

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS  
JUVENILE JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN ROYAL JOHNSON, on February 24, 1997,  
at Noon, in Room 312-2.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Royal C. Johnson, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Daniel W. McGee (R)  
Rep. Diana E. Wyatt (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Susan Fox, Legislative Services Division  
Meg Angell, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

INTRODUCTION: Chairman R. Johnson; Identification of SB 48 as  
the main vehicle for the Subcommittee's work. Distribution of  
the Juvenile Justice Bills Coordination handout prepared by Susan  
Fox.

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.}*

REQUEST FOR AMENDMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

REP. DIANA WYATT: Definition of Assessment Center  
*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.6.}*

REQUEST FOR INPUT FROM NON-COMMITTEE PARTICIPANTS: EXHIBITS 1-3

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.6; Comments: Input  
continued on Tape 1, Side B.}*

Concerns re: SB 48 were brought forth by the following:

KATHY COLLINS, Helena Resident  
CANDY WIMMER, Montana Board of Crime Control  
ROBERT RUNKEL, OPI  
REP. LOREN SOFT, HD 12  
REP. BRAD MOLNAR, HD 22  
JOHN BARBAGELLO, Homeschoolers  
TONI JENSEN, MAHSC  
DAVE GATES, Juvenile Probation  
MIKE FERRITER, Department of Corrections  
SHARON HOFF, Montana Catholic Conference  
LOIS ADAMS, Department of Corrections

REQUEST FOR SPECIFIC LANGUAGE PROPOSALS FROM PARTICIPANTS:

Language suggestions to be delivered to Susan Fox.  
*{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21.2.}*

**SUMMARY OF ISSUES BROUGHT FORTH:**

Debate re: whole family involvement in assessment process.  
Concerns re: need for "assessment centers."  
Parents want an immediate consequence.  
Concerns re: educational assessment as it pertains to homeschooled youth.  
Need to clarify definitions and dispositions.  
Concerns re: presumption there is a family problem - not good approach.  
Need to identify resources, stronger language re: special education youth.  
Due Process considerations re: "Cloud over the family" syndrome.  
Need to provide families with "tools" to help them with problem youth.  
Need to develop language which would make the family part of the solution.  
Concerns re: 10-day lock-up costs.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, February 25, 1997 at Noon, and continuing following adjournment of the House of Representatives; approximately 3:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 1:27 p.m.



Rep. Royal Johnson, Chairman

  
Meg Angell, Secretary