

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

February 24, 1977

The twentieth meeting of the Senate Public Health Committee was called to order by Chairman Stephens in Room 405 of the State Capitol Building on Thursday, February 24, 1977, at approximately 11:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL: All members of the Committee were present.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 30: Chairman Stephens turned the meeting over to John Bobinski, Legislative Council attorney, who drafted House Bill 30. Mr. Bobinski explained the bill, saying it is a re-codification bill and seeks mainly to clarify through the amendments. Instead of taking each change in the statute to explain, he picked out five instances and elaborated on the changes and reasoning behind those changes.

Questions from the Committee (there were no further witnesses) were few - Senator Himsel questioned the change from 17 mills down to 13 1/2 and Senator Olson drew the Committee's attention to the inclusion of "epilepsy" under the term, "developmentally disabled". Mr. Bobinski mentioned that some of the problem with developmentally disabled comes from the federal guidelines, adding that he is sure there are some federal monies involved.

The hearing on HB30 was concluded.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 9: Representative Holmes presented her bill to the Committee, asking their support of HJR9 which would encourage use of smoke detectors in Montana buildings. Holmes gave the Committee some statistics on the numbers of people succumbing to smoke inhalation during fires in the homes during the past year, adding that 60 percent of those lives could have been saved if smoke detectors had been in use. Smoke detectors are even more effective than heat detectors. Representative Holmes said there is no need for a fiscal note on this bill.

Supporting the bill were the following:

1. Thomas Selleck, State Fire Marshal
2. Henry E. Lohr, Montana State Volunteer Fire Association.
3. Ed Johnston, Montana State
4. Jim Campbell, Department of Administration

Every person named above spoke very briefly concerning the need for smoke detectors. Mr. Campbell, speaking for his department, added that his Department was in support of the Resolution and would work to put forth an educational program, with the appropriate groups in the State. He said no additional FTEs would be needed if this Resolution be concurred in, since the Department had already requested additional help.

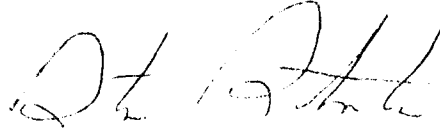
The hearing on HJR9 was concluded.

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ACTION ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 9: Senator Roberts moved
HJR9 BE CONCURRED IN - motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 30: Senator Watt moved SB30 BE CONCURRED
IN - motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business at this time, Chairman
Stephens adjourned the meeting at 11:40 A.M.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "St. Stephens", written in a cursive style.

STAN STEPHENS

**SUPPORT,
OPPOSE OR
AMEND?**

ON BILL #

Answer
questions only

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

having had under consideration HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION Bill No. 9

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION Bill No. 9

BE CONCURRED IN

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ROLL CALL

VOTE

SENATE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

45th LEGISLATIVE SESSION - 1977.

Date 2-24 Bill No. HJR9 Time

NAME S:	YES	NO
LEE, Robert	/	LEE
RASMUSSEN, Tom	/	RASMUSSEN
OLSON, Stuart	/	OLSON
HIMSL, Matt	/	HIMSL
WATT, Robert	/	WATT
ROBERTS, Joe	/	ROBERTS
NORMAN, Bill - V. Chm.	/	NORMAN
STEPHENS, Stan - Chairman	/	STEPHENS

Joyce (Kelly) Allen
Secretary

STAN STEPHENS
Chairman

Motion: SENATOR ROBERTS MOVED HJR9 BE CONCURRED IN

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR.PRESIDENT.....

We, your committee onPUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY.....

having had under considerationHOUSE BILL..... Bill No.30.....

Respectfully report as follows: That.....HOUSE BILL..... Bill No.30.....

HE CONCURRED IN

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ROLL CALL

VOTE

SENATE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

45th LEGISLATIVE SESSION - 1977

Date 2/24 Bill No. HB 30 Time

NAME S:

YES

NO

	YES	NO
LEE, Robert	✓	LEE
RASMUSSEN, Tom	✓	RASMUSSEN
OLSON, Stuart	✓	OLSON
HIMSL, Matt	✓	HIMSL
WATT, Robert	✓	WATT
ROBERTS, Joe	✓	ROBERTS
NORMAN, Bill - V. Chm.	✓	NORMAN
STEPHENS, Stan - Chairman	✓	STEPHENS

Joyce (Kelly) Allen
Secretary

STAN STEPHENS
Chairman

Motion: SENATOR WATT MOVED HB30 BE CONCURRED IN

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ROLL CALL

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