

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN DUANE GRIMES, on March 10, 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. AHNER

Members Absent: None

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 381 (3-4-97)
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 381

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. STEVE BENEDICT, SD 30, introduced the bill. {Tape: 1; Side:
A; Approx. Time Count: .2.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Don Allen, Montana Medical Benefit Plan. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.6.}

Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Businesses. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.4.}

Tanya Ask, Blue Cross/Blue Shield. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.9.}

Tom Ebzery, Yellowstone Community Health Plan. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.6.}

Tom Hopgood, Health Insurance Association of America. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.5.}

Sue Weingartner, Montana Optometric Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.7; Comments: See EXHIBITS 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D & 2.}

Kevin Mc Bride, Optometry. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.6.}

Beta Lovitt, Montana Medical Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.3.}

Mike Simmons, Optometrist. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.2.}

Mary McCue, Montana Counselor Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.1.}

Diane Gray, President of the Optometric Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26.0.}

Steve Shapario, Montana Advanced Practice Nurses Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.0.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Mona Jamison, Montana Chapter of the Physical Therapy Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.6.}

Gloria Hermanson, Montana Psychological Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 31.9.}

Andrea Merrill, Mental Health Association of Montana. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 32.3.}

Todd Thun, Montana Nurses Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 33.9.}

Frank Cote, State Auditor's Office. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 36.1; Comments: See EXHIBITS 3.}

Milly Gutkoski, R.N. Bozeman. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 37.4; Comments: Ms. Gutkoski could not testify. Written testimony was handed in on her behalf. See EXHIBIT 4.}

Informational Testimony:

Susan Good, Heal Montana and the Montana Association of Life Underwriters. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 37.4.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 41.1.}

Closing by Sponsor:

The hearing closed on SB 381. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 31.2.}

REP. GRIMES explained to the committee the action taken on the House Floor to suspend the rules to create a committee bill. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 31.4.}

REP. SOFT talked about the meeting in the Senate regarding the daycare situation. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 33.0.}

REP. GRIMES. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 37.2.}

REP. SOFT. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 37.4.}

REP. BOHARSKI. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 38.0.}

REP. SQUIRES. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 39.0.}

Motion: REP. GRIMES MOVED FOR THE COMMITTEE TO DRAFT A COMMITTEE BILL TO FREEZE DAYCARE RATIOS AT CURRENT LEVELS. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 41.2.}

REP. SIMON. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.}

REP. KOTTEL. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.8.}

REP. PROUSE. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.6.}

REP. BOHLINGER. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.0.}

REP. SOFT. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.6.}

REP. BOHARSKI. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.2.}

REP. GRIMES. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.8.}

REP. MOLNAR. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.0.}

REP. SQUIRES. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 11.5.}

REP. BOHARSKI. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.0;
Comments: Questioned REP. SQUIRES.}

REP. SMITH. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 14.7;
Comments: Questioned REP. BOHARSKI.}

REP. SQUIRES. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 17.4;
Comments: Questioned REP. BOHARSKI.}

REP. PROUSE. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 19.0.}

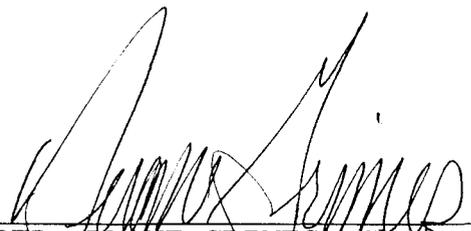
REP. SIMON. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 19.5;
Comments: Questioned REP. SMITH.}

REP. BOHARSKI. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21.4;
Comments: Questioned REP. GRIMES.}

Vote: A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. THE MOTION CARRIED 14 - 1.
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.0.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:03 P.M.



REP. DUANE GRIMES, Chairman



JAELENE RACICOT, Secretary

DG/JR