

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN DUANE GRIMES, on February 5, 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 359, HB 370, & HB 371 (1-31-97)

Executive Action: HB 146 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 370 DO PASS
HB 359 DO PASS

HEARING ON HB 359

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN, HD 99 introduced the bill. {Tape: 1;
Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.2.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Denzel C. Davis, Department of Public Health and Human Services.
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.7; Comments: See EXHIBIT 1.}

Jim Ahrens, President of the Montana Hospital Association.
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.4; Comments: See EXHIBIT 2.}

Brian Lonsla, Mountain View Medical Center. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.1.}

Skip Smith, Montana Primary Care Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.5.}

Todd Thun, Montana Nurses Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.4.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.3.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. KASTEN closed. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.0.}

HEARING ON HB 370Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. CARLY TUSS, HD 46, introduced the bill. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.7.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Sam Sperry, Department of Public Health and Human Services.
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.8; Comments: See EXHIBIT 3.}

Jerry Loendorf, Montana Medical Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.6.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.9.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.8.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. TUSS closed. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 33.6.}

HEARING ON HB 371Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. CHRIS AHNER, HD 51, introduced HB 371 (grey bill). {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 35.9.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Hank Hudson, Department of Public Health and Human Services. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 41.5.} Mr. Hudson continued with his testimony. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0-7.6.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

Don Judge, Montana AFL-CIO. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 8.2.}

Kate Cholewa, Montana Women's Lobby. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.6.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 15.2; Comments: Question from the committee continued through Tape 2; Side B; Approx. Time Count: 15.9.}

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. AHNER closed. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 15.9.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 146

Motion: REP. SMITH MOVED TO TAKE HB 146 OFF THE TABLE. THE MOTION CARRIED. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 20.3.}

Motion: REP. SMITH MOVED HB 146 DO PASS. THE MOTION CARRIED. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21.7.}

Motion: REP. SMITH MOVED THE SMITH AMENDMENTS. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 23.3.}

Discussion:

REP. SMITH asked Cary Lund, Attorney for the Department of Public Health and Human Services to comment on the amendments. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 24.6.}

REP. GRIMES. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 26.1; Comments: Questioned REP. SMITH.}

REP. BOHARSKI. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 26.6; Comments: Questioned Cary Lund.}

REP. KOTTEL. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 30.4.}

REP. BOHARSKI. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 30.9.}

REP. SQUIRES. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 32.3; Comments: Questioned Lawrence Hubbard from State Fund.}

REP. PROUSE. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 35.3; Comments: Questioned Mr. Hudson.}

REP. SIMON. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 39.9.}

Motion: REP. SMITH OFFERED A SUBSTITUTE MOTION. MOTION WAS TO ADOPT THE 1-5 AMENDMENTS ON THE SMITH AMENDMENTS.

Discussion: REP. BOHARSKI. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.0; Comments: Questioned Mr. Niss.}

REP. BOHARSKI. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.5; Comments: Questioned REP. KOTTEL.}

REP. SIMON. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.7.}

REP. SMITH. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.3.}

Vote: THE MOTION CARRIED. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.8.}

REP. BOHARSKI. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.; Comments: Commented on number 6 of the Smith amendments.}

REP. SIMON. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 12.0.}

REP. KOTTEL. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 13.0.}

REP. BOHARSKI. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 13.9.}

Motion: REP. KOTTEL OFFERED A CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.7; Comments: This amendment dealt with number 6 of the Smith amendments.}

REP. SMITH. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.1.}

Motion: REP. KOTTEL OFFERED A CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.7; Comments: This amendment dealt with number 6 of the Smith amendments.}

REP. SMITH. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.1.}

REP. SOFT. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.6; Comments: Questioned REP. SMITH.}

REP. PROUSE. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.8.}

REP. SQUIRES. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.5; Comments: Questioned Karlene Leonard.}

Vote: THE MOTION CARRIED. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.3.}

Motion: REP. KOTTEL MOVED THE SECOND CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.4; Comments: This amendment would give the Department of Public Health and Human Services the flexibility to reimburse employers (workcomp) if need be.}

Discussion: REP. MOLNAR. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.4.}

REP. KRENZLER. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.9.}

REP. BOHARSKI. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.4.}

REP. KOTTEL. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.7.}

REP. MOLNAR. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.8.}

Vote: THE MOTION CARRIED. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.0.}

Motion: REP. SOFT MOVED HB 146 DO PASS AS AMENDED. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.1}

Vote: A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. THE MOTION CARRIED 13-3. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.3.}

Discussion: REP. SIMON. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.0.}

REP. GRIMES. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.7; Comments: He asked the committee if there was an objection to create a committee bill. There was no objection.}

REP. BOHARSKI. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 30.8.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 370

Motion: REP. SOFT MOVED HB 370 DO PASS. {Tape: 3; Side: A;
Approx. Time Count: 31.4.}

Vote: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 16-0 {Tape: 3; Side: A;
Approx. Time Count: 31.5.}

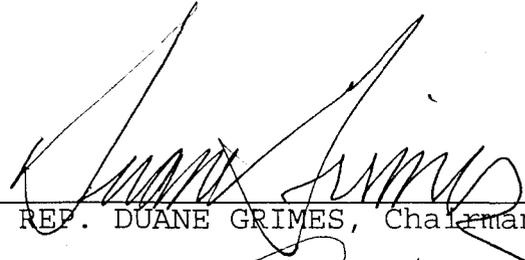
EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 359

Motion: REP. CAREY MOVED HB 359 DO PASS. {Tape: 3; Side: A;
Approx. Time Count: 31.6.}

Vote: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 16-0 {Tape: 3; Side: A;
Approx. Time Count: 32.3.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:41 P.M.



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REP. DUANE GRIMES, Chairman



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JAELENE RACICOT, Secretary

DG/JR