

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
March 26, 1983

The Appropriations Committee met at 1:45 p.m. on March 26, 1983, in Room 104, with Chairman Francis Bardanoue presiding. Representative Shontz was absent. All other members were present. Judy Rippingale, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, was also present. HOUSE BILLS 114, 161, 187, 624, 692, 758, and 759 were heard. No EXECUTIVE ACTION was taken.

(Tape 10: Track 1:0902)

HOUSE BILL 114: A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENT PHYSICIANS; LIMITING USE OF FUNDS; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

Representative MANUEL introduced the bill and explained its duties.

Proponents:

MARSHALL COOK, Montana Family Practice Program, voiced his support and provided a fact sheet (Exhibit 1).

DR. JOHN DRYNAN, Director of the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences, voiced his support for this bill.

J. T. LOENDORF, Montana Medical Association, voiced his support for this bill.

KEN RUTLEDGE, Montana Medical Association, voiced his support for this bill.

Opponents: None.

Discussion: None.

The hearing was closed to further testimony.

HOUSE BILL 759: A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "A BILL APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSTITUTIONS FOR AN INCREASE OF 25 IN THE AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION OF THE WARM SPRINGS STATE HOSPITAL; PROVIDING FOR A REVERSION OF FUNDING ON A PRO RATA BASIS."

Representative MENAHAN introduced this bill. He said there is a serious staffing problem at that institution and the legislature must do something about it.

Proponents:

BILL GOSNELL, representing the Office of Budget and Program Planning, voiced his support for this bill and outlined the budget approved by the subcommittee. The subcommittee increased the average daily population from 340 to 350 but he felt this bill would allow more flexibility should the population increase more than 350.

Representative NANCY KEENAN, House District #89, voiced her support for this bill. She felt the state should pay more attention to treatment than merely housing.

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Opponents: None.

Discussion:

Representative MENAHAN noted that patients admitted to Warm Springs sometimes have to wait up to three weeks before they are seen by the physician and there have been a lot of complaints in this regard.

The hearing was closed to further testimony.

HOUSE BILL 187: A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE \$2 MILLION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR EXISTING AREA COUNCILS ON AGING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 53-5-101, MCA."

Representative MENAHAN introduced this bill which would fund in-home services for senior citizens through the Council on Aging. Representative BARDANOUVE said this committee has held a number of hearings on this bill already for people who came on the wrong days.

Proponents:

NORM HJELM from Great Falls voiced his support for this bill and presented written testimony from Elsie Latham of the Montana Senior Citizens Association who could not be present at the hearing (Exhibit 2). He handed out a census of residents of Montana broken down by age group (Exhibit 3). He said senior citizens make up a good portion of Montana's population and their needs should be fulfilled. Mr. HJELM said senior citizens are much happier if they can live in their own homes and not nursing homes.

AGNES CROW, Senior Helping Hands in Billings, voiced her support and provided written testimony (Exhibit 4). She also presented testimony from Bea Ann Leary (Exhibit 5).

JOHN LAFEVER, Director of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS), voiced his support for this bill.

RITA ALBANO, a Missoula nursing home ombudsman, voiced her support and presented a document which outlined the cost of health care throughout Montana (Exhibit 6).

MATT BASARABA, representing the Missoula chapter of the Montana Senior Citizens Association, voiced his support for this bill.

ROSCOE CANON of Great Falls voiced his support because he said these people want to take care of themselves instead of having to be placed in nursing homes.

Opponents: None.

Discussion:

Representative BENGTSOON asked how this money would be allocated. Mr. LAFEVER said proposals are submitted and the Department chooses

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the most meritorious proposals that would fit into the appropriation limit.

The hearing was closed to further testimony.

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HOUSE BILL 161: A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO FUND THE POSITION OF STATE WEED CONTROL COORDINATOR."

Representative ERNST introduced this bill.

Proponents:

Representative THOFT voiced his support for this bill.

Opponents: None.

Discussion: None.

The hearing was closed to further testimony.

HOUSE BILL 692: A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE \$45,000 FOR ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION OF THE FLATHEAD BASIN COMMISSION."

Senator JEAN TURNAGE, Senate District #13, presented this bill to the committee. This commission would be comprised of 15 members, some of which work for state departments that deal with environmental issues and one representative from Alberta, Canada. The commission would monitor the environment of the Flathead Basin. Most of the members are ex-officio and are not paid. This appropriation would provide meeting per diem. The state Forest Division in Kalispell has offered office space.

Proponents: None.

Opponents: None.

Discussion:

Representative CONNELLY noted that the Cabin Creek mining operation will be starting up soon and this commission would be needed to preserve the environment of that area.

The hearing was closed to further testimony.

HOUSE BILL 758: A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE COUNTY POOR FUND MATCHING GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM BY PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN EXPENSES ARE REASONABLE AND NECESSARY POOR FUND EXPENDITURES FOR PURPOSES OF THE MATCHING GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM AND MAKING THESE PROVISIONS RETROACTIVE TO JULY 1, 1982; DEFINING "INDIGENT PERSON" AND MEDICAL SERVICES" FOR POOR FUND PURPOSES; MAKING THE COUNTY POOR FUND MATCHING GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM A PERMANENT PROGRAM; APPROPRIATING

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MONEY FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TO FUND EXPENDITURES AUTHORIZED BY THIS ACT; AMENDING SECTIONS 1 AND 2, CHAPTER 11, SPECIAL LAWS OF 1981; REPEALING SECTION 4, CHAPTER 11, SPECIAL LAWS OF 1981, AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY DATE."

