

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

January 26, 1983

The meeting of the Business and Industry Committee was called to order by Chairman Allen C. Kolstad on January 26, 1983, at 10:30 a.m., in Room 404, State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members of the Committee were present.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL 84: Senator Frank Hazelbaker, sponsor of the bill, stated after visiting with various small utility companies over the state, they found they were having tremendous costs when they had to pay for utility lines that had to be raised or lowered to allow oversize structures to move on the roadways. The bill was drafted so that the person owning the structures would have to pay the cost to remove and replace the utility lines.

PROPOSERS TO SENATE BILL 84: J. T. Downing, General Manager, Montana Associated Utilities stated he supported this bill. His testimony is attached to the minutes. (Exhibit No. 1)

Bob Quinn, Montana Power Company, stated he has appeared on this bill since its inception. They are in favor of the concept. He mentioned the big tanks which were constructed in Stevensville and had to be moved to Colstrip. He feels their customers should not have to subsidize house movers by paying their expenses.

Gene Phillips, Pacific Power and Light, stated he supported this bill.

Mike Fitzgerald, Montana Trade Commission, stated they supported the bill because it is a sensible, reasonable and fair approach.

Philip Johannes, Yellowstone Valley Electric Co-Op, Huntley, Montana, stated they supported the bill. His testimony is attached to the minutes. (Exhibit No. 2)

Terry Murphy, Montana Farmers Union, stated he also supported the bill.

Burl Winchester, Montana Associated Utilities and Reid and Associates, stated he supported the bill. He referred to a statewide survey conducted by Reid & Associates entitled "What Montanans Think About Montana State Law". Reid & Associates (a Spokane based research firm) surveyed one out of every 57th Montanan specifically on the issue of who should rightly bear the cost of raising and adjusting service lines for the moving of unusually high structures through the road right-of-way. The 1929 (existing) law was quoted in the questionnaire. 88.62% of all Montanans said the cost causer and those who contract for the move should pay the direct costs. 92.8% said it was time to enact new legislation so that the cost causer and those primarily benefitting pay the direct costs involved. 77% of those who reported being involved themselves in moves requiring the raising of lines said the consumer should not have to pay the costs and the 1929 law needs to be replaced. He feels those who

gain the primary benefit from this should pay their own bill.
48 states do it this way now.

Rod Hanson, Montana Associated Utilities and Sun River Electric Cooperative, stated he had a statement from Pat Underwood, stating he supported House Bill 147 and Senate Bill 84.

Jay Nance, Tongue River Electric Co-op stated he represents about 2200 members. They are asking that the cost causers pay these fees. Since 1929 the people have been billed for the cost of raising these lines. He stated that the people are tired of this. He feels the 1929 law, as it is written, is unfair. The cost causer should pay for the costs associated in moving high structures under utility lines. He supported this bill.

Tom Harrison, Montana Cable TV Association, stated he appeared here in favor of this bill for the cable TV people.

Rod Sirling, Park Electric Cooperative, Inc., stated he supports this bill and his membership is in support of it also. His testimony is attached to the minutes. (Exhibit No. 3)

Gene Pigiom, Montana-Dakota Utilities, Glendive, stated he supported this bill.

George Hoynes, Big Flat Electric Cooperative, appeared in support of this bill. He pointed out in 1981 they moved 16 structures but 10 of those were brand new structures. The committee should realize that benefits no one except the house movers and the building contractors.

OPPONENTS TO SENATE BILL 84: Steve Browning, representing Montana Home Movers, stated house moving has been affected just as much as anyother industry. House moving is going down. He feels this is a situation where someone has taken advantage of the 1929 law. It was designed to protect the use of the right-of-way. The home movers do not move the prefab homes that are causing the problems. They are prohibited by law to do so. The fiscal note is a useful document. The amounts they are talking about probably are a balance between the taxpayers and the ratepayers. He thinks they could take care of the ratepayer if they dealt with prefab houses. If this bill were to pass, the home building industry would continue to survive. He read a letter to F. L. Zion from a house mover in California. (Exhibit No. 4) In the letter it stated they make every effort to keep their loads under 18' high. If not, it has to be a valuable or historical building to warrant the extra expense. There are 34 home movers in the state. They employ 6-10 people each.

Duane Ostermiller stated he has served the Montana public for about 18 years in house moving and it is his only operation. He feels it is an important service for the people in Montana. He employs 7-10 people year around. He feels if this bill passes it would eliminate quite a number of homes to be moved and it would cut down on the number of people he would employ. He feels we do not need anymore unemployment in the State of Montana. He pays a utility firm about

\$400.00 to move the wires in town. Take that same home and move it to a different location, sometimes they run into 5 or 6 types of wires that they have to raise. 5 or 6 x \$400 is \$20-2400.00 Utilities have a problem. They say they have their wires up to code. He wonders how many considered the wire raising laws before they planted their poles. He feels higher lines and more underground wires would have a lot to do for this problem. There is a difference between moving structures and moving existing buildings. They cannot move a structure. For every move they make they must send a form to GVW. If everything looks fine to them, then they go to the Highway Department in order to get a permit to move this building. They cannot move new construction. He doesn't think the dollar is what the utility companies are looking for. He thinks they want more control. If they get a chance to charge for every wire, they certainly will have that control. He feels they should separate the new structures from the existing structures and he feels that would cure the biggest part of that problem.

Scotty Zion, Zion Construction, Great Falls, stated there is one thing we should make clear. If Senate Bill 84 is allowed to pass the utilities will have gotten their 30 year objective to eliminate house movers. He referred to a folder entitled Revenue Impact Statement, Montana House Movers and quoted figures from that book. He stated a 30' pole will give you 21' clearance and a 35' pole would clear almost half the buildings that are moved.

Don Heffington, Blair Transfer, Missoula, stated he thinks it is the utility companies wanting something for nothing. If they would raise their poles and try to work with the housemovers there would be no problems.

Ira Hall, Hall House Moving, stated the power company knew when they built their lines, home movers and large equipment would have right-of-way on public roads and that the power company or utilities would have to raise these lines at their own cost. This cost has been built into their expenses for many years. The people will be paying twice for this wire raising service should this bill be allowed to pass.

