

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on February 22, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317
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. Diane Sands (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Corina Hach, Legislative Branch
Gwyn Schooler, Committee Secretary
Heather Vande-Sandt, 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: SB 199, 2/18/2021; SB 236, 2/18/2021
Executive Action: SR 72; SB 218; SB 244; SB 245

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 72

14:51:57 Chair Howard

14:52:17 Sen. McGillvray entered the room.

14:52:38 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **SR 72 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

14:53:06 Sen. Gross

14:53:24 Sen. Molnar

14:53:33 Chair Howard

14:54:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Keenan and Sen. McNally voted by proxy.

14:54:38 Chair Howard

14:54:46 Sen. Gross

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 218

14:55:08 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **SB 218 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

14:55:14 Sen. Sands

14:55:56 Chair Howard

14:56:30 Sen. Sands

14:56:50 Chair Howard

14:57:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Keenan and Sen. McNally voted by proxy.

14:58:09 Chair Howard

14:58:10 Sen. Hinebauch left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 244

14:58:21 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **SB 244 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

14:58:42 Sen. McGillvray

14:59:08 Sen. Gross

15:00:05 Sen. Sands

15:01:36 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. McNally and Sen. Sands voting aye. Sen. Hinebauch, Sen. Keenan and Sen. McNally voted by proxy.

15:02:28 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Glimm moved that **SB 244 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried 6-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. McNally and Sen. Sands voting no. Sen. Hinebauch, Sen. Keenan and Sen. McNally voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 245

15:03:29 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **SB 245 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

15:03:49 Sen. Sands
15:05:01 Sen. McGillvray
15:05:54 Sen. Sands
15:06:36 Sen. Molnar
15:07:06 Chair Howard
15:07:10 Sen. Gross
15:07:31 Sen. Sands
15:08:46 Chair Howard

15:09:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. McNally and Sen. Sands voting no. Sen. Hinebauch, Sen. Keenan and Sen. McNally voted by proxy.

15:10:48 Cori Hach, Legislative Services Branch
15:10:54 Sen. Glimm

HEARING ON SB 236

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:11:33 Sen. Shane Morigeau (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on SB236, Provide transparency in health care pricing.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

15:19:45 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Optometric Association; Montana Speech Language Association
15:21:57 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana
15:23:57 Duane Preshinger, Montana Hospital Association

EXHIBIT(phs37a01)

15:24:51 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic; Community Medical Center

Informational Testimony:

15:25:32 Jackie Jones, Office of the Montana State Auditor, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:25:51 Sen. Glimm

15:26:22 Sen. Morigeau
15:28:01 Sen. Glimm
15:28:11 Sen. Morigeau
15:28:31 Sen. Glimm
15:28:37 Sen. Gross
15:29:07 Sen. Morigeau
15:32:30 Sen. Gross
15:32:55 Sen. Morigeau
15:35:03 Chair Howard

Closing by Sponsor:

15:35:11 Sen. Morigeau

HEARING ON SB 199

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:36:42 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB199, Provide for the Montana Local Food Choice Act.

[EXHIBIT\(phs37a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:46:53 Mark Huyser, citizen

[EXHIBIT\(phs37a03\)](#)

15:48:19 Henry Kriegel, Americans for Prosperity
15:51:49 Jami Kidd, citizen
15:53:28 Justina Merja, citizen
15:54:03 Jesse Kula, citizen
15:55:29 Jessica Fruitman, citizen
15:57:12 Maria Wyrock, citizen
16:00:07 Jessica Kirkendall, Flathead Valley
16:01:09 Heather Richards, citizen
16:02:26 Lacey Berg, Miles City
16:03:13 Lanae Higgins, citizen
16:04:12 Philip Berg, citizen
16:04:44 Christine Agin, Stevensville

[EXHIBIT\(phs37a04\)](#)

16:10:12 Symbria Patterson, Cedar City, Utah

[EXHIBIT\(phs37a05\)](#)

16:11:38 Marc Roberts, Utah
16:12:47 Allison Cooley, Big Timber
16:14:00 Pete Kennedy, attorney, Price Foundation
16:17:07 Greg Hinkle, Thompson Falls

[EXHIBIT\(phs37a06\)](#)

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(phs37a07\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

16:20:23 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Milk Producers Association (MMPA), Meadowgold Dairy
16:29:56 Amy Angel, citizen
16:33:49 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmers Union
16:34:32 Marty Zaluskli, state veterinarian, Department of Livestock (DOL)

EXHIBIT(phs37a08)

16:38:24 Eric Anderson, Teamsters Local 190
16:39:17 Jan Tusick, Mission Mountain Food Enterprise Center

EXHIBIT(phs37a09)

16:42:50 Taylor Brown, Huntley
16:49:00 Tara Preston, Deputy CEO, Montana Medical Association
16:50:28 Shannon Therriault, Environmental Health director, Missoula City-County Health Department

EXHIBIT(phs37a10)

Additional Testimony Recieved:

EXHIBIT(phs37a11)

Informational Testimony:

16:54:09 Jim Murphy, administrator, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:55:36 Sen. Sands
16:56:15 Mr. Murphy, DPHHS
16:57:04 Sen. Hinebauch
16:57:47 Sen. Hertz
16:57:56 Sen. Gross
16:58:56 Mr. Brown, citizen
16:59:16 Sen. Gross
16:59:28 Mr. Brown
16:59:57 Sen. Gross
17:00:05 Ms. Angel, citizen
17:00:17 Sen. Gross
17:00:24 Ms. Angel
17:00:39 Sen. Gross
17:01:11 Sen. Hertz
17:01:21 Ms. Evans, MMPA
17:01:48 Sen. Gross
17:02:54 Sen. Hertz
17:05:31 Sen. Gross
17:06:24 Sen. Hertz
17:06:36 Sen. Molnar
17:07:06 Mr. Zaluski, DOL
17:07:46 Sen. Molnar
17:08:13 Mr. Zaluski

17:10:02 Sen. Molnar
17:10:29 Mr. Zaluski
17:11:33 Sen. Molnar
17:11:50 Mr. Zaluski
17:12:29 Sen. Hinebauch
17:12:58 Ms. Evans
17:13:10 Sen. Hinebauch
17:13:32 Ms. Evans
17:13:44 Sen. Howard
17:14:12 Mr. Zaluski
17:14:28 Chair Howard
17:15:27 Sen. Glimm
17:15:43 Mr. Zaluski
17:15:48 Sen. Glimm
17:16:13 Mr. Zaluski
17:16:44 Chair Howard
17:17:00 Mr. Zaluski
17:17:21 Mr. Murphy, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

17:18:09 Sen. Hertz

17:22:37 Chair Howard
17:22:48 Sen. Gross
17:22:53 Chair Howard
17:23:02 Sen. Gross

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:23 PM

Gwyn Schooler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs37aad.pdf](#))