Representative TONI BERGENE, House District #36, introduced this bill. She presented proposed amendments (Exhibit 7) and explained what this bill would do. Currently, Grant-in-Aid money cannot be used for legal services or workfare programs. This bill allows that money to be spent for these services, which tend to be very costly to larger counties.

Proponents:

DARRYL MEYER, lobbyist for Cascade County and Missoula County, voiced his support. He read a letter from Harold McLaughlin, Director of the Cascade County Public Welfare Office (Exhibit 8). He then presented a letter from the Missoula County Commissioners (Exhibit 9). This would be a one time expenditure and, if it is not appropriated, the counties don't know where they will come up with the money to pay these costs.

There was some discussion regarding the workfare program. The unions opposed this bill at first but negotiations are going much more smoothly now.

Opponents:

JOHN LAFAVER, Director of SRS, voiced his opposition to this bill. He said HB 898 addresses the Grant-in-Aid program. If both bills pass, they will address the same issue but will conflict and he felt HB 898 had more to offer.

Discussion:

Representative WALDRON noted that Missoula County has a law suit pending for administrative costs. Mr. LAFAVER said it was intended that the workfare program savings would offset the administrative costs. He further stated that deputy county attorney's salaries should not be paid through the Grant-in-Aid funds.

The hearing was closed to further testimony.

(Tape 10: Track 2:0000)

HOUSE BILL 624: A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING CERTAIN ELDERLY CITIZENS TO DEFER CERTAIN PROPERTY TAXES; PROVIDING AN INTEREST RATE FOR DEFERRED TAXES; PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING PENTALTIES; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

Representative KATHLEEN MCBRIDE, House District #85, introduced this bill. Legislation passed last session changed senior citizens' property tax rates from a flat rate to a sliding fee based on income. These people do not have increases in income but their taxes were raised which put a great burden on them. This bill would allow elderly citizens to apply for this program and, if eligible, the state would

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put a lien on the property. The state would then pay the local property taxes so there would not be a burden on local governments. When the property was sold or the person no longer met the eligibility criteria, the lien would be paid off. This would allow senior citizens to stay in their homes and, at the same time, the local governments would not lose their tax money.

Proponents: None.

Opponents: None.

Discussion:

Representative MCBRIDE explained that this bill is limited to senior citizens to see if this kind of program will work. If it proves to be successful, the bill can be increased to serve a larger group.

There was some discussion on how this bill relates to a bill passed earlier this session. The eligibility criteria in this bill limits it to lower income senior citizens. This bill also includes mobile homes.

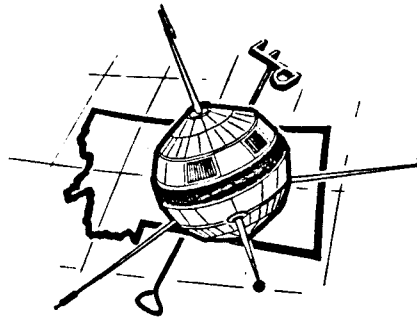
The hearing was closed to further testimony.

The meeting was adjourned.



FRANCIS BARDANOUE
Chairman

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Montana Family Practice Satellite Unit Program Inc.

-FACT SHEET-

1. The Montana Family Practice Satellite Unit Program, Inc. is a non-profit, tax exempt corporation with a board of directors representing the medical and hospital communities as well as the executive branch of state government.
2. The Montana Family Practice Training Program is community based, community hospital/physician sponsored program.
3. As of January 1, 1983, five communities are involved with the training of family practice residents. These communities are: Choteau, Havre, Helena, Sidney and Wolf Point.
4. The family practice residents are second and/or third year residents from various family practice residency training programs throughout the United States. These residents are licensed physicians in their respective states and are provided with a temporary license while training in the state of Montana. Fourteen residents will receive one month training within the state between August, 1982 and August, 1983.
5. At present there are eighty accredited family practice residency training programs that have expressed a desire to participate in the Montana program.
6. The cost for training one resident for one month will average \$3,000.00. The sponsoring hospitals are providing the cost of training. The sponsoring hospitals from the above five communities will be able to train at least twenty-two residents between July, 1983 and June, 1984. The cost will be approximately \$66,000.
7. The Family Practice Training Program is requesting \$135,000 for the 1985 biennium to support the program. These funds will not directly support the residency training activities of participating hospitals, but will cover the costs of coordinating and administering the placement of residents from various residency programs across the nation to the participating Montana hospitals.
8. The Montana Family Practice Training Program is not associated with other state medical educational programs, i.e.: WAMI, WICHE, The University of Washington or Montana University System.
9. A look to the future:
 - a. There are 304 physicians in the state that practice family medicine (family practice physicians).
 - b. The average age of this group of physicians is 50.
 - c. 68 physicians in this group are between 50 and 59 years of age.
 - d. 82 physicians in this group are over 60 years of age.

Montana Family Practice Satellite Unit Program
Budget Request for 1983/84 and 1984/85

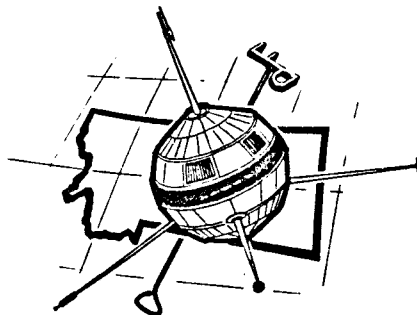
<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>+ 20% Benefits</u>	<u>Total</u>
Coordinator	30,000	6,000	36,000
Secretary	10,000	2,000	12,000
<u>Operational Cost</u> (general office expenses, i.e. supplies, printing, etc.)			5,000
<u>Communications</u> (includes phone, postage)			5,000
<u>Travel</u>			<u>8,000</u>

Total - \$66,000

1983/84 - 66,000

+ 5% for 1984/85 - 69,300

For Biennium - \$135,300



Montana Family Practice Satellite Unit Program Inc.

