

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** By CHAIRMAN DUANE GRIMES, on February 7, 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. GRIMES

**Members Absent:** None

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

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 412 & HJR 15  
Executive Action: HB 149 DO PASS AS AMENDED 13-1

**HEARING ON HB 412**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

REP. ELLEN BERGMAN, HD 4, introduced the bill. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.1.}

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Greg VanHorsen, State Farm. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.9.}

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Opponents' Testimony:

None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.0.}

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. BERGMAN closed. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 29.7.}

HEARING ON HJR 15

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JON ELLINGSON, HD 65, introduced the bill. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 31.0; Comments: See EXHIBIT 1.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Dick Patterson, Montana Senior Citizen Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 42.5.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

Jim Ahrens, President of the Montana Hospital Association. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: .3; Comments: See EXHIBIT 2.}

Greg Ferris, Health Share Montana. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.7; Comments: See EXHIBIT 3, 4, & 5.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 4.4.}

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. ELLINGSON closed. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 24.7.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 149

Motion: REP. SMITH MOVED TO RECONSIDER HB 149. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 26.5.}

Vote: THE MOTION PASSED. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 26.5.}

Motion: REP. SMITH MOVED HB 149 DO PASS. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 27.6.}

Motion: REP. SMITH MOVED THE AMENDMENTS. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 27.7.}

Discussion:

David Niss. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 28.4; Comments: Explained the amendments.}

Vote: THE MOTION CARRIED. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 29.7.}

Motion: REP. SMITH MOVED HB 149 DO PASS AS AMENDED. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 29.8.}

Vote: THE MOTION CARRIED. 13-1 {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 29.8.}

Discussion: REP. MOLNAR. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 30.0.}

REP. SOFT. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 30.8; Comments: Questioned REP. MOLNAR.}

Jerry Hoover, Department of Commerce, was asked to comment on section 6. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 32.0.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:28 p.m.



REP. DUANE GRIMES, Chairman



JAELENE RACICOT, Secretary

DG/JR