

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** By CHAIRMAN DUANE GRIMES, on January 20, 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:** Rep. Molnar & Rep. Boharski

**Members Absent:** None

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

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 108 & HB 184 (1-14-97)  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 184**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** REP. RAY PECK, HD 91, introduced the bill. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .2; Comments: See exhibit 1.}

Proponents' Testimony: Fran Buell, Area Coordinator from Gilford. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.2; Comments: See exhibit 2.}

Kyla Hofeldt, Chinook. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.0; Comments: None.}

Lindsay Schmidt, Havre. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.4; Comments: None.}

Fran Buell {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.0 ; Comments: Ms. Buell continued speaking on behalf of the bill.}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.0.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. PECK {Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 32.0; Comments: REP. PECK CLOSED.}

HEARING ON HB 108

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. SWANSON, HD 30, introduced the bill. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 33.0; Comments: See exhibit 3.}

Proponents' Testimony: Nancy Ellery, Department of Public Health and Human Services. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 39.0; Comments: See exhibit 4.}

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0; Comments: Nancy Ellery continued with her testimony.}

Rose Hughes, Executive Director of the Montana Nursing Home Association. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1.1.}

Pat Melby, Rimrock Foundation. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.1; Comments: Mr. Melby would support the bill with the amendments.}

Melissa Case, United Health Care Workers Union. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.7; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

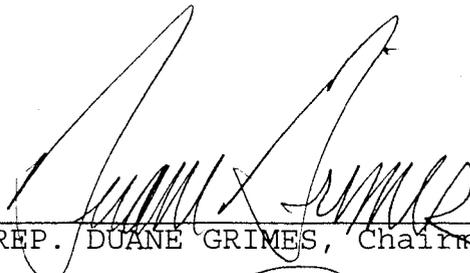
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.7.}

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. SWANSON CLOSED. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 13.1; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:52 p.m.



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REP. DUANE GRIMES, Chairman



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JAELENE RACIQOT, Secretary

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