Montana Family Practice Training Units as of January 1, 1983

1. Choteau - Teton Medical Center
2. Havre - Northern Montana Hospital
3. Helena - St. Peter's Community Hospital
4. Sidney - Community Memorial Hospital
5. Wolf Point - Trinity Hospital

Affiliated Family Practice Residency Programs as of March 1, 1983

1. Baptist Medical Center, Gadsden, Alabama
2. The Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina
3. Resurrection Hospital, Chicago, Illinois
4. The University of Oklahoma, Tulsa Medical College, Tulsa, Oklahoma
5. Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota
6. David Grant Medical Center, Travis Air Force Base, California
7. Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, Niagara Falls, New York
8. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, El Paso, Texas
9. Swedish Covenant Hospital, Chicago, Illinois

388 U.S. 3 YEAR FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY PROGRAMS
(All States Except Montana, Alaska, and New Hampshire)



MONTANA FAMILY PRACTICE SATELLITE UNIT PROGRAM, INC.



MONTANA FAMILY PRACTICE SATELLITE UNITS
(Choteau, Havre, Helena, Sidney, Wolf Point)

Montana Senior Citizens Assn., Inc.

WITH AFFILIATED CHAPTERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE

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26 March 1983

TESTIMONY OF ELSIE LATHAM, MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE MONTANA SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION IN FAVOR OF HOUSE BILL 187

My name is Elsie Latham and I am here to speak for House Bill 187 concerning home health care. I am part of a delegation of 12 members of Montana Senior Citizens Association who came by bus from Great Falls and Cascade. I would like the delegation to stand. .

To gain an idea of the number of seniors in Montana, I have included a copy of the 1980 Census data containing the number of senior citizens in each district. In Cascade County, there are 11,310 seniors over the age of 60 according to the census. This should help the committee to comprehend the potential numbers of seniors needing in-home health care.

The Great Falls MSCA chapter goes on record as supporting House Bill 187 for the following reasons:

- (1) It has the broad-based support of all the senior groups throughout the state,
- (2) It is cost-effective and can help reduce the Medicaid budget of which Montana pays 37%,
- (3) It maintains the individual as a taxpayer, protecting the tax base,
- (4) Senior Citizens are much happier remaining in their own environment.

