

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

February 23, 1987

The twelfth meeting of the Senate Finance and Claims Committee met in room 331 of the State Capitol on the above date. A quorum being present, Senator Regan called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. and explained that since the committee had voted for reconsideration of Senate Bill 216 she would like the committee to take action one way or the other so the bill could be cleared from committee.

ROLL CALL: All members present except Senators Stimatz and Harding.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL 216: Senator Jacobson moved that Senate Bill 216 do pass. She said she realized there is no money but also realizes this is so important that it is an option that should have more priority than some of the others, that the prenatal care in the early months was so vital to the health of a child, and saved so many problems in the future that a strong effort should be made to make it one of the options of medicaid that was accepted.

Senator Himsl commented that his committee is cutting back some of the ones that are on board now and regardless of the importance of this bill felt it would be very difficult to add a new one under the present circumstances.

Senator Manning explained that this would save money in the long haul because there would be less low weight babies having the trouble that cost the state so much money.

Senator Smith said in looking at the first page there was 1,134 women and 1,134 infants eligible and looking at the amount he questioned whether anyone had figured out what the average was per client.

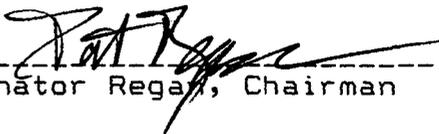
Senator Jacobson said there were so many variables it was really hard to get an accurate figure. She explained the brown fiscal note was the one the SRS had done, the yellow one was the one Dave Hunter had signed on. She said it does not take into account the ceiling put in.

Senator Himsl said the estimated cost of medicaid is \$150 million per year and said he did not know if the government would change the figure or not, but there might be quite a change. He said he guessed the vote on this bill would be a matter of how each one felt about it.

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DISPOSITION OF SENATE BILL 216: Motion was voted on, roll call vote with votes left voted in. Motion failed on a tie vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.



Senator Regan, Chairman

ROLL CALL

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SENATOR REGAN	✓		
SENATOR HIMSL	✓		
SENATOR JACOBSON	✓		
SENATOR BENGTON	✓		
SENATOR STIMATZ		✓	
SENATOR HARDING		✓	
SENATOR HAFHEY	✓		
SENATOR SMITH	✓		
SENATOR KEATING	✓		
SENATOR STORY	✓		
SENATOR BOYLAN	✓		
SENATOR JERGSON	✓		
SENATOR TVEIT	✓		
SENATOR MANNING	✓		
SENATOR HAMMOND	✓		
SENATOR GAGE	✓		

