

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN DUANE GRIMES, on January 15, 1997, at 3:00 P.M., in room 104.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Duane Grimes, Chairman (R)
Rep. Loren L. Soft, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)
Rep. Carolyn M. Squires, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)
Rep. Chris Ahner (R)
Rep. Ellen Bergman (R)
Rep. William E. Boharski (R)
Rep. John C. Bohlinger (R)
Rep. Bill Carey (D)
Rep. Deb Kottel (D)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)
Rep. Wes Prouse (R)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)
Rep. Bruce T. Simon (R)
Rep. Liz Smith (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: David Niss, Legislative Services Division
Jaelene Racicot, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 146, HB 149, & HB 157 (1-9-97)
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 149

Sponsor: REP. ROYAL JOHNSON, HD 10, introduced the bill. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.; Comments: None.}

Proponents: Jerry Hoover, Department of Commerce. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.4; Comments: None.}

Peter Blouke, Department of Commerce former Director of the Department of Public Health and Human Services. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.1; Comments: None.}

Tori Hunthausen, Legislative Auditor's Office. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.0; Comments: None.}

Jim Ahrens, President of the Hospital Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 18.8; Comments: None.}

Opponents: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: REP. JOHN BOHLINGER. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.5; Comments: Questioned Jerry Hoover.}

CHAIRMAN DUANE GRIMES. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.3; Comments: Questioned Mr. Hoover.}

REP. BILL BOHARSKI. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.3; Comments: Questioned Mr. Hoover.}

REP. BRUCE SIMON. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.3; Comments: Questioned Mr. Hoover.}

CHAIRMAN DUANE GRIMES. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: .2; Comments: Questioned Rep. Johnson.}

CHAIRMAN DUANE GRIMES. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1.6; Comments: Questioned Mr. Hoover.}

REP. BRUCE SIMON. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.7; Comments: Questioned Mr. Hoover.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. ROYAL JOHNSON closed. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 7.6; Comments: None.}

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 8.7; Comments: An award was presented to Dr. Peter Blouke by the committee.}

HEARING ON HB 146

Sponsor: REP. ROYAL JOHNSON introduced the bill. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 16.5; Comments: None.}

Proponents: Hank Hudson, Department of Public Health and Human Services. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 23.2; Comments: None.}

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .1; Comments: Hank Hudson continues testimony and offered an amendment.}

Karlene Leonard, Department of Public Health and Human Services.
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.4; Comments: None.}

Opponents: Don Judge, Montana State AFL-CIO. {Tape: 2; Side: A;
Approx. Time Count: 5.0; Comments: None.}

Kate Cholewa, Montana Women's Lobby. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx.
Time Count: 12.6; Comments: Exhibit 1.}

Russell LaVigne, Peoples Law Center. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx.
Time Count: 14.5; Comments: Exhibit 2.}

Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx.
Time Count: 17.3; Comments: None.}

Informational Testimony:

Dennis Zieler, Unemployment Insurance. {Tape: 2; Side:A; Approx.
Time Count: 19.4; Comments: None.}

George Wood, Montana Self Insurer Association. {Tape: 2; Side:
A; Approx. Time Count: 21.2; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

REP. BILL BOHARSKI. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.2;
Comments: Questioned Bill Gianoulas, Department of
Administration.}

REP. BILL BOHARSKI. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.3;
Comments: Questioned Hank Hudson.}

REP. BILL BOHARSKI. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.9;
Comments: Questioned Karlene Leonard.}

REP. CAROLYN SQUIRES. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: .1;
Comments: Questioned Linda Currie.}

REP. CAROLYN SQUIRES. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count:
2.1; Comments: Questioned Mr. Zieler.}

REP. CAROLYN SQUIRES. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.4;
Comments: Questioned Mr. Hudson.}

REP. BILLIE KRENZLER. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count:
6.2; Comments: Questioned Linda Currie.}

REP. BRUCE SIMON. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 8.8;
Comments: Questioned Mr. Hudson.}

REP. BRUCE SIMON. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 14.7;
Comments: Questioned Mr. Judge.}

REP. BRUCE SIMON. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 19.3;
Comments: Questioned Mr. Hudson.}

REP. BRUCE SIMON. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 20.3;
Comments: Lawrence Hubbard, State Fund.}

REP. BRAD MOLNAR. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 22.6;
Comments: Questioned Mr. Hudson.}

REP. BRAD MOLNAR. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .1;
Comments: Questioned Mr. Hubbard, State Fund Legal Council.}

REP. LOREN SOFT. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.8;
Comments: Questioned Karlene Leonard.}

REP. DEB KOTTEL. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.2;
Comments: Questioned Linda Currie.}

REP. CAROLYN SQUIRES. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count:
13.6; Comments: Questioned Linda Currie.}

CHAIRMAN DUANE GRIMES. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count:
16.9; Comments: Questioned Mr. Hudson.}

REP. BILL BOHARSKI. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.5;
Comments: Questioned Mr. Hudson.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. ROYAL JOHNSON closed {Tape: 3; Side: A;
Approx. Time Count: 22.8; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 157

Sponsor: REP. BEVERLY BARNHART, HD 29, introduced the bill.
{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.0; Comments: Exhibit
3.}

Proponents: REP. BILLIE KRENZLER. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx.
Time Count: 26.8; Comments: None.}

Christie Briggs, Montana State Library. {Tape: 3; Side: A;
Approx. Time Count: 27.6; Comments: None.}

Mary Blake, Office of Community Service. {Tape: 3; Side: A;
Approx. Time Count: 28.3; Comments: None.}

Opponents: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

REP. WES PROUSE. {Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: .1;
Comments: Questioned Mary Blake.}

REP. JOHN BOHLINGER. {Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1.2;
Comments: Questioned Rep. Barnhart.}

REP. LOREN SOFT. {Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.4;
Comments: Questioned Rep. Barnhart.}

REP. DARREL ADAMS. {Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 4.0;
Comments: Questioned Rep. Barnhart.}

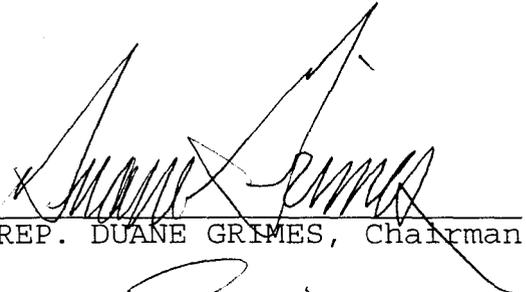
REP. LIZ SMITH. {Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 4.8;
Comments: Questioned Rep. Barnhart.}

REP. DARREL ADAMS. {Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 5.6;
Comments: Questioned Rep. Barnhart.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. BEVERLY BARNHART closed. {Tape: 3;
Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.2; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:45 p.m.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duane Grimes", written over a horizontal line.

REP. DUANE GRIMES, Chairman



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jaelene Racicot", written over a horizontal line.

JAELENE RACICOT, Secretary

DG/JR