10. AGE DISTRIBUTION / ALL PERSONS / SELECTED YEARS

	UNDER 5	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+			
MONTANA	64,455	60,238	62,539	74,622	74,016	132,925	71,236	612,272	585,273	554,795	119,240	104,912	84,559
BEAVERHEAD	717	595	601	811	791	1,306	723	6,405	6,129	5,821	1,323	1,211	908
BIG HORN	1,184	1,066	1,244	1,164	954	1,624	837	6,022	7,554	7,030	1,299	1,139	901
BLAINE	642	630	657	695	571	1,043	590	5,168	4,911	4,591	1,143	1,023	840
BROADWATER	294	252	273	281	234	1,040	354	2,500	2,394	2,252	1,373	1,306	408
CARBON	564	564	621	634	450	1,162	744	6,434	6,151	5,863	1,307	1,303	1,433
CARTER	113	111	157	172	114	1,234	205	1,452	1,385	1,300	368	329	1,273
CASCADE	6,557	5,919	6,394	7,882	8,406	13,153	7,003	63,168	60,342	57,153	11,310	9,932	7,988
CHATEAU	520	435	484	511	419	900	733	4,746	4,539	4,308	1,164	992	796
CUSTER	1,032	932	954	1,344	1,083	1,964	1,358	10,255	9,640	9,251	2,403	2,127	1,734
DANIELS	1,243	197	194	1,235	1,65	406	937	2,243	2,158	2,030	1,425	1,356	454
DAWSON	1,064	994	938	1,235	1,235	1,944	937	8,983	8,625	8,134	1,425	1,443	1,454
DEER LODGE	747	928	1,044	1,324	1,603	1,800	1,519	9,964	9,518	9,014	2,567	2,504	1,767
FALLON	354	315	309	368	323	1,800	351	2,852	2,724	2,558	2,523	2,523	1,398
FERGUS	973	942	1,021	1,216	924	1,846	1,409	10,369	9,944	9,371	2,819	2,828	2,114
FLATHEAD	4,285	4,104	4,267	4,532	4,063	9,375	4,721	40,136	38,216	36,232	7,623	6,683	5,178
GALLATIN	2,994	2,677	2,400	5,152	7,763	9,139	2,865	35,018	33,904	32,661	4,613	4,024	3,234
GARFIELD	163	119	117	150	135	254	191	1,270	1,245	1,157	281	227	180
GLACIER	1,193	545	934	1,001	509	1,709	877	7,763	7,345	6,909	1,309	1,212	977
GOLDEN VALLEY	1,173	93	32	92	59	125	120	787	747	705	208	143	183
GRANITE	202	224	232	233	162	384	324	2,120	2,020	1,905	566	484	386
HILL	1,615	1,424	1,390	1,819	2,028	2,982	1,645	11,837	13,232	12,524	2,412	2,114	1,678
JEFFERSON	571	578	672	661	445	1,392	583	5,350	5,057	4,729	913	801	619
JUDITH BASIN	132	195	227	257	146	392	277	2,072	1,964	1,859	536	484	304
LAKE	1,732	1,549	1,516	1,735	1,328	2,811	1,844	14,491	13,802	12,986	3,579	3,200	2,622
LEWIS & CLARK	3,403	3,315	3,408	4,153	3,853	8,045	3,715	33,571	32,072	30,441	5,896	5,157	4,124
LIBERTY	211	166	180	212	197	348	235	1,913	1,729	1,628	328	328	278
LINCOLN	1,521	1,546	1,644	1,725	1,263	2,967	1,533	13,234	12,521	11,741	2,167	1,954	1,420
MCCONE	245	267	230	252	186	377	313	2,017	1,905	1,787	1,165	1,075	893
MADISON	394	362	410	446	353	607	561	4,329	4,158	3,963	1,165	1,045	734
MEAGHER	151	166	151	206	151	330	243	1,712	1,630	1,536	344	344	278
MINERAL	340	288	311	367	284	645	357	2,513	2,439	2,305	497	428	334
MISSOULA	5,509	5,176	5,349	7,440	9,810	15,537	5,257	60,761	58,438	55,774	8,655	7,584	6,134
MISSOULHELL	376	350	303	316	263	709	538	3,418	3,269	3,115	947	844	696
PARK	914	956	924	998	863	2,148	1,331	10,064	9,675	9,214	2,493	2,227	1,837
PETROLEUM	57	55	56	51	42	102	76	501	474	447	103	86	66
PHILLIPS	495	435	445	514	443	761	537	4,122	3,923	3,696	908	886	734
PONDERA	627	554	605	605	496	950	661	5,101	4,859	4,586	1,160	1,030	851
POWDER RIVER	236	213	194	193	176	441	260	1,916	1,831	1,746	378	316	254
POTELL	459	533	528	582	600	1,221	703	5,534	5,302	5,040	1,133	938	793
PRAIRIE	135	161	136	149	103	149	219	1,429	1,371	1,305	449	368	328
RAVALLI	1,694	1,719	2,082	2,126	1,183	3,390	2,264	17,465	16,607	15,373	4,159	3,683	2,989
RICHLAND	1,257	1,009	934	1,091	1,335	2,041	1,024	9,246	8,845	8,404	1,736	1,536	1,249
ROOSEVELT	1,049	990	967	1,040	841	1,664	951	7,730	7,327	6,860	1,522	1,316	1,060
ROSEBUD	1,143	993	951	1,019	858	1,762	698	7,010	6,612	6,218	1,693	1,444	1,083
SANDERS	1,743	722	706	714	521	1,334	870	6,416	6,332	6,021	1,617	1,444	1,130
SHERIDAN	470	334	348	504	443	1,740	652	4,379	4,193	3,962	1,164	1,039	843
SILVER BOW	2,601	2,787	3,125	3,554	2,960	5,432	4,151	30,125	28,751	27,285	7,922	7,069	5,424
STILLWATER	440	394	425	507	309	832	619	4,430	4,218	4,001	1,182	1,063	789
SWEET GRASS	234	213	243	227	198	433	358	2,554	2,465	2,356	1,190	1,062	808
TETON	570	493	511	511	379	861	757	5,022	4,786	4,536	1,312	1,182	946
TOOLE	521	409	416	512	453	856	620	4,307	4,104	3,879	963	850	650
TREASURE	70	84	84	82	55	149	100	764	725	690	178	160	120
VALLEY	912	902	869	970	725	1,551	984	7,537	7,362	6,951	1,630	1,441	1,159
WHEATLAND	190	182	181	193	138	335	302	1,833	1,769	1,684	328	275	201
WIBAUX	114	124	136	144	94	233	145	1,123	1,047	994	275	243	201
YELLOWSTONE	9,014	8,491	8,305	9,741	10,792	19,426	9,350	83,233	80,147	76,214	14,177	12,333	9,041
YELLOWSTONE PRK	12	13	19	28	34	62	25	234	223	214	33	26	21

Yellowstone County Council On Aging , The Senior Helping Hands Program and the Visting Nurse Service have coordinated efforts to serve not only Yellowstone County but also serve Carbon, Big Horn Golden Valley, Musselshell, Stillwater and Sweetgrass Cos. with H.B. 217 Funds. With the \$35,838 we had in 1982-83 2 year period we have had 83 different clients with 4050 vists , average vist 2 Hours,

I can assure you all these patients were not eligible for monies from Medicare, Medicaid or Private Insurance and the Patient Themselves have very little money as most of them had exhausted their funds on Medical Care.for the services they recived under H.B. 217 also none of them we were aware of were eligible for S.R.S. Home Attendance Services.

The Services given these clientsvaried but were given by well train-Homemaker Home Heath Aides . The clients recived Personal care where needed, Light Cleaning , Laundry , some meal Prepration and patient sitting.

Let me give you a few cases we have served.

Case A; A lady in a rural County had several surgeries on her back and ended up with a medal rod in her back,which took her body quite a while to accept,so for about six months she had to have a brace on before she could get out of bed and taken off before going to bed . As there was no family available we had a Homemaker Home Health Aide go in and do the back care, some light cleaning ,laundy and shopping this way she was able to remain at home. She is now able to cre for her self .

Another sample of a case is case 8.

A couple in Mid 90's that the Daughter has been caring for when her husband became an invalid needing her full time so again in a rural area we were able to send help in 2 times a day to get the frail little Lady up for the day fix their breakfast and lunch, straighten up, make beds and some days do laundry. Then she would go back in late afternoon to fix dinner and do dishes give Lady her bath and help her in bed. The Daughters husband is some better now so we only help this couple 2 times a week now.

Many other cases are very simular such as case 3.