Jim Thomas, Mid-West House Movers, stated in Idaho, this policy is in effect and it does not work. His outfit is sitting still there because they cannot afford to pay for the wires to be moved.

David Castle, consumer and house mover, stated he is opposed to this legislation. His testimony is attached to the minutes.
(Exhibit No. 5)

Additional testimony is attached from David Gellingham. (Exhibit No. 6)

QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE:

Senator Fuller asked Mr. Winchester if he thought this was a valid survey in view of the letter from Reid & Associates, dated March 15, 1982, beginning "Right now, you're paying for someone else's move". Mr. Winchester stated yes.

Senator Regan asked what is the height of the average structure that you move? Mr. Zion stated it averages about 24' on the truck.

Senator Severson asked what does the code say in regard to the height of the wire? The response was it varies from 18' and up.

Senator Gage asked if this bill were to pass, would the utility companies be reducing their labor force? Mr. Hanson stated no.

Senator Lee asked Montana Power and Mountain Bell, could you tell us since 1929 how much you have paid the state for easements across roadways and highways? Mr. Quinn stated he did not have any figures. The right-of-way infringement generally is on a fee system which they pay only once.

Senator Severson stated there has been a compromise suggested by the house movers that they would pay for anything over 24' and the utilities would pay for anything under. Could Montana Power specify a time that it would take to do this? Mr. Quinn stated he would guess the main height of 24' would be right at the borderline and anything below that would be too low. In general, they use 35' poles so if you put that pole 5' in the ground it leaves only 30'.

Senator Regan stated she was interested in knowing what other states have done in addressing this problem. How many states require the movers to pay? Mr. Browning stated 48. Senator Regan asked how many states require the utilities to pay? Mr. Browning stated two. Montana and Massachusetts. Senator Regan asked how many is there a compromise? Mr. Browning stated Massachusetts has somewhat of a compromise law.

Mr. Zion stated he has laws from all over the United States and many of the states have no law like we have controlling wire rights. It is simply one of those things that power companies started charging and no one contested.

In closing, Senator Hazelbaker stated the mail they have been receiving is not from the big utilities that are concerned, it is the smaller ones that are mostly affected. This bill is directed to the people that own the structures.

There being no further questions from the Committee, the hearing on Senate Bill 84 was closed.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL 107: Chet Blaylock, sponsor of the bill, handed the Committee proposed amendments to Senate Bill 107, and explained these amendments. (Exhibit No. 7) What this bill does is provide for third party payment for the people and what they would like to do is put alcoholism and drug addiction under the insurance policies so that people could be covered.

PROPOSERS TO SENATE BILL 107: Harold Gerke, Montana Council of Community Mental Health Center, stated he supported Senate Bill 107.

Joanne Hall Salina, State Council of Community Mental Health Boards, Inc., stated she supported this bill. Her testimony is attached to the minutes. (Exhibit No. 8)

Stephen Shumate, Alcohol Programs of Montana, stated he supported this bill. His testimony is attached to the minutes. (Exhibit No. 9)

Roger Tippy, representing the Montana Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association, stated he also supported this bill. His testimony is attached to the minutes. (Exhibit No. 10)

David Campbell, Rimrock Foundation, stated he supported this bill. His testimony is attached to the minutes. (Exhibit No. 11)

David A. Brunelle, Deaconess Hospital, stated he supported Senate Bill 107 in its entirety.

Ann H. Scott stated she is a member of a group that are starting a for profit alcohol treatment center in Great Falls. She feels that free standing inpatient facilities should receive third party payments. It provides the alcoholic patients with the wide variety of care that is needed. There is a place for treatments in hospitals but there are cases where this can be done in the free standing inpatient facility. She supported this bill.

John Nesbo, Montana Council of Community Mental Health Centers, Inc., stated he supported this bill.

OPPONENTS TO SENATE BILL 107: Allen Cain, representing MPS and Blue Shield stated they oppose this bill. His testimony is attached to the minutes. (Exhibit No. 12)

James T. Harrison, representing Blue Cross, stated they are not going to write policies at a loss. People out of work in the western part of the state, those group coverages are now being overutilized. As those people anticipate the end of their coverage there is an overutilization. This results in losses. These people cannot afford to have their premiums go up. If they fall off the wagon they will say no they cannot afford it. We are going to be funding them with welfare or something else. It would be nice to have cradle to the grave insurance that does not cost one dime. Can we make that kind of policy and make it so that it is affordable?

Marvin Torgerson, Aluminum Workers, Columbia Falls, stated they have a group insurance for their fellow employees. Their insurance costs are going up every month. They have a negative amount of money to pay these costs. They need flexibility to take care of these costs. They feel this bill should not pass.

Lester H. Loble, II, American Council of Life Insurance, pointed

out some items in the bill. He stated they are opposed to this bill.

Ron Sunsted, Chief Labor Relations and Employment State Bureau, Department of Administration, stated they opposed this bill. His testimony is attached to the minutes. (Exhibit No. 13)

Glen L. Drake, Health Insurance Association of America, stated this bill is an anti-consumer bill. Insurance, like anyother consumer product, should be encouraged to allow the consumer to choose what he wants and to reject that which he does not want. This bill would mandate that all persons buying insurance must purchase coverage for treatment for alcoholism, drug addiction and mental illness. This will drive up costs. This bill will ultimately cause many people most in need of insurance to be priced out of the market.

Elmer Hoskins, stated he opposed this bill on the premise that it is an anti-consumer bill.

Ben Hardahl, Montana Motor Carriers Association, stated they opposed this bill. They have their own trustees that are established to determine the coverage that the plans will contain. This year they had rate increases and they are opposed to mandated coverage that would further increase their rates.

QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE:

Senator Regan stated there was reference made to social workers. Can any social worker receive payment under this bill? Mr. Briggs stated the bill is designed to reimburse only licensed psychiatric social workers.

