

MINUTES OF THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, February 4, 1981

The meeting of the Human Services Committee convened on Wednesday, February 4, 1981 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 103 of the Capitol, with CHAIRMAN BUDD GOULD presiding. All members were present, except for REPRESENTATIVE BRAND, who was excused, and REPRESENTATIVE PAVLOVICH, who was absent.

CHAIRMAN GOULD announced that the meeting scheduled for Monday, February 9 may be moved to a larger room as a large number of people are expected to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

HB 80.

REPRESENTATIVE CONN moved that the Statement of Intent prepared for the committee by REPRESENTATIVE SEIFERT be accepted, and attached to HB 80. Her motion was seconded and passed.

REPRESENTATIVE SEIFERT moved that HB 80 DO PASS. The motion was seconded and PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT ON HB 41 and 187.

REPRESENTATIVE SIVERTSEN stated that his subcommittee had come up with a recommendation on HB 41 that it be given a DO PASS, without amending it. REPRESENTATIVE SIVERTSEN said the subcommittee felt that passing HB 187 would institute a program that would overlap the facilities and care provided by nursing homes. They felt it would adversely affect the funding of nursing homes. A DO NOT PASS was recommended.

HB 187.

REPRESENTATIVE SIVERTSEN moved for a DO NOT PASS on HB 187. It was seconded and PASSED with REPRESENTATIVE BENNETT, NILSON AND METCALF voting NO.

HB 41.

REPRESENTATIVE KEYSER moved that HB 41 DO PASS. He also asked about possible amendments suggested by Roger Tippy, lobbying for the Montana Dental Association. RUSS JOSEPHSON read the proposed amendments. CHAIRMAN GOULD moved that they DO NOT PASS. REPRESENTATIVE WINSLOW stated that subsections (5) and (6) duplicate programs already in existence in Montana. REPRESENTATIVE WINSLOW moved a substitute motion that HB 41 DO NOT PASS. The motion was seconded and PASSED by a vote of 9 to 7 with the following representatives voting NO: BARDANOUE, BERGENE, MANNING, MENAHAN, METCALF, NILSON, PAVLOVICH.

Discussion concerning the relationship The Board of Health has with local boards. Committee members felt a great deal of improvement was possible. It was felt, also, that this problem should be dealt with by the legislature. REPRESENTATIVE BARDANOUE suggested to REPRESENTATIVE WALDRON that areas of conflict be discovered and plans be drawn up to correct their differences and an attempt be made to dissolve them.

HJR 1 and HB 258 SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT.

REPRESENTATIVE WINSLOW stated that the subcommittee feels these two pieces of legislation could be made into one workable law patterned after the Work Incentive Program. Legislative Researcher ANN BRODSKY is being asked to draft a bill that would fit in with federal guidelines.

HB 249

The committee felt that a Statement of Intent should be attached to the bill and that it should follow the same lines as the Renal Dialysis Program. It should also say that financial aid is available after they have spent money and show a need. RUSS JOSEPHSON felt that the wording on "eligibility" should be very specific. CHAIRMAN GOULD asked who would be administering the funds. REPRESENTATIVE MENAHAN said either the Social Rehabilitation Services or Vocational Rehabilitation. Mr. RUSS JOSEPHSON read the proposed Statement of Intent. REPRESENTATIVE MENAHAN MOVED that the Statement of Intent be accepted for HB 249. It was seconded and PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.



BUDD GOULD, CHAIRMAN

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