A 95 year old couple that are so frail that dishes are very hard for them and this couple is an example of coordination of family and several programs as they receive Meals on Wheels, A Nurse visits them once a month then our Homemaker Home Health Aide goes in 2 times a week to help with baths and light cleaning. The family takes care of the shopping, setting out medications, garbage and heavy cleaning. I just wish I could take you to see this lovely couple.

Many other cases are very simular with persons receiving help being mainly in 70 to 100 year group with long term illness or just frail and no longer eligible for Medicare in have helped many of them with very little money as medical bills have eaten up their life savings.

Along with patients 11 women in seven counties have received training in Personal Care, understanding the Aging Process and problems of caring for frail elderly in the home as this care does differ from hospitals and nursing homes, All the Supervising and training and Adminstrative work for the HB 217 funds has been donated from other Program funds.

In summary I would like to remind you that the Senior Population prefer to remain at home as long as they do not require 24 hour care where they are independent and happy. The last figure I saw

on persons in Nursing Homes said of the 4 to 5% Of the elderly that are currently in Nursing Homes 45% of them with a little help at home could have remained at home. I feel that the 83 in my 7 County Area plus the 1,475 in the rest of the state that this \$ 250,000. in the past 2 years has been well spent. ,

Ten to Twelve Dollars one or 2 times a week is also Cost effective as the same persons could have been \$40 to \$60 a day in Nursing Homes.

Please remember not all the Seniors in the State will need this service but there are more than the 1558 Seniors that have been served by this grant that do need help and we need to remember these are the beautiful people that have made our state and nation the most wonderful place in world to live in .

Thank you for your time.

Agnes C. Crow,

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Director Senior Helping Hand
Program.

March 26, 1983

Full Committee

Yellowstone County
Council on Aging, Inc.



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March 25, 1983

Committee Members:

In 1981 the Yellowstone County Council on Aging, Inc. in Billings was very pleased when the State Legislature passed H.B. 217 to assist the Seniors in Montana with in home services; now you are looking at H.B. 187 with the same intentions.

We saw this as an opportunity to renew a coordinated service in a seven county and one reservation vicinity for in home health services. Through contracts with the Yellowstone City County Health Department and the Senior Helping Hands this has been accomplished for Carbon, Big Horn, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, Yellowstone Counties and the Crow Reservation.

The Senior Helping Hands Program has hired homemaker health aides who reside in these counties. These aides are supervised by nurses from the City County Health Department. The nurse will make a visit and determine the needs and then the aide goes in as needed to provide the services. These services may include light housekeeping, preparing an evening meal, shopping assistance and bathing.

Over the past 1½ years we have provided services to 83 different individuals for a total of 4,050 visits. Approximately 45 clients were served in Big Horn, Carbon, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Stillwater, Sweetgrass Counties and on the Crow Reservation. These people would not have had these services without this program and this funding.

These services are important. They allow these Seniors to stay in their homes and remain independent. For many the other option is a nursing care facility and a lack of freedom and independence.

I would request that you consider the needs and dignity of those in our society who physically need our assistance.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bea Ann Leary

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Supportive Services Director

FACILITY	CURRENT RATE	FY 1983	FY 1984	FY 1985	AV. % INCREASE
COMM. OF ANACONDA	43.89	45.96	48.03	50.10	4.51%
FALLON MEM. NH	39.07	41.44	43.81	46.18	5.73%
BIGFORK CONVALESCENT	30.87	34.31	37.74	41.18	10.09%
SANDE CONVALESCENT CTR	27.87	31.33	34.79	38.25	11.14%
PIONEER NH	25.65	28.38	31.11	33.84	9.68%
GLENDEN NH	34.59	37.17	39.74	42.32	6.95%
ST. JOHN'S LUTH. HOME	35.18	37.28	39.38	41.48	5.65%
VALLEY NH	37.39	39.34	41.29	43.23	4.96%
WESTERN MANOR	30.16	32.23	34.29	36.36	6.43%
YELLOWSTONE CO. NH	40.72	43.15	45.57	48.00	5.64%
BOZEMAN CONVALESCENT	33.14	34.69	36.24	37.80	4.48%
GALLATIN CO. REST HOME	30.08	32.89	35.76	38.62	8.75%
POWDER RIVER NH	51.55	52.14	52.73	53.32	1.13%
BLACKFEET NH	36.06	40.92	45.78	50.63	11.99%
BUTTE PARK ROYAL	41.17	42.12	43.07	44.02	2.25%
CREST NH	37.99	39.37	40.75	42.14	3.51%
BUTTE CONV. (SILVER BOW)	50.76	51.38	51.99	52.61	1.20%
LIBERTY CO. NH	44.10	47.56	51.02	54.48	7.30%
SWEET MEMORIAL	28.76	33.58	38.41	43.23	14.56%
TETON MEDICAL CTR	43.51	45.64	47.77	49.90	4.68%
TETON NH	38.97	40.72	44.47	48.23	9.27%
MCCONE CO. NH	47.29	47.67	48.04	48.42	0.79%
HILLBROOK NH	38.03	40.02	42.01	44.00	4.98%
STILLWATER CONV.	34.79	38.14	41.48	44.83	8.82%
PONDERA PIONEER	32.75	35.48	38.21	40.95	7.73%
ROOSEVELT MEM.	39.46	41.09	42.72	44.35	3.97%
MEMORIAL NH	53.42	53.42	53.42	53.42	0.00%
COLONIAL MANOR	34.51	37.53	40.56	43.58	8.09%
GALEN	48.64	48.89	49.14	49.39	0.51%
PARKVIEW ACRES	30.69	33.25	35.81	38.37	7.73%

