

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** By CHAIRMAN DUANE GRIMES, on March 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. SMITH, REP. BOHLINGER, REP. AHNER, & REP. SQUIRES

**Members Absent:** NONE

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

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 94, SB 114, SB 298  
Executive Action: SB 94 DO CONCUR IN 9-7  
SB 114 DO CONCUR IN AS AMENDED 13-0  
SB 298 DO CONCUR IN 15-0  
SB 68 DO CONCUR IN AS AMENDED 15-0  
SB 69 DO CONCUR IN AS AMENDED 12-3

**HEARING ON SB 298**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

SEN. CHUCK SWYSGOOD, SD 17, introduced the bill. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .2.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Laurie Ekanger, Director of Department of Public Health. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.6; Comments: See EXHIBIT 1.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.0.}

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. SWYSGOOD closed. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.0.}

HEARING ON SB 94

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. VIVIAN BROOKE, SD 33, introduced the bill. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.5.}

Proponents' Testimony:

REP. SOFT, HD 12. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.9.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.0.}

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. BROOKE closed. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 31.6.}

HEARING ON SB 114

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. MIGNON WATERMAN, SD 26, introduced the bill. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 34.0; Comments: See EXHIBIT 2.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Chuck Virag, Department of Public Health and Human Services.  
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 41.9; Comments: See EXHIBIT 3.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

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

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. WATERMAN closed. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 5.5.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 114

Motion: REP. SANDS MOVED SB 114 DO CONCUR. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 7.2.}

Discussion:

REP. KOTTEL. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 7.9.}

David Niss. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 8.3.}

Motion: REP. KOTTEL MOVED THE KOTTEL AMENDMENT. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 9.0.}

Discussion:

REP. PROUSE. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 9.1; Comments: Questioned REP. GRIMES.}

SEN. WATERMAN. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 10.8.}

REP. BOHARSKI. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 12.7; Comments: Questioned SEN. WATERMAN.}

REP. PROUSE. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 19.0; Comments: David Niss.}

Vote: THE MOTION CARRIED. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 19.5; Comments:}

Motion/Vote: REP. SANDS MOVED SB 114 DO CONCUR IN AS AMENDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 13 - 0. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 20.4; Comments: REP. GRIMES WAS ASKED TO CARRY THE BILL ON THE HOUSE FLOOR.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 94

Motion: REP. KRENZLER MOVED SB 94 DO CONCUR IN. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21.1.}

Discussion:

REP. SIMON. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21.3.}

REP. ADAMS. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21.8.}

REP. KOTTEL. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 22.0}

REP. SOFT. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 23.1.}

REP. BERGMAN. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 25.7;  
Comments: Questioned REP. SOFT.}

REP. CAREY. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 27.5.}

REP. MOLNAR. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 27.7;  
Comments: Questioned REP. SOFT.}

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

REP. BOHARSKI. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 32.4;  
Comments: Questioned REP. SOFT.}

Vote: THE MOTION CARRIED 9 - 7. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 33.0; Comments: REP. SOFT WAS ASKED TO CARRY THE BILL ON THE HOUSE FLOOR.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 298

Motion/Vote: REP. SANDS MOVED SB 298 DO CONCUR IN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, 15 - 0. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 33.6; Comments: REP. SOFT WAS ASKED TO CARRY THE BILL ON THE HOUSE FLOOR.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 69

Motion: REP. GRIMES MOVED SB 69 DO CONCUR IN. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 34.0.}

Motion/Vote: REP. BOHARSKI MOVED TO AMEND SB 69. THE MOTION CARRIED. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 37.4.}

Motion: REP. BOHARSKI MOVED SB 69 DO CONCUR IN AS AMENDED. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 38.2.}

Discussion:

REP. GRIMES. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 38.4.}

REP. SANDS. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 42.5.}

REP. BOHARSKI. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0;  
Comments: Questioned REP. GRIMES.}

REP. KOTTEL. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.5;  
Comments: Questioned REP. GRIMES.}

REP. SANDS. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.7;  
Comments: Questioned REP. GRIMES.}

REP. BOHARSKI. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.5;  
Comments: Questioned REP. GRIMES.}

Vote: THE MOTION CARRIED 12 - 3. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx.  
Time Count: 7.0; Comments: REP. KOTTEL WAS ASKED TO CARRY THE  
BILL ON THE HOUSE FLOOR.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 68

Motion: REP. SIMON MOVED SB 68 DO CONCUR IN. {Tape: 2; Side: A;  
Approx. Time Count: 7.5.}

Motion: REP. SIMON MOVED THE SIMON AMENDMENTS. {Tape: 2; Side:  
A; Approx. Time Count: 7.6.}

Discussion:

REP. SIMON EXPLAINED THE SIMON AMENDMENTS. {Tape: 2; Side: A;  
Approx. Time Count: 7.7.}

Vote: THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. {Tape: 2; Side: A;  
Approx. Time Count: 9.4.}

Motion/Vote: REP. SIMON MOVED SB 68 DO CONCUR IN AS AMENDED. THE  
MOTION CARRIED 15 - 0. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count:  
9.5.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:16 P.M.



REP. DUANE GRIMES, Chairman



JAELENE RACICOT, Secretary

DG/JR