Senator Goodover stated he received a call from a party that has a Masters in psychology and psychiatric work and never felt the need to get a PHD. Mr. Briggs stated presently the psychologists must be PHDs.

Senator Gage stated there are provisions in some states that allows the policyholder to determine what coverage he wants. Mr. Cain stated if this bill passes the benefits would be in the plan.

Senator Goodover asked Ann Scott that she indicated that she is going to form a profit organization in Great Falls. Would this mean there would be a proliferation of profit around the state? Ann Scott stated profit institutions have been increasing. The need is so great. The important thing to realize is anytime you have an increase you do not necessarily have an increase in the costs.

Senator Regan stated I remember when we mandated coverage to the newborn infant. That is something you did not want us to do. There has not been any great rise in these rates. Mr. Harrison stated if we did run those figures they would find that newborn costs are expensive costs. Mr. Cain stated he seconds that. The

cost is expensive. He feels if we raise it anymore they will not be able to carry insurance anymore.

In closing, Senator Blaylock stated Mr. Harrison repeatedly in his speech talked about falling off the wagon. They do have more than their share of alcoholism in this state. 10 million nationally. No matter how small a town is in Montana there will be a post office and a bar. To continue to discriminate against these people and not be able to cover them is ignoring them.

There being no further questions from the Committee, the hearing was closed on Senate Bill 107.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.


ALLEN C. KOLSTAD, CHAIRMAN

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ROLL CALL

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

48th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1983

DATE 1-26-83

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
PAUL F. BOYLAN	✓		
B. F. CHRIS CHRISTIAENS	✓		
HAROLD L. DOVER	✓		
DAVID FULLER	✓		
DELWYN GAGE	✓		
PAT M. GOODOVER	✓		
GARY P. LEE, VICE CHAIRMAN	✓		
PAT REGAN	✓		
PAT M. SEVERSON	✓		
ALLEN C. KOLSTAD, CHAIRMAN	✓		

January 26, 1983

EXHIBIT NO. 1

To: Members of the Montana Senate,
Business and Industry Committee

SB 84
THE REAL ISSUES

House Bill 147 and Senate Bill 84 would assign the fair and actual costs of moving wires suspended over Montana's roads to the cost causer, and would remove this burden from the consumers of the state.

The future welfare of every Montana consumer is at stake.

Existing law, which was enacted in 1929, was written to correspond with public policy at the time--a time when there were few electric wires, few oversize loads and during a period where a relatively few rural citizens enjoyed the benefit of electricity or telephone service.

In every other state, a solid body of law has developed which acknowledges that the public easement on the highway is not limited to the surface, but extends both upward and downward for a distance sufficient to accommodate all proper uses to which the way is subject. HOWEVER, THE RIGHT OF EASEMENT IS TIED TO UNIVERSAL CASE LAW DECLARING: "SINCE HOUSE MOVING IS AN EXTRAORDINARY USE OF THE STREETS, IT CAN BE REASONABLY REGULATED, AND PAYMENT FOR WIRE RAISING CAN BE REQUIRED."

House movers in 49 states request and receive wire removals and they pay the costs for this service.

United States Law: Acknowledges the public's right to use the roads and highways; requires utilities to move and replace wires at the request of a mover; and requires the movers to make just recompense for the privilege of using the roadway in an extraordinary manner.

The problem must be corrected by legislative action. Opponents of the bill on one hand enumerate a list of "problems" including environmental, religious and jobs impact on the state, but then say that the problems addressed by House Bill 147 and Senate Bill 84 will "go away without changing the law". The problem--making the consumers of Montana pay for the moves of others--will not go away without legislative action. Discounting the Colstrip move, the overall number of moves in the state may increase with the proposed energy development facilities in eastern Montana, such as Circle West, mine mouth plants, etc.; the movement of large tanks and other construction items may well remain high.

Whether the law says that movers or "cost causers" pay for the line adjustment is really a moot point since the mover would bill the customer for charges incurred.

Jobs and Moving Wires

On behalf of their 300,000 member-consumers, Montana's electric and telephone cooperatives have attempted to present the facts and adhere to the issues concerning oversize structure moving costs.

We believe that the issue is too important to our consumers and their future electric and telephone bills to engage in political posturing.

We are all aware of the plant closures in Columbia Falls and Butte and we are equally concerned for the thousands of family farmers in Montana who are dangerously near bankruptcy and foreclosure. It is for the person out of work, persons on fixed incomes and people striving to avoid financial disaster that we request the Montana legislature to provide relief.

A well-planned move will cost a homeowner as little as \$75.00. The average cost to move a structure across cooperative territory was only \$444 in 1982. And this average takes into account the thousands of dollars incurred in the move of oversize tanks, derricks and commercial structures. Is it logical to assume the loss of jobs when an individual or a company is asked to pay only an additional \$75 for their move? When an individual deems it necessary to move a structure, an additional \$75 to \$400 is not likely to deter him.

The moving industry in Montana is neither better off nor worse than the industry across America.

Fiscal Impact

Montana's electric and telephone cooperatives have worked closely with state and local governments in the past to assure that the community does not absorb any undue costs to obtain electric service.

The electric and telephone cooperatives have stated their willingness to accommodate state and local governments by raising or lowering power lines at no cost for the benefit of moves which would financially affect state and local governments. No cost would accrue to state or local governments to preserve their rich heritage as they move historical buildings from one location to another.

Sticking to the Issues

Montana's electric and telephone cooperatives seek passage of HB 147 and SB 84 not because it will increase their profits. We are non-profit, member-owned and member-directed businesses who face the same economic problems in 1983 as do our opponents. Our electric cooperatives are in the most perilous economic conditions they have experienced since their inception. The telephone cooperatives are attempting to cope with the overwhelming problems of deregulation and added costs of doing business. We operate "at margin" and have been told by our consumers that they will not pay increased electric bills generated by the actions of others.

We hope we can discuss the issues and avoid the political and emotional buzzwords which seem to divide us. "Environmental impact", "negative religious and historical impact", "jobs", "the economy", "toll gates" and other emotionally charged phrases should not divert our attention from the issues at hand.