MADISON CO. NH	51.75	51.75	51.75	0.00%
MOUNTAIN VIEW	43.84	46.93	50.01	6.60%
ROSEBUD COMM. NH	38.51	40.95	43.40	5.98%
CHOUTEAU CO. NH	48.35	50.63	52.91	4.51%
VALLEY VIEW	33.86	36.16	38.46	6.38%
GLENDIVE COMM. NH	46.03	48.89	51.75	5.87%
CASCADE CO. CONV.	41.40	41.78	42.16	0.92%
DEACONESS NURSING CTR.	48.84	49.02	49.20	0.37%
MCAULEY NH	32.39	34.82	37.24	6.99%
PARK PLACE	38.85	40.69	42.54	4.54%
VALLEY VIEW	29.38	31.51	33.64	6.78%
BIG HORN CO. NH	35.45	39.95	44.45	11.36%
MOUNTAIN VIEW REST HOME	33.74	36.23	38.71	6.89%
HARLEM REST HOME	23.95	26.48	29.00	9.60%
WHEATLAND MEM.	37.57	40.08	42.59	6.28%
LUTH. HOME OF HAVRE	33.69	36.35	39.01	7.35%
COONEY CONVALESCENT	44.35	45.37	46.40	2.26%
HELENA NH	34.16	35.49	36.82	3.76%
WESTERN CARE	31.21	33.22	35.23	6.06%
HOT SPRINGS CONV.	35.93	38.38	40.82	6.39%
GARFIELD CO. NH	48.82	53.67	58.51	9.08%
FLATHEAD CO. NH	36.96	40.48	44.00	8.74%
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN	27.49	31.53	35.57	12.95%
LAUREL NH	27.81	34.67	41.53	20.32%
CENTRAL MONT. NH	45.70	46.97	48.24	2.70%
CENTER FOR THE AGED	28.25	30.97	33.69	8.83%
VALLE VISTA	34.23	36.37	38.51	5.90%
LIBBY CONVALESCENT	32.44	37.74	43.04	14.23%
LIVINGSTON CONV.	31.21	33.69	36.18	7.40%
PHILLIPS CO. GOOD SAMARITAN	31.46	33.95	36.44	7.36%
CUSTER CO. REST HOME	29.87	32.66	35.45	8.59%

FRIENDSHIP LLA	32.11	34.98	37.85	40.73	8.25%
COMMUNITY NH	43.24	45.40	46.85	48.31	3.21%
HILLSIDE MANOR	43.98	45.15	46.32	47.49	2.59%
ROYAL MANOR	35.68	38.07	40.46	42.84	6.29%
WAYSIDE NH	36.60	38.77	40.94	43.11	5.61%
GRANITE COUNTY	61.82	65.27	68.71	72.16	5.29%
CLARK FORK VALLEY	46.95	49.61	52.28	54.94	5.38%
SHERIDAN MEMORIAL	41.89	43.90	45.92	47.94	4.61%
ST. JOSEPH'S CONV.	28.35	31.40	34.45	37.50	9.78%
COMMUNITY NH	44.57	47.81	51.04	54.28	6.79%
CARBON CO. HEALTH CARE	36.15	38.35	40.55	42.75	5.75%
CARBON CO. MEMORIAL	31.38	36.01	40.65	45.28	13.01%
ST. LUKE'S COMM.	42.82	44.53	46.23	47.94	3.84%
WESTSIDE REST HOME	30.06	34.79	39.52	44.25	13.76%
ROUNDUP MEMORIAL	45.92	48.77	51.62	54.47	5.86%
DANIELS MEMORIAL	36.23	38.98	41.73	44.48	7.08%
TOOLE CO. NH	49.70	51.22	52.75	54.27	2.98%
MADISON CO. NH	36.76	39.13	41.50	43.88	6.08%
RICHLAND HOME	34.77	37.81	40.84	43.88	8.06%
NORTH VALLEY	34.85	37.12	39.38	41.65	6.12%
MINERAL CO. NH	46.71	49.50	52.28	55.07	5.64%
PRAIRIE COMM. NH	40.21	44.15	48.08	52.02	8.96%
BROADWATER CO. REST HOME	34.86	39.72	43.35	45.74	9.53%
WARM SPRINGS STATE HOSP.	47.55	49.39	51.24	53.08	3.74%
COLONIAL MANOR	33.29	36.94	40.59	44.24	9.94%
NORTH VALLEY NH	44.54	47.76	50.98	54.19	6.76%
MOUNTAIN VIEW MEM. NH	39.66	42.60	45.54	48.48	6.92%
WIBAUX CO. NH	39.60	43.87	48.14	52.42	9.60%
FAITH LUTH. HOME	37.72	39.32	40.92	42.53	4.03%

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Amendments to House Bill 758 (Introduced copy) Rep. Bergene

1. Title, lines 10 and 11.

Following: "PURPOSES;" on line 10

Strike: "MAKING THE COUNTY POOR FUND MATCHING GRANT-IN-AID
PROGRAM A PERMANENT PROGRAM;"

2. Title, lines 14 and 15.

Following: "1981;" on line 14

Strike: "REPEALING SECTION 4, CHAPTER 11, SPECIAL LAWS OF 1981;"

3. Page 6, lines 10 through 14.

Strike: lines 10 through 14 in their entirety



Cascade County

State of Montana

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Department of Public Welfare

P. O. Box 1546

Great Falls, Montana 59403

March 23, 1983

Mr. Darryl Meyer
1123 North Roberts, Apt. #4
Helena, Montana 59601

Dear Darryl:

We understand House Bill 758 will be considered by the House Appropriations Committee on Saturday, March 23 at 1:00 p.m. I will be unable to attend the hearing because of prior commitments which will have me out of state on Saturday.

