's nominee

EXHIBIT(phs28a01)

15:15:34 Erica Johnston, operations branch manager, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

15:18:12 Keith Newmeyer, citizen

15:19:34 Raye Newmeyer, citizen

15:20:07 Brad Griffin, Montana Chiropractic Association

15:20:48 Robert Leach, citizen

15:22:54 John Tilley, Kentucky

15:27:52 Jenna Taylor, executive director, Child Bridge

EXHIBIT(phs28a02)

15:32:25 Kristi Putnam, former deputy secretary, Cabinet for Health and Family Services, State of Kentucky

15:37:42 Marilyn Bartlett, chair, transition team, Governor's office

EXHIBIT(phs28a03)

15:39:33 Shannon Gadd, commissioner, Department of Aging and Independent Living, State of Kentucky

Additional Testimony Received:

EXHIBIT(phs28a04)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:43:57 Sen. Molnar

15:44:18 Sen. Glimm

15:44:38 Sen. Molnar

15:45:38 Mr. Meier, nominee

15:47:06 Sen. Molnar

15:47:57 Mr. Meier

15:49:56 Sen. Molnar

15:51:08 Mr. Meier

15:54:19 Sen. Hinebauch

15:55:24 Sen. McNally

15:58:43 Sen. McGillvray entered the meeting.

16:07:14 Mr. Meier
16:08:03 Sen. McNally
16:08:07 Sen. McGillvray
16:08:22 Mr. Meier
16:08:28 Sen. McGillvray
16:09:06 Mr. Meier
16:10:28 Sen. McGillvray
16:10:55 Mr. Meier
16:11:55 Sen. McGillvray
16:12:05 Mr. Meier
16:13:00 Sen. Sands
16:18:09 Mr. Meier
16:18:54 Sen. Sands
16:19:37 Sen. Gross
16:28:40 Mr. Meier
16:30:58 Sen. Gross
16:31:27 Chair Glimm
16:31:44 Mr. Meier
16:32:12 Chair Glimm

Closing by Sponsor:

16:32:23 Sen. Howard

HEARING ON SR 56

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:32:34 Sen. David Howard (R), SD 29, opened the hearing on SR56, Confirm Governor's appointee to the Board of Chiropractors.

[EXHIBIT\(phs28a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

16:33:05 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras
16:33:31 Brad Griffin, Montana Chiropractic Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

16:35:36 Sen. Howard

HEARING ON SR 71

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:35:56 Sen. David Howard (R), SD 29, opened the hearing on SR71, Confirm
Governor's appointees to various health-related boards.

[EXHIBIT\(phs28a06\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

16:37:09 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras

16:37:45 Stuart Doggett, Montana Pharmacy Association

16:38:39 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Speech, Language, and Hearing Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:40:20 Sen. Gross

16:40:48 Ms. Juras

16:41:28 Sen. Gross

Closing by Sponsor:

16:41:54 Sen. Howard

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:42 PM

Gwyn Schooler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs28aad.pdf](#))