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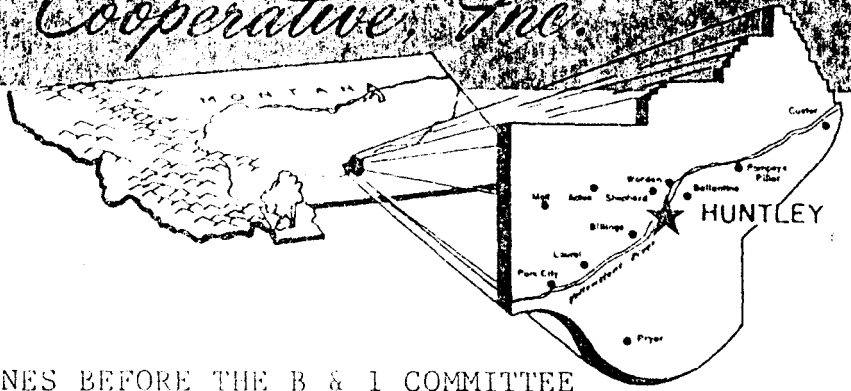
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SUBMITTED BY: Philip Johannes
January 26, 1983
EXHIBIT NO. 2



TESTIMONY OF PHIL JOHANNES BEFORE THE B & I COMMITTEE

Good morning ladies and gentlemen of the Business and Industry Committee. My name is Phil Johannes and I am a farmer in the Ballantine area. I also am the Board President of the Yellowstone Valley Electric Co-op headquartered in Huntley. My Co-op has 1,660 miles of overhead electric lines. The service area is from Custer in the east to Park City in the west and from Pryor in the south to Acton in the north. We have electric lines all around Billings and serve about 5,586 active members.

Because of our geographic area, we have been hit quite hard by high loads moving through our service area. Let me give you some examples. In 1982 the Co-op spent \$30,625 for raising or cutting our lines to accommodate high load plus an additional \$46,307 to permanently raise our lines along Interstate 94 to accommodate high load for the Colstrip power plant. This is a total of \$76,932 and represents 2.2% of our gross income. In other words, our rates are 2.2% higher than needed just to accommodate high loads. In 1982 the outside crews spent 70 working days, either part or whole, accommodating high loads. Of the 14,406 man-hours worked by the outside crews, 1,181 man-hours or 8.2% was spent with high loads. While the outside crews were working on high loads their regular work was delayed or the Co-op had to hire an independent contractor.

Another thing that bothers me is that the cost for high loads increases every year. For 1980 it was \$8,469, for 1981 - \$13,878 and as previously stated for 1982 - \$76,932. These are total annual costs. The cost per move would be for 1980 - \$403, for 1981 - \$514 and for 1982 - \$729. Again, this is a bad trend.

The Yellowstone Valley Electric Co-op has always cooperated with the house movers and will continue to do so. However, we do feel that it is unfair to ask us to provide the men and equipment to accommodate high loads and also have to pay for it. We ask that you support Senate Bill 84 so that the cost to accommodate high loads is paid by the owner who is getting the benefit.

Thank you for your time and for letting me read this statement.

Mr. Chairman and members of this Committee:

I am Rod Siring, and I am here this morning in my capacity as the Manager of the Park Electric Cooperative which provides electric service to over 2500 meters in Park, Sweetgrass, Gallatin, and Meagher counties to give testimony in favor of Bill ⁸⁴ .

We believe the present Montana Law governing the payment of expenses for raising or cutting utility lines or removing poles to facilitate the movement of high structures through our service area is unreasonable, unfair and places the burden of payment on the wrong party.

To illustrate this belief, during the past three years in our service area, there have been 22 high structure moves requiring the assistance of our work crews and equipment. These moves have cost and adversely affected our Cooperative members in several ways both directly and indirectly. The direct effects we can compute, these are the man hours and equipment costs we know went into assisting these moves. In 1980, 81, and 82 these totalled 507 man hours at a cost of \$9220.84.

The indirect costs and adverse effects are perhaps the most important but very hard to put a dollar or man hour figure on. These adverse effects are the power outages incurred by our members. As an example, one house move in 1982 cost our Cooperative \$2668.73 in man hours and equipment. During this move, 1073 members, 81 pumps, 12 businesses, and 8 dairies were without power for over 1½ hours, 374 members and 19 irrigation pumps were out of service for ¾ of an hour and at another time during this

same move 194 consumers, 4 irrigation pumps and 4 businesses were out of service on three separate occasions for a total of 1 3/4 hours. At one time during this move the house got stuck on the Interstate Highway and 15 members were out of power for three hours. Many other members were out of electric service for 1/2 hour or less. We don't have a dollar figure to hang on these outages, but we do know that truck stops could not pump gas, restaurants could not cook or serve meals, irrigators had to restart 60 irrigation pumps and at one lumber mill approximately 20 workers were idled at an estimated cost of over \$30000.00 in lost production. We have several examples of moves like this one which I will not go into at this time as I want to discuss another aspect of this problem.

This aspect I want to address is timing. The majority of these high structure moves are made during the summer season when our Cooperative is the busiest. We do not have a large outside work force, only seven line personnel to maintain nearly 1000 miles of line. We count on the summer months to install new home services, new irrigation systems, add to and upgrade existing service and repair and upgrade our backbone system. When our crews are pulled from these jobs to lift and cut lines for a high structure move, our whole summer schedule has to change, new priorities established and many times contractors called in at the last moment at considerable expense to complete our own work. On several occasions, our crews have been called to assist a high structure move only to sit around and wait at the job site because the move was not being made on schedule. On several occasions, two high structure moves were being made at the same time requiring

our entire outside work force to be pressed into service on this type of task.

To illustrate this problem of timing, in 1982, our Cooperative expended 286 man hours on high structure moves during the months of May, June, and July. At this time, we were trying to complete 50 Cooperative work orders for new or improved services. Because our crews were pulled from these work order jobs, some of our consumers were out of electricity for as much as 2 weeks. We finally were able to get a contractor in to help us but in the meantime, members had been out of heat, light, water and other electrical service for an intolerable amount of time.