H.B. 758 proposes a number of things including a re-enactment of matching grants-in-aid for Welfare administration provided for by the 1st Special Session in 1981. That part of the bill (re-enactment of matching grants) should be deleted since H.B. 798 (McBride's) will provide another mechanism for state assumption of county deficits.

Part (2) of Section 1 of H.B. 758 contains definitions which are also unnecessary in view of McBride's bill.

Our greatest concern is that current law be amended retroactively to 7/1/82 to clearly specify the following expenditures as reasonable and necessary and is found in Section 2, part (b) of H.B. 758:

Legal Services relating to county welfare cases provided by the County Attorney's office or by a contracted attorney authorized by the board of county commissioners.

Interest on Registered Poor Fund Warrants; and

Administrative and Supervisory Costs of Operating the Work Program.

Legal Services are provided to our department by a deputy County Attorney hired for that purpose and whose services are used exclusively by our department. We have funded a position in whole or in part for the past 5 years. If we did not fund such a position, the County Attorney could not give our needs the high priority required and we would be dependent on the availability of other staff. Prior to having our own position, we experienced a serious lack of continuity, lengthy delays because of lack of availability and no service to provide training, consultation, representation with challenges brought by the public through administrative appeals and litigation. We feel we can demonstrate that the position has been cost effective on the basis of recoveries made by the services of the attorney and successful defense against appeals.

Interest on Registered Warrants is a cost we incur because we do not have cash to satisfy our legal obligations. The department is dependent on property taxes to pay its bills and the major portion of revenues are received in November and May in the form of property tax payments. Cascade County is in its third year of Poor Fund



deficit. State grant-in-aid rules forces ~~XX~~ the county to begin the fiscal year with a zero or negative cash balance by requiring that all revenues be expended before a grant-in-aid is allowed. We began this fiscal year with a cash deficit of \$49,000 and have incurred costs at an average of \$200,000 per month. Since we did not have revenue to pay those costs, it was necessary to register warrants and that entails payment of interest. We will be in a deficit position during eight or nine months of this fiscal year.

Work Program administration expenses occur because we are required to have a work program to qualify for state matching grant-in-aid funds. In Cascade County, we have between 200 and 300 General Assistance clients who must work for their benefits. The number of hours they are required to work ranges from 40 to 120 per month. We have an average of 60 participants working on any given day at 21 public and private locations in the community. The responsibility of developing job sites, scheduling workers, transporting workers, negotiating continuously with labor organizations, dealing with job related conflicts, job injuries, keeping records and making reports are all responsibilities essential to a successful Workfare program. Our regular staff has neither the time nor ability to perform those duties and in Cascade County we have employed an individual as Work Program Administrator.

The cost for the foregoing three areas of need in Cascade County will be from \$100,000 to \$120,000 in this fiscal year. Anticipated expenditures will be about

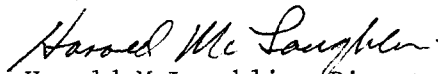
\$35,000 for Legal services consisting of the travel, salary and benefits of a Deputy County Attorney.

\$53,000 for Interest on Registered Warrants.

\$20,000 for salary, benefits and travel of Work Program Administrator.

In addition to Cascade County, we are aware that at least Missoula and Silver Bow Counties are also incurring some or all of these areas of expenditure. We would estimate a maximum statewide need of \$300,000 to \$400,000 for those costs in fiscal year 1983 on a retroactive basis. We feel that is a relatively small portion of the total grant-in-aid authorization the Department of SRS has received for the current fiscal year.

Very truly yours,


Harold McLaughlin, Director

MISSOULA COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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EXHIBIT 9
March 26, 1983
Full Committee

BCC-83-179
March 25, 1983

The Honorable Francis Bardanouve, Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
House of Representatives
Capitol Station
Helena, Montana 59620

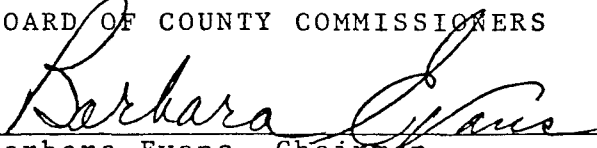
Dear Representative Bardanouve and Other Committee Members:

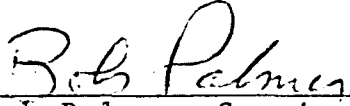
We are writing to offer strong support for HB-758, which would mandate that the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services reimburse counties for poor fund expenditures which they had erroneously decided do not qualify under HB-13, passed in the 1981 Spcial Session.

All counties that budgeted for Workfare administration, registered warrants and deputy county attorneys out of the poor fund, did so in the belief that they were required by State Law to pay for these services out of the poor fund, and indeed there was no other way for them to be paid. For SRS, through its rule-making authority, to mandate that statutory welfare costs could not be reimbursed by them under the grants-in-aid provisions of HB-13 we believe was a grievous and costly injustice. Passage of this bill will help to ensure that in the future, SRS respects the will of the Legislature and makes its rules in a more rational and responsive fashion.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Barbara Evans, Chairman


Bob Palmer, Commissioner

NOT AVAILABLE FOR SIGNATURE

Ann Mary Dussault, Commissioner

BCC/HS/1s

cc: All Missoula Legislators

VISITOR'S REGISTER

APPROPRIATIONS

COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL 114

DATE _____

MANUEL

Provide training for family practice resident physicians; limiting use of funds; appropriating funds.

