

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** By CHAIRMAN DUANE GRIMES, on February 12, 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 485, HB 502, & SB 8 (2-10-97)  
Executive Action: SB 8 DO CONCUR 16-0  
HB 412 DO PASS 16-0

**HEARING ON HB 485**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

REP. JOHN COBB, HD 50, introduced the bill. {Tape: 1; Side: A;  
Approx. Time Count: .4; Comments: See EXHIBIT 1.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Lynn Cordeiro, Cascade. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.1; Comments: See EXHIBITS 2 & 3.}

Todd Thun, Montana Nurses Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.2; Comments: See EXHIBITS 4.}

Steve Yeakel, Montana Children's Alliance. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.5.}

Jeri Domme, Retired School Teacher from Helena. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 18.2.}

Lynn Compton, Great Falls. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.6.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.4.}

Closing by Sponsor:

The hearing closed on HB 485. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 39.9.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 412

Motion: REP. SANDS MOVED HB 412 DO PASS. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 42.1.}

Discussion:

REP. SMITH. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 42.4.}

REP. SOFT SUSPENDED ACTION ON HB 412 SO THE COMMITTEE COULD HEAR SB 8. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.}

HEARING ON SB 8

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. DON HARGROVE, SD 16, introduced the bill. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: .6.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Jim Smith, (Mr. Smith did not sign the visitor's register; therefore do not know what organization he represented).  
{Tape:1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 9.7.}

Patty Foley, Helena. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 10.7.}

Mary Alice Cook, Advocate for Families and Children. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 11.1.}

Marty Lambert, Gallatin County Attorney. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 11.5.}

Mike Batista, Department of Justice. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 12.9.}

Kevin Draushaar, Nonprescription Drug Manufacturers Association.  
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 14.1.}

Darryl Bruno, Department of Public Health and Human Services.  
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 17.; Comments: See EXHIBIT 5.}

Orley Sinkler, Belgrade Chamber of Commerce. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 18.6.}

Laura Piergina, Belgrade Chamber of Commerce {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count 20.6.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 27.7.}

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. HARGROVE closed. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.2.}

HEARING ON HB 502

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. LOREN SOFT, HD 12, introduced the bill. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.6.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Dan Anderson, Department of Public Health and Human Services.  
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.7.}

Al Smith, Montana Advocacy Program. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx.  
Time Count: 29.8; Comments: See EXHIBIT 6.}

Robert Caldwell, M.D., self. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time  
Count: 43.2.}

Leslie Alkorn, Montana Advocacy Program. {Tape: 2; Side: B;  
Approx. Time Count: .1.}

Vicki Frazier, Lewis and Clark County Deputy Attorney. {Tape: 2;  
Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.5.}

Jeff Feathergill, M.D., self. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time  
Count: 9.2.}

Kathy Standard, Executive Committee of the Meriwether Lewis  
Institute. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 10.3;  
Comments: See EXHIBIT 6A.}

Sophie Price, Secretary of the Meriwether Lewis Institute.  
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 15.; Comments: See EXHIBIT  
6B.}

Jill Long, self. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 17.4;  
Comments: See EXHIBIT 6C.}

Andrea Merrill, Executive Director Mental Health Association of  
Montana. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 18.9; Comments:  
See EXHIBIT 7.}

Steve Cahill, NASW. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count:  
20.1.}

Robert Torres, Montana Chapter of Social Workers. {Tape: 2;  
Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 20.6.}

Kathy McGowan, Executive Director of the Montana Council of  
Mental Health. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 22.1.}

Gene Hare, Executive Director of Mental Health Visitors. {Tape:  
2; Side: B, Approx. Time Count: 22.9.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 25.5.}

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. SOFT closed. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.9.}

REP. GRIMES RESUMED TAKING ACTION ON HB 412. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.7.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 412

Vote: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. RECEIVED PROXY VOTES FROM REP. SMITH, REP. CAREY, REP. SANDS, REP. BOHARSKI, REP. SQUIRES, & REP. MOLNAR.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 8

Motion: REP. KRENZLER MOVED SB 8 DO CONCUR. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.7.}

Vote: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. RECEIVED PROXY VOTES FROM REP. SMITH, REP. CAREY, REP. SANDS, REP. BOHARSKI, REP. SQUIRES, & REP. MOLNAR.

REP. GRIMES. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.9.}

REP. SIMON. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.3.}

REP. ADAMS. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.4.}

REP. BERGMAN. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.7.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:14 P.M.



REP. DUANE GRIMES, Chairman



JAELENE RACICOT, Secretary

DG/JR