Another case during this same period of time, a rancher's sprinkler system sat idle because we would not plow in the service and as a result he lost the use of a huge capital investment and took a reduction in yield in the grain crop.

One final example of how ridiculous these moves can be under the present law, a cabin along the Yellowstone River was moved 63 miles through 49 line crossing only to end up seven miles from where it started. I'm sure had the owner of this cabin been required to pay the \$635.00 this move cost in line crossings alone, he would not have taken the long way around to get to the final cabin site.

I'll close on this one point, under the present law our Coop members absorb all the costs of cutting and moving utility lines as a result of these high structure moves. Under this proposed bill, at least the direct computable costs will be paid by the structure OWNER, thus sharing the burden of the total cost with the Cooperative member. We also hope that by sharing in the total cost of these moves

the structure movers and owners will be more efficient in planning and executing the moves thus reducing the indirect cost to the Coop member.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share in this legislative process.

Good morning.

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SUBMITTED BY: Steve Browning
January 26, 1983
EXHIBIT NO. 4

October 24, 1980

F.L. Zion
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Dear Sir:

I am going to try and explain the procedures we go through in our moving. We must obtain separate permits from each city involved. On a rare occasion the county will inspect the route and charge us for the inspector's time. If it is a normal route we pay only a \$10 fee. The state highway department only allows very limited moving over secondary highways with house moving equipment. They do allow 14' wide on some freeways on a lowbed. The city of El Cajon only allows us to move on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. And then only one house mover over the same route on the same day.

Most of our work is in the city of San Diego. They have their restrictions but are really very corporative. First we go to the Gas & Electric to get a Notice of Service Discontinuance. The owner of the property must ask for the service discontinuance. Most of the time they can get the meters and electric service off in a week or so. Getting the gas service cut in the street is another matter. Then we must have our proposed move cleared by the police traffic division. The officer we come under handles all the street barricades etc. This way he can tell us about work that is supposed to be going on. But it seems that a lot of companies don't bother to get their permits and they dig up the street the day we move.

Then you go to the engineering permits. While they are typing your permit you go to the building department. If your building is coming out of or going through the city it is rather

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easy. If it is to be relocated in the city they must check that all the bonds have been posted and all the proper building permits have been obtained then they issue your permit. Now you pay for your permit. Then if your building is less than 18' high loaded you can get the permit.

Our Public Utilities Commission has set minimum clearances for wires. If you are over that height you must pay to have them moved. All of their work is cost plus. First you must make an application with them. They then estimate the cost of the move. They then require you to pay a deposit of this figure. After the move you either get a bill or a refund. After you make your deposit then they schedule the job.


The whole process from application to actual moving day can take from three to six weeks. Of course, everything has to be coordinated with Gas & Electric, Telephone, Cable T.V., Fire Department Telegraph lines, street lights and Traffic signals. On most of the stuff belonging to the city (traffic signals etc.) you hire a private contractor approved by the city.

As you can see we make every effort to keep our load under 18' high. If not, it has to be a valuable building to warrant all the extra expense. One blessing is that they are gradually putting a lot of utilities under ground. That makes for very nice moving. Most of our stop signs etc., are now mounted on square perforated tubing which is riveted into a larger size base. On our heavily travelled routes these are left loose so we can remove and replace as we go by.

Also in this state we are licensed by the state Department of Consumer Affairs. This consists of having four years experience and personal recommendations, passing a test on law and work. Then posting a bond and living with the law. We can work anywhere in the state and have no rate regulations.

I am enclosing a copy of some of our P.U.C. laws, permits etc. I hope this can be of some help to you and I wish you the best of luck in your bureaucratic encounters.

Sincerely,


Leslie C. Lusby
Lusby's Inc.

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SUBMITTED BY: David Castle
January 26, 1983
EXHIBIT NO. 5

Hello,

I'm David Castle of Fort Shaw, Montana — housemover and consumer. In response to House Bill No. 147 and Senate Bill No. 84 — I have a lot more questions than I do answers, but I do realize there is a problem and we need a solution.

I want to ask what the details were of the law when utilities were given the use of our public right of ways. What obligations were written?

I have the understanding that utilities had the choice to either purchase the ground and own the property where they placed their poles and lines or obtain the right of way — at a much lesser expense. Through a police power act of the state they ran their lines and poles with the knowledge they owned the poles and lines and were responsible for such. It was an economically influenced decision, made knowing that when they crossed a public road, wires were to be constructed so as not to inconvenience the public's use of that road.

The utilities were not so concerned when there were fewer lines — and that's when the problem all started. The cost of raising a few wires for equipment moving down the road was minimal. Then later more lines were run. Now more and more utility lines! They cross the countryside and roads in some places in almost a solid mass. It has become a real problem. And now, instead of a solution to the problem, they want to increase their revenue by charging a fee for temporary removal of their obstructions.

Might this bill even make it profitable for the utilities to increase the number of wires crossing the roads instead of decreasing these obstructions by burying them or installing them higher?

What incentive will this proposed change in the law give the utilities to help find a solution to the problem?

What will our Montana scenery look like in years to come?

Does it not do an injustice to me but also an injustice to the state of Montana?

Speaking as a consumer — how many times will they bury the lines when they can charge people to drive under them?

Speaking as a housemover — I have moved houses with the utilities in attendance, but not touching a wire. Will I have to pay for a service not performed under this proposed change?

If the utilities do charge — since they state I have paid such great amounts before as a consumer to cover their costs of raising wires, will my utility bill be reduced proportionately?

I used to wonder how far a persons' rights went. Now I wonder how high.

Thank you,

David Castle
Fort Shaw, Montana 59443
264-5503

SB #84
1/26/83

TESTIMONY —

DONALD GILLINGHAM

DIRECTOR ON THE BOARD OF NORTHERN
LIGHTS ELECTRICAL CO-OP. WITH 9200
MEMBERS.

I AM HERE TO CONVEY THEIR COLLECTIVE
VOICE IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL #84.