[illegible]

IF YOU CARE TO WRITE COMMENTS, ASK SECRETARY FOR LONGER FORM.

WHEN TESTIFYING PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

VISITORS' REGISTER

APPROPRIATIONS

COMMITTEE

BILL HOUSE BILL 161

SPONSOR ERNST

Date

APPROPRIATING MONEY TO DEPT. OF
AGRICULTURE FOR POSITION OF STATE WEED
CONTROL COORDINATOR.

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VISITORS' REGISTER

HOUSE _____ APPROPRIATIONS _____ COMMITTEE _____

BILL _____ HOUSE BILL 187

SPONSOR _____ MENAHAN

Notes: _____

Date _____

APPROPRIATING \$2 MILLION TO DEPT. OF
SOCIAL & REHABILITATION SERV. FOR
EXISTING AREA COUNCILS ON AGING.

NAME	RESIDENCE	REPRESENTING	SUP- PORT	OP- POSE
Agnes Crow	Billings, Mont	Y.C. COA Senior ^{Helena} Mont	X	
Roscoe Canon	Gr. Falls	MSCA	X	
JOHN LAFAVER	HELENA	SRS	X	
C.P. Johnson	Helena	AARP Legis. Comm.	X	
Henry Jorgensen	Helena	MRTA	X	
A.M. Schaff	Missoula			
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Pete Albene	Missoula	MSCA ^{Missoula} Mont	X	
Melba Tiedeman	Gr. Falls	MSCA ^{Mont} Mont	X	
Norman Hyde	Gr. Falls, Mont	MSCA ^{Gr. Falls} Gr. Falls	X	
Bob Johnson	Gr. Falls, Mont	Mt. SCA	X	
Floyd Smith	Youghan Mt	MSCA	X	
Liville Armstrong	Cascade Mt.	Cascade Jr. Citizen	X	
Wanda Koski	Great Falls, Mt.	MSCA	X	
Arde Corbett	Cascade Mt	Cascade Jr Citizen	X	

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VISITOR'S REGISTER

APPROPRIATIONS

COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL 624

14-00000

DATE _____

MC BRIDE

Allow certain elderly citizens to defer certain property taxes; provide for admin. & enforcement; provide penalties provide appropriation.

[illegible]

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VISITOR'S REGISTER

HOUSE

APPROPRIATIONS

COMMITTEE

BILL

HOUSE BILL 692

Notes:

DATE _____

SPONSOR

BARDANOUE

Appropriate \$45,000 for administration
& operation of Flathead Basin
Commission.

[illegible]

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APPROPRIATIONS

COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL 758

DATE _____

BERGENE

Revise County Poor Fund Matching Grant-in-aid Program; provide certain expenses are reasonable & necessary, etc.

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VISITOR'S REGISTER

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

BILL	HOUSE BILL 759	Date:	DATE
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SPONSOR MENAHAN

DATE _____
Appropriate money to Dept. of Inst. for
increase of 25 in aver. daily pop. of
Warm Sprgs.; provide for reversion of
funding on pro rata basis.

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IF YOU CARE TO WRITE COMMENTS, ASK SECRETARY FOR LONGER FORM.

WHEN TESTIFYING PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

22 MARCH

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SPEAKER

MR.

APPROPRIATIONS

We, your committee on

HOUSE

114

having had under consideration Bill No.

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR FAMILY
PRACTICE RESIDENT PHYSICIANS; LIMITING USE OF FUNDS; APPROPRIATING
FUNDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."**

HOUSE

114

Respectfully report as follows: That..... Bill No.

be amended as follows:

1. Page 2, line 21.

Following: "fund"

Strike: "\$135,300"

**Insert: "\$65,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1984, and
\$6,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1985."**

AND AS AMENDED

DO-PASS-

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

MARCH 23,

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MR. Speaker

Appropriations

We, your committee on

House

161

having had under consideration Bill No.

First

Reading only (White)
Order

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE MONEY TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO FUND THE POSITION OF STATE WEED CONTROL
COORDINATOR."

House

161

Respectfully report as follows: That Bill No.

DO NOT PASS

~~DO NOT PASS~~

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

MARCH 23,

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MR. **SPEAKER**.....

APPROPRIATIONS

We, your committee on.....

HOUSE

having had under consideration..... Bill No. **624**

SECOND

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING CERTAIN ELDERLY CITIZENS TO DEFER CERTAIN PROPERTY TAXES; PROVIDING AN INTEREST RATE FOR DEFERRED TAXES; PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING PENALTIES; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

HOUSE

Respectfully report as follows: That..... Bill No. **624**

DO NOT PASS

~~DO PASS~~

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

MARCH 28

19 83

SPEAKER

MR.

APPROPRIATIONS

We, your committee on

HOUSE

692

having had under consideration Bill No.

FIRST

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE \$45,000 FOR
ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION OF THE FLATHEAD BASIN COMMISSION."**

HOUSE

692

Respectfully report as follows: That Bill No.

DO PASS

MARCH 28,

19 83

MR. **SPEAKER**We, your committee on **APPROPRIATIONS**having had under consideration **HOUSE** Bill No. **759****FIRST** reading copy (**WHITE**)
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**A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF INSTITUTIONS FOR AN INCREASE OF 25 IN THE AVERAGE DAILY
POPULATION OF THE WARM SPRINGS STATE HOSPITAL; PROVIDING FOR A
REVERSION OF FUNDING ON A PRO RATA BASIS."**

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE** Bill No. **759****BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Page 1, line 12.
Strike: "\$723,000"
Insert: "\$289,000"

AND AS AMENDED DO PASS**EDDAX**