

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN DUANE GRIMES, on March 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: SB 55, SB 68, SB 288 (2-21-97)
Executive Action: SB 55 BE CONCURRED IN 13-2
SB 288 BE CONCURRED IN 15-0

HEARING ON SB 288

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. FRED VAN VALKENBURG, SD 32, introduced the bill. {Tape: 1;
Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .7.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Jim Turner, Helena. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.5; Comments: See EXHIBIT 1.}

Andree Larose, Montana Advocacy Program. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.9; Comments: See EXHIBIT 2.}

Virginia DeLand, self. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 12.0.}

Joyce Shephard, Frenchtown. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.2.}

Nancy Stagmiller, self. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.9; Comments: See EXHIBIT 3.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

Russ Cater, Dept. of Public Health and Human Services. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.7.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. VAN VALKENBURG closed. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.7.}

HEARING ON SB 55Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. BENEDICT, SD 30, introduced the bill. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.7.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Susan Good, Heal Montana and Montana Association of Life Underwriters. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.2.}

Don Allen, Montana Medical Benefit Plan. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 30.4.}

Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Businesses. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 31.6.}

Lorna Frank - Kern, Montana Farm Bureau. {Tape: 1; Side: A;
Approx. Time Count: 33.7.}

John Cadby, Montana Bankers Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A;
Approx. Time Count: 34.3.}

Bob Pyfer, Montana Credit Unions Network. {Tape: 1; Side: A;
Approx. Time Count: 34.9.}

Steve Browning, Montana Hospital Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A;
Approx. Time Count: 36.0; Comments: See EXHIBIT 4.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

Jeff Miller, Dept. of Revenue. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time
Count: 39.2.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 41.0.}

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. BENEDICT closed. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count:
16.9.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 288

Motion: REP. SMITH MOVED SB 288 BE CONCURRED IN. {Tape: 1; Side:
B; Approx. Time Count: 18.4.}

Discussion:

REP. PROUSE. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 18.6.}

REP. SMITH. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 19.0.}

REP. BERGMAN. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 19.1.}

REP. SQUIRES. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 19.7.}

REP. BOHARSKI. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 20.4;
Comments: Questioned REP. GRIMES.}

Vote: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 15 - 0. REP. SQUIRES WAS
ASKED TO CARRY HB 288 ON THE HOUSE FLOOR. {Tape: 1; Side: B;
Approx. Time Count: 21.8.}

REP. GRIMES distributed to the committee EXHIBIT 5. EXHIBIT 5 was given for the committee's consideration when taking executive action on SB 69. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21.9.}

Discussion:

REP. KOTTEL. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 23.2.}

REP. GRIMES. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 24.0.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 55

Motion: REP. BOHARSKI MOVED SB 55 BE CONCURRED IN. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 24.9.}

Motion/Vote: THE MOTION CARRIED 13 - 2. REP. SIMON WAS ASKED TO CARRY SB 55 ON THE HOUSE FLOOR. {Tape: 1 Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 25.0.}

HEARING ON SB 68

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. TOM KEATING, SD 5, introduced the bill. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 27.5.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Candance Torrerson, Rimrock Foundation. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 30.5; Comments: See EXHIBIT 6.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

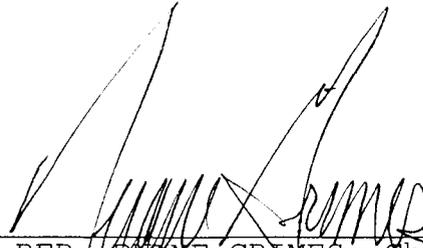
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 33.0.}

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. KEATING closed. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.0.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:48 p.m.



REP. DUANE GRIMES, Chairman



JAELENE RACICOT, Secretary

DG/JR