

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN DUANE GRIMES, on April 23, 1997, at 8:10 A.M., in ROOM 325.

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. Tim Dowell (D)
Rep. Deb Kottel (D)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)
Rep. Wes Prouse (R)
Rep. Bruce T. Simon (R)
Rep. Liz Smith (R)
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)
Rep. John Cobb (R)
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Diane Sands

Members Absent: None

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: Welfare Reform
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON WELFARE REFORM (SB 374)

REP. GRIMES opened the hearing on welfare reform. {Tape: 1;
Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .1.}

Informational Testimony:

David Niss gave the committee historical information on the welfare. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.1.}

REP. GRIMES gave EXHIBIT 1 for the committee's consideration.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

REP. KOTTEL asked David Niss. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.0.}

Information Testimony:

Susan Fox gave historical information on general assistance and how it had change since 1988. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 29.7.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 11.5. Questioning continued to Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 10.0.}

REP. KASTEN gave EXHIBIT 2 for the committee's consideration.

REP. GRIMES offered an unapproved draft copy for the committee's consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:57 a.m.



REP. DUANE GRIMES, Chairman



JAELENE RACICOT, Secretary

DG/JR