I HAVE COMMUNICATED WITH MANY MEMBERS
IN OUR SERVICE AREA IN NORTH/WESTERN
MONTANA — ALL SAID THEY WANT AND NEED
YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS BILL.

IT IS TIME THE PARTY OR PARTIES START
PAYING FOR THE COSTS THEY INCUR IN
MOVING HIGH STRUCTURES, AND NOT PUT
THIS FINANCIAL BURDEN ON THE UTILITY
RATE-PAYERS.

IN THE PAST, AS TODAY, OPPONENTS WILL
ATTEMPT TO SIDETRACK THE MONTANA
LEGISLATURE FROM THE REAL ISSUE
CONCERNING "HIGH STRUCTURE MOVES"

ONE OF THE REAL ISSUES IS ONE OF
"FAIRNESS"

IS IT FAIR TO ASK EVERY MONTANA
CONSUMER OF ELECTRICITY, TELEPHONE
AND TV CABLE SERVICE TO PAY THE
COSTS OF A PRIVATE ENTERPRISE?

IS IT FAIR TO ASK PEOPLE CURRENTLY
ON FIXED INCOMES TO PAY BILLS FOR
THAT EXPENSES?

TESTIMONY

SD #84
1/26/83

DONALD GILLINGHAM

IS IT FAIR THAT WE NOT LISTEN
TO THE CONSUMER WHO IS ALREADY
FINANCIALLY OVER-BURDENED; WHEN A
RECENT SURVEY INDICATES 9 OUT OF 10
WANT THE EXISTING LAW CHANGED?

OTHER STATES ALL HAVE PROVISIONS
WHERE THE FINANCIAL BURDEN IS
PAID BY THE "COST CAUSERS".

ISN'T IT TIME WE IN MONTANA
LOOK AT THE WHOLE PROBLEM —

PLEASE HELP THOSE CONSUMERS WHO
ARE IN NEED OF IT.

SENATE BILL NO. 84

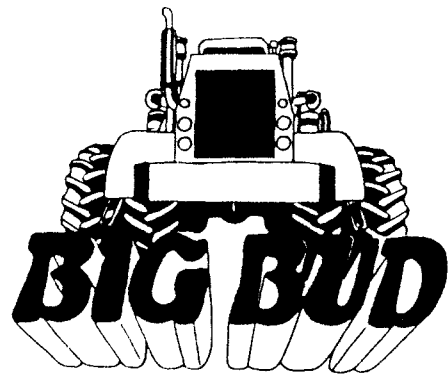
HOUSE BILL NO. 147

STATEMENT OF MOUNTAIN BELL

In 1929, Montana adopted a provision of law which required that utilities bear the cost of moving their poles and lines to permit the movement of large structures. In 1951, the Legislature recognized, in part, that it was appropriate that the cost causer--the structure mover--should rightfully bear the cost, at least within the boundaries of cities and towns. This provision was subsequently struck down by the Montana Supreme Court--not because it was better policy for the utility rather than the mover to pay, but rather because the provision discriminated between rural and urban movements.

The requirement that utilities continue to absorb this cost at the expense of their ratepayers violates the commonly accepted principle today that those who cause the expense should bear the expense. In 1980, the cost to Mountain Bell was approximately \$90,000 to accommodate approximately 90 moves at an average cost to the ratepayer of \$1,000 per move. In 1982, the cost to Mountain Bell was approximately \$115,000 to accommodate 99 moves at an average cost to the ratepayer of \$1,160 per move.

Montana, together with Massachusetts, are the only two states in the nation that continue to inflict this burden upon the utilities, and thus the ratepayers. In a time during which utility bills have climbed faster than any of us want, it is important that we begin to eliminate these benefits to a small number of persons at the expense of the ratepaying public. In a sense of fairness, we would urge that you adopt the provisions of this bill rectifying this inequity.



Big Bud Sales & Service

FRIGGSTAD CULTIVATOR • BERGEN AUGER

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PHONE 406-265-5887 or 5888

TLX 31-9558

January 24, 1983

The Honorable Allen Kolstad
Chairman of Senate Business & Industry Committee
State Senate
Helena, Montana 59601

Dear Senator Kolstad:

This letter is to express our opposition to Senate Bill 84 and House Bill 147 as they are now written.

In the course of our business we move equipment essential to today's farm requirements and the height of these machines often cause us problems because of low-hanging power or telephone lines. These are definitely a hazzard not only to our moving crews, but to the travelling public.

We feel that it is the responsibility of the utility companies that these lines should be raised to a minimum of twenty-eight feet which should eliminate this problem. Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ben Decker". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name "Ben Decker" which is partially visible below it.

Ben Decker,

Sales Manager

BD:caj

FRIGGSTAD

P.O. Box 1730 • Havre, MT. 59501 • Phone (406) 265-5318

Inc.

January 25, 1983

The Honorable Allen Kolstad
The State Senate
Chairman of Senate Business
and Industry
Helena, Montana

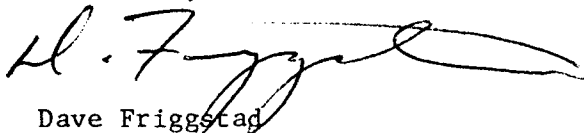
Dear Senator Kolstad:

Please accept this letter as my opposition to Senate Bill 147 and House Bill 84 as it is now written. I would like to have this bill amended to raise the height of power lines to minimum of twenty eight feet (28'). We transport large farm and industrial equipment and the present height of the lines does interfere.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

FRIGGSTAD, INC.



Dave Friggstad
President

DF/wm

NORTHWESTERN BANK

21 Third Street North, Box 5011
Great Falls, Montana 59403
406/727 3000



January 20, 1983

Mr. David Castle
Mr. Rodney Peace
Castle House Moving
Fort Shaw, MT 59443

Dear Dave and Rod:

I share your concern about the legislation introduced as House Bill 147 and Senate Bill 84. As I view those bills, their passage would probably put you out of business. At the very least, it would make it difficult for you to continue operating since you would no longer be able to give a customer a firm bid on the cost of moving his house. Our economy depends on small business, and I feel that if these bills are passed, it will eliminate a number of small businesses in the state. With the problems we now face, we do not need to legislate more business failures.

