

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE
52nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

A Free Conference Committee Meeting was called to order by SENATOR MIGNON WATERMAN on Monday, April 29, 1991, at 2:50 P. M., in Room 331 of the Capitol Complex, Helena, Montana.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Senator Mignon Waterman
Senator Eve Franklin
Senator Tom Hager
Representative Dorothy Bradley
Representative John Johnson
Representative Fred Thomas

The Conference Committee on House Bill 977 met and considered the Governor's amendments, dated April 25, 1991, and we recommend that the amendments be accepted in their entirety.

And this Conference Committee report be adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment at: 3:00 P. M.,



SENATOR MIGNON WATERMAN, Chairman



BETSY CLARK, Secretary

MW/bc

Conference Committee
on House Bill 977
Report No. 1, April 29, 1991

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Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:

We, your Conference Committee on House Bill 977 met and considered the Governor's amendments, dated April 25, 1991, and recommend that the amendments be accepted in their entirety.

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For the House:

For the Senate:

Deborah Bradley
Rep. Bradley, Chair

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Sen. Waterman, Chair

John Johnson
Rep. John Johnson

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Sen. Franklin

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Rep. Fred Thomas

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Sen. Hager

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GOVERNOR'S AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 977
(REFERENCE COPY, AS AMENDED)
April 25, 1991

1. Title, line 10.

Following: "50-5-301."

Strike: "50-5-316"

2. Pages 1 and 2.

Strike: Statement of Intent in its entirety

3. Page 26, lines 1 and 2.

Following: "A"

Strike: "(1) Except as provided in subsection (2), a"

Insert: "A"

4. Page 26, lines 5 through 11.

Strike: subsection (2) in its entirety

Gov Amend.
HB 977



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Office of the Governor
Helena, Montana 59620
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STAN STEPHENS
GOVERNOR

April 25, 1991

The Honorable Hal Harper
Speaker of the House
State Capitol
Helena, Montana 59620

The Honorable Joseph P. Mazurek
President of the Senate
State Capitol
Helena, Montana 59620

Dear Speaker Harper and President Mazurek:

In accordance with the power vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Montana, I hereby make the attached amendatory veto to House Bill 977, "AN ACT REVISING THE LAWS RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES; ALLOWING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES FOR PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE IN A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY; REQUIRING LICENSURE OF A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT; AMENDING SECTIONS 50-5-101, 50-5-301, 50-5-316, AND 53-6-101, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 50-5-317, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

Medicaid residential treatment is an entitlement program. If the Department of Family Services is to control the growth of this new entitlement program and to create an entire continuum of care for Montana children, it needs to be able to control and direct the growth of any aspect of the continuum. If a one-month window of opportunity is allowed to exist, the number of programs that may choose to enter this new market cannot be predicted.

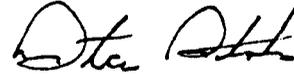
My proposed amendments would delete the provisions of the bill which exempt facilities existing as of August 1, 1991 from the certificate of need requirement. Special exemptions to the certificate of need process would increase health care costs to all Montanans as well as to the Montana Medicaid program. It is estimated that 38 residential treatment facility beds would be added to those currently in existence. Those additions could add

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approximately \$1,054,790 per year to the Montana Medicaid program unless a significant number of higher cost hospital beds are reduced. This money could better be used to fund less costly and less restrictive rehabilitation programs.

I urge your concurrence in my amendments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stan Stephens", written in a cursive style.

STAN STEPHENS
Governor