

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN BOB CLARK, on April 9, 1997, at 9 AM,
in Room 312-1.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Clark, Chairman (R)
Rep. Daniel W. McGee, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)
Rep. Diana E. Wyatt, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)
Rep. Chris Ahner (R)
Rep. Shiell W. Anderson (R)
Rep. Ellen Bergman (R)
Rep. William E. Boharski (R)
Rep. Aubyn A. Curtiss (R)
Rep. Jon Ellingson (D)
Rep. Duane Grimes (R)
Rep. H.S. "Sonny" Hanson (R)
Rep. Joan Hurdle (D)
Rep. Deb Kottel (D)
Rep. Linda McCulloch (D)
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)
Rep. Gerald Pease (D)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)
Rep. Liz Smith (R)
Rep. Loren L. Soft (R)
Rep. Bill Tash (R)

Staff Present: John MacMaster, Legislative Services Division
Joanne Gunderson, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

HEARING(S) & DATE(S) POSTED: SB 374, POSTED 3/7/97

HEARING ON SB 374

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. DON HARGROVE

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.5; Comments: This set of minutes is recorded on four 60-minute tapes.}

Proponents' Testimony:

GOV. MARC RACICOT

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.5}

SEN. RIC HOLDEN

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.1}

MARY ANN WELLBANK, Administrator, Child Support Enforcement
Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.8} EXHIBITS 1-6

HANK HUDSON, Administrator, Child and Family Services Division,
DPHHS {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.4}

SHARON HOFF, Montana Catholic Conference

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.1}

BETTY WADDELL, Montana Association of Churches

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.4}

Informational Testimony:

DAVID OWEN, Montana Chamber of Commerce

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.7; Comments: This witness said he was a very reluctant proponent and discussed his concerns with the bill. The Chairman ruled that he would be considered an informational witness.}

Opponents' Testimony:

REP. BOB KEENAN

EXHIBITS 7-7A

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.9}

SEN. LARRY BAER

EXHIBIT 8

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.7-Tape 2; Side B; 16.0; Comments: This witness referred to Exhibits 7 and 8 through he did not personally distribute Exhibit 8.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 16.8-Tape 4; Side A; 20.5; Comments: Chairman Clark appointed a subcommittee to be made up of REPS. DAN McGEE, Chair, WYATT, SANDS, SOFT, ELLINGSON and BOHARSKI to more closely scrutinize the bill and report back to the full committee with recommendations.}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. HARGROVE

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.7; Comments: .}

Motion: REP. McGEE moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: The meeting wad adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Bob Clark

REP. BOB CLARK, Chairman

Joanne Gunderson

JOANNE GUNDERSON, Secretary

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