If I can be of assistance to you in this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles".

Charles R. Torman
Assistant Vice President

mdl

Reid & Associates

P.O. Box 8667 / Spokane, WA 99203

March 15, 1982

Right now, you're paying for someone else's move.

? Fair and Impartial

Every oil derrick, building or oversized structure requiring moving electric, cable TV or telephone lines ultimately costs you, the consumer, money.

The purpose of this survey is to elicit your opinion of the law initially enacted in 1929 that determines who pays. It is in no way intended to limit or regulate the movement of tall or oversized structures, or any mover's access to the rights of way.

We have been asked to scientifically sample the opinions of Montana utility users first hand and actuarially summarize these opinions so that the Montana Legislature and policy makers will have the benefit of your thinking on this issue directly.

On the next page you'll find the existing law. Please read it. Then take time to answer the questions we are asking and return it to us in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

Keep in mind too that your answers are confidential. There is no need for your name or other identification but YOUR reply is vital in our sampling process and your opinion CAN make a difference.

Please send your reply this week, if possible, and feel free to add any additional comments.

Many thanks.

Cordially,

REID & ASSOCIATES

RICHEM CONSTRUCTION



466-2359

CHOTEAU, MONTANA 59422

466-2595



Concrete plant owner - supplied excavation ~~for~~ and concrete for
2 houses we moved into Choteau.

January 20, 1983

1982

In Regard To:

House Bill #147 and Senate Bill #84

To Whom it may Concern:

I beleive the passage of either of these bills could be very detrimental to housemovers, the construction businesses and to the many people who for once in their life would like to own a home but could never afford to build one.

Let me explain. First of all there are many people who cannot afford to build a home. They may own some lots or an acre or two of land but the skyrocketed price of lumber and labor makes it pretty tough to build. There always seems to be an abandoned or vacant house that with a little fixing up could make a home for someone. You start leaving an open charge for line service and the housemover to be the collector of that line service it could get expensive. Bang! There goes somebody's dream of owning their own home.

I, myself, am in the redi-mix and excavation business and I have seen these dreams come true and I have also seen them blow up in people's faces because of some unforeseen expense or that last little cost that broke the camel's back and they just couldn't afford it. Here in Choteau in the year of 1982 there were two homes moved in from the country and one relocated in Choteau. There was not one new home built. Whether a house is built or moved in it still effects all those little businesses which are plumbers, builders, electricians, redi-mix plants and excavators. If it is a house moved in we also have the housemoving business. Small businesses are what make this country work. Without them we would all be in pretty bad shape.

The present state of the economy isn't very good right now and I know of a lot of small businesses in the areas that I mentioned above that are struggling to stay in business; they're fighting. I urge you people to please look very closely at these bills and not pass them.

Thankyou for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

Gary L. Richem, Owner

GLR: cr



sun sand & gravel

Concrete plant owner- supplied concrete for 1 house
moved into Fort Shaw Area
1982

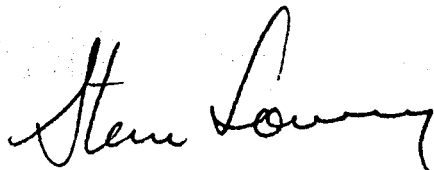
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The Housemoving industry is essential to the concrete business,
please weigh carefully the implications of HB 147 and SB 84.

It is my opinion that any additional costs that housemovers will
have to pass on to the consumer will endanger an already marginal
business in a depressed economy. That cost will also be inflated
because the power companys will not be bidding the job but rather
billing after the fact.

I am against any bill at this time that may cause any unemployment
or add to the inflation problem now facing us. Please consider
other alternatives for the protection of small co-ops in large
impact areas such as colstrip.

Thank you for your consideration.



Steve Lowry, Owner

Sun Sand & Gravel

SunRiver, Montana 59483

January 24, 1983

Thielman Implement Inc.
Box 519
Chester, MT 59522

Senator Allen C. Kolstad
Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59620

Ref: Senate Bill #84

Dear Senator Kolstad,

We are against Bill #84 as the power lines in general are too low to clear with the larger farm equipment. We feel this bill is unfair to the implement dealers, farmer, as well as many other business people, because of the inconvenience and large expense to all.

We are in favor of increasing the height of the overhead power lines to at least 28 feet. In this manner there would be less change of accidents.

We have had an accident here about three years ago where the power line was caught on a tractor. This did cause blow outs of the tires, burnt the batteries, as well as all electrical wiring, and the driver is very lucky to be here today.

We, as voters, ask for your vote against Senate Bill #84. There is enough expense to the farmer, implement dealers, and others now because of the lowest of the power lines.

We in turn request you to help us to get the same power lines raised to the height of at least 28 feet.

Sincerely,

James E. Thielman
Thomas Thielman
Jeffrey Thielman

Michael R. McCleary
Lana Parson

TRI COUNTY IMPLEMENT

HI-WAY 2 WEST
P.O. BOX 1550
HAYRE, MONTANA 59501
(406) 265-5508 or (406) 265-6773

January 25, 1983

The Honorable Allen Kolstad
Chairman of Senate Bus. & Industry Com.
State Senate
Helena, Montana 59601

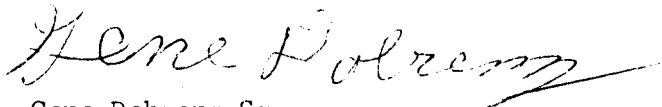
Dear Senator Kolstad:

We would like to inform you of our opposition to two Senate Bills as they are now written. These are Senate Bill 84 and House Bill 147.

As implement and farm equipment dealers find it necessary to move machinery of considerable height, low-hanging power and telephone lines are more of a hazard than a nuisance. We feel that it is the responsibility of the utility companies to raise these problem lines to at least twenty-eight feet.

We would appreciate any consideration you could give this matter.

