

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By Vice Chairman Chris Ahner, on January 28, 1997, at 3:00 p.m., in Room 104.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Norm Mills, Chairman (R)
Rep. Chris Ahner, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)
Rep. David Ewer, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)
Rep. Ellen Bergman (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Bill Carey (D)
Rep. Matt Denny (R)
Rep. Charles R. Devaney (R)
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)
Rep. Antoinette R. Hagener (D)
Rep. Deb Kottel (D)
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)
Rep. Linda McCulloch (D)
Rep. Daniel W. McGee (R)
Rep. Wes Prouse (R)
Rep. Liz Smith (R)
Rep. Loren L. Soft (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Jon Ellingson (D)

Members Absent: Rep. Matt Brainard (R), Rep. Sam Kitzenberg (R)

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Services Division
Debbie Thompson, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 190-1/13
HB 196-1/13
HB 291-1/20
HB 319-1/24
SB 25 -1/14
Executive Action: HB 205-DO PASS
HB 229-DO PASS

HEARING ON SB 25

Sponsor: Senator Greg Jergeson, SD 46, presented SB 25. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.8-5.4; Comments: provides reasonable transition when taking office.}

Proponents: Gordon Morris, MACO {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.4-8.6; Comments: clarifies Title 7 in regards to vacancies; certification by election administrator.}

Opponents: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: Rep. Ewer {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.7-16.0; Comments: clarification-serves until new successor elected.}

Closing by Sponsor: Sen. Jergeson closed. Rep. Ewer will carry the bill.

HEARING ON HB 196

Sponsor: Rep. Bill Tash, HD 34 {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.2-21.0; Comments: functions of public health, preventive programs.}

Proponents: Nancy Ellery {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.0-27.0; Comments: Exhibit 1, 1a, Department of Health, flyer; creates policy and goals.}

Curt Chisholm, Deputy Director, Department of Environmental Quality {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.0; Comments: emphasized responsibility for public health.}

Peter Blouke, Director, Department of Commerce {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0-3.8; Comments: economic development, public health local issues; current fragmentation of state health system.}

Joan Miles, City County Health Department, Lewis and Clark County and member of task force; Exhibit 2, 2a-story-Day in the Life of Public Health {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.9-8.6; Comments: perspective of local health departments; prevention; encouragement of public policy; establish blue print.}

Don Ferlicka, Chairman, Lewis & Clark County Health Board, licensed veterinarian; Exhibit 3 {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 8.7.}

Gail Jones, Powell County Commissioner, Exhibit 4 {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 10.1-11.5; Comments: improvement of "in-place" system; definition of public health; core standards and recommendation for improvement.}

Gordon Morris, MACO

Pete Frazier, Great Falls City County Health Department and member of task force, Exhibit 5 {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 15.0; Comments: direct involvement of state department essential.}

Donna Young, Public Health Improvement Task Force {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 15.8-17.8; Comments: local counties short on funds, improvements can be made through grants.}

Charles Brooks, Yellowstone County Commissioner, Exhibit 6-letter from Mrs. Anderson {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 17.9-19.4.}

Steve Browning, Montana Hospital Association

Kip Smith, MPCA {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 19.9-21.8; Comments: poor public health response; efforts to improve, establishment of grant program.}

Barbara Booher, Montana Nursing Association, Exhibit 7 {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 22.2; Comments: special project funds.}

Steve Yeakel, Montana Public Health Association, Montana Children's Alliance

Beda Lovitt, Montana Medical Association

Dennis Kluken, Flathead City County Health Department

Opponents: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: Tape 2-A; Comments: funding of local grants/existing budget.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Tash closed {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.4-17.4; Comments: reinforced purpose and intent as to create partnerships/collaboration, creates solutions.}

Chairman Mills returned to chair the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 291

Sponsor: Rep. Charles Devaney, HD 97, requested HB 291 be withdrawn due to problems with the bill. The committee concurred.

HEARING ON HB 190

Sponsor: Rep. Shiell Anderson, HD 25 {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.9-25.2; Comments: retaining records needlessly, list of records that can be disposed of; amendments suggested.}

Proponents: Bill Adamo, Montana School Business Officials {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.4-28; Comments: no retention schedules without permission slips; statute defining public record broad.}

2 Exhibits-8, 8a

Lynda Brannon, Montana School Business Officials, Exhibit 9-Utah State Archives {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.8-7.1; Comments: Metnet, Internet, referred to directory.}

Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association

Gordon Morris, MACO

Bonnie Ramey, Montana Local Government Records Committee {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 7.8-9.1; Comments: draft of school districts schedule.}

Opponents: No opponents

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 11.1-14.6.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Anderson closed, suggested an amendment

HEARING ON HB 319

Sponsor: Rep. Kim Gillan, HD 11 {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 16.2; Comments: consistency, pragmatics, information available in mid-July by Department of Revenue.}

Proponents: Mike Mathew, President, Montana Association of Counties, Yellowstone County resident {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 18.4-20; Comments: numbers by August evaluations substantially different; final numbers needed before trying to finalize budget.}

Ron Alles, Finance Manager, Lewis and Clark County, Exhibit 10 {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 20.3; Comments: the county needs this form of accounting.}

Opponents: No opponents

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21.6-25.0; Comments: Mr. Morris-problem with adopting budget on speculation.}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Gillan closed

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 205

{Tape: 3; Side: A}

Motion/Vote: Rep. Carey moved DO PASS HB 205. The question was called. The motion PASSED 19-1 on a voice vote with Rep. Denny voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 229

Motion: Rep. Dowell moved DO PASS HB 229.

Discussion: Rep. Denny *{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.4; Comments: amendment needed, concern by certified public accountants, competition.}*

Rep. Prouse moved the amendment.

Rep. Ewer *{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.8; Comments: resisted amendment; unevenness of CPA reports; keep bill friendly; power to go into local government and find out what's going on (example Lewis & Clark County derivatives).}*

Vote: The question was called on the amendment. The motion FAILED with one no vote.

Motion/Vote: The question was called on the bill. The motion PASSED 16-4 on a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:20



REP. NORM MILLS, Chairman



DEBBIE THOMPSON, Secretary

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