

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN DUANE GRIMES, on March 21, 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. 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 365 & HB 608
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 365

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. STEVE BENEDICT, SD 30, introduced the bill. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .3; Comments: SEN. BENEDICT explained the amendments and handed in an exhibit; see EXHIBIT 1.}

REP. KRENZLER questioned SEN. BENEDICT. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.6.}

REP. SQUIRES questioned David Niss. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.6.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Nancy Ellery, Department of Public Health and Human Services. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.0.}

Claudia Clifford, State Auditor's Office. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.5; Comments: Ms. Clifford offered an amendment.}

Jim Ahrens, President of the Montana Hospital Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.3.}

Rep. Grimes submitted EXHIBIT 2 for the committee's consideration. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.3.}

Marilyn Hudson, self. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.4.}

Jerry Loendorf, Montana Medical Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 29.0; Comments: Mr. Loendorf offered an amendment.}

Gloria Hermanson, Montana Psychological Association. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0; Comments: Ms. Hermanson offered an amendment.}

Mary McCue, Montana Dental Association and Licensed Professional Counselor. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1.3.}

Robert Torres, Montana Association of Social Workers. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.1.}

Joyce Brown, Department of Administration. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.9; Comments: Ms. Brown supported SEN. BENEDICT'S amendment.}

Al Smith, Montana Advocacy Program. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 4.0; Comments: Mr. Smith offered amendments.}

Kip Smith, Montana Primary Care Association. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 5.7; Comments: Mr. Smith offered amendments.}

Andrea Merrill, Mental Health Association of Montana. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 10.2; Comments: Ms. Merrill went on the record in support of the State Auditor's and SEN. BENEDICT'S amendment.}

Barbara Booher, Montana Nurses Association. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 11.0.}

Tom Ebzery, Yellowstone Community Health Plan. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 11.7.}

Susan Good, Heal Montana and Montana Life Underwriters Association. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 14.1.}

Tanya Ask, Blue Cross/Blue Shield. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 16.5; Comments: See EXHIBIT 3 & 4.}

Tom Hopgood, Health Insurance Association of America. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 18.9.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 19.6.}

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. BENEDICT closed. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 27.3.}

HEARING ON HB 608

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. LOREN SOFT, HD 12, introduced the bill. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.}

Proponents' Testimony:

REP. KIM GILLAN, HD 11. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.5; Comments: See EXHIBITS 5, 6, & 7.}

Rose Hughes, self. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.3.}

Janet Croy, Little Rascals Preschool. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.6.}

Cassie Pence, Kid Kollege Preschool. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.6; Comments: See EXHIBIT 8.}

Shelly Boucher, Community Day Care. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.2; Comments: See EXHIBIT 9.}

Cheryl Sharp, self. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.3; Comments: See EXHIBIT 10.}

Contrella Peterson, Laurel Christian Day Care. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.7; Comments: See EXHIBIT 11.}

Connie Grimes, Kid's Corral, Inc. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.8; Comments: See EXHIBIT 12.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Randy Haight, Montana Childcare Association. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.3.}

Informational Testimony:

Kate Cholewa, Montana Women's Lobby. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 29.3.}

Mildred A. Wehrman, Toddle Town Children's Academy. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 31.0; Comments: See EXHIBIT 13.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

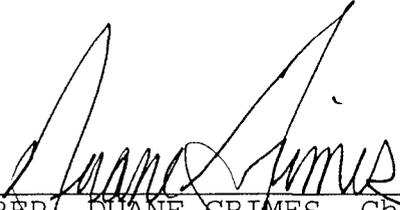
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Closing by Sponsor:

REP. SOFT closed. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.9.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:18 p.m.



REP. DUANE GRIMES, Chairman



JAELENE RACICOT, Secretary

DG/JR