Sincerely,



Gene Dobrenz Sr.
Transportation Manager
Tri County Implement

GD/ja



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR SB 107

Page 2, line 2.
Following: " hospital"
Insert: or free standing inpatient facility

Page 2, line 5.
Following: "a"
Strike: hospital

Page 3, line 7.
Following: "chemical"
Strike: dependence
Insert: dependency

Page 3, line 12.
Following: "licensed,"
Strike: certified,

Page 3, line 13.
Following: "the"
Insert: alcohol authority of the

Page 4, line 20.
Following: "basic"
Strike: hospital
Insert: inpatient

Page 5, line 3.
Following: "inpatient"
Strike: hospital

Page 5, line 7.
Following: "inpatient"
Strike: hospital

Page 5, line 9.
Following: "inpatient"
Strike: hospital

BY THE STATE COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS, INC.

Historically, Montanans have had inadequate insurance coverage for mental illness. While insurance coverage for physical illness has kept pace with developments in medical care, this is not the case for mental health care. Insurance companies have imposed many limitations on mental health treatment, including higher deductibles, higher co-payments and fewer services which are covered.

Physicians often refer patients to mental health centers as an alternative to costly hospitalization. Although outpatient services provided by a mental health center are less costly than hospital care, insurance companies usually do not pay for them, or will pay only at a greatly reduced level because of limitations in their policies. This forces many patients to seek more costly and sometimes unnecessary hospitalization because their insurance will pay.

Some insurance plans have provided equitable coverage for mental illness. In many cases, the result has been a reduction in medical usage and costs. The reason for this is that between 35 to 50% of the patients who go to a physician have symptoms due wholly or in part to emotional factors. For example, the University of Washington Health Service found a 41% reduction in the use of outpatient medical services by individuals receiving mental health care. Researchers Jones and Vischi reviewed 13 insurance plans and found decreased medical usage in 12 of the 13 when mental health care was insured. Reductions in usage ranged from 5 % to 85 % with an average reduction of 20%. Blue Cross of Western Pennsylvania instituted mental health benefits and reduced the monthly cost per patient by 50%.

Ten states have guaranteed insurance benefits for mental illness. We contacted those states through the Montana Insurance Commissioner's office to request information about the effects on premiums and health care costs. They reported a lack of good evidence on how general health costs have been affected. Some states did give us specific information on premiums. The increase in premiums was generally modest and ranged from 17 cents to about 50 cents per person per month.

In some states which have passed similar legislation, insurance payments to mental health centers increased dramatically. In New Hampshire, insurance payments to mental health centers increased 100% from 1977 to 1980.

This legislation should, in the future, decrease mental health centers' dependence on State tax dollars, stabilize health costs and ensure the availability of quality mental health care for all Montanans.

REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR

ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT

It's strange...if someone in your family has heart disease or diabetes, you can count on your health insurance to cover treatment costs. Your insurance will pay for any treatment needed to reduce the impact of the disease, and it will probably pay for a variety of other services needed to help you and your loved-ones regain a reasonably normal life.

But if your family is troubled by alcoholism or drug abuse, you can't count on your insurance to help - at least in Montana. It may pay for a limited stay in the hospital, if you have reached the point that you must have acute medical care. But your policy probably won't pay for any follow-up outpatient treatment and most won't pay a nickel for an alcoholism counselor to help on the difficult road back from alcoholism to a normal life. Why?

Certainly not because alcoholism and drug abuse aren't significant health problems. In fact, substance abuse is the third worst severe health problem in the country. Nearly 100,000 Montana citizens struggle with alcohol and drug problems. Alcohol and drugs are involved in domestic violence, child abuse and divorce. They destroy families, undermine job performance, maim people on our highways and, according to the American Hospital Association, are at least a part of the problem in a third of all general admissions to hospitals. Put a dollar estimate on the size of Montana's alcohol and drug problem and the figure approaches \$200,000,000 - each year - in lost work production, health and welfare costs, property damage, accidents and medical expenses. And that doesn't begin to count the human costs of broken homes, ruined careers and personal anguish.

Is it because substance abuse is a "self-inflicted" condition?

If so, it is hard to understand why most health insurance covers pregnancies or suicide attempts. For many people both of these conditions would be classed as "acts of free will" and therefore would be self-caused. Lung cancer is caused primarily by cigarette smoking; many traffic injuries by a decision or habit of not "buckling up." Why should alcoholism or drug abuse be singled out for exclusion on that basis when so many other health problems are covered?

Is it the cost of the coverage?

Not really. Fourteen other states require insurance companies to cover substance abuse treatment costs, and they have been able to do so quite economically. California's pilot program provided alcoholism coverage at a little over \$2.00 annually per policy and other programs are providing coverage at between \$2.00 and \$8.00 annually. The Kemper Insurance Company expanded coverage in 1973 for alcoholism at no cost to policy holders. So did Employers of Wausau.

Why is it then?

Montana is playing "catch-up" when the question of requiring coverage for alcoholism and drug abuse is raised. Practical outpatient and residential treatment are available and at much less cost than hospitalization. There is no need any longer to put up with the costly and frustrating "revolving door" in which an alcoholic

or drug abuser goes through detoxification again and again with no follow-up treatment because his insurance only covers actual hospital care.

The trouble is that Montana is behind. We are behind Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and other states. We think you will agree that it's high time Montana required your health insurance policy to cover alcoholism and substance abuse as well as it does other diseases.

By:

Alcoholism Programs of Montana

SUBMITTED BY: Roger Tippy
January 26, 1983
EXHIBIT NO. 10

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Roger Tippy BILL No. SB107
Arcade Building
ADDRESS 111 N. Main, Helena, Montana DATE January 26, 1983
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Montana Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association
SUPPORT X OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments: The distributors of beer and wine believe alcoholism treatment programs need a broader revenue base than they currently have. The programs are too dependent upon tax revenue from sales of alcoholic beverages. A program of increased efforts to collect client fees for services and third party reimbursement for services will broaden that revenue base. SB107 will extend coverage of alcoholism problems in health insurance policies, and we therefore support the bill.

RIMROCK FOUNDATION
PO Box 30374
Billings, MT 59107

January 25, 1983

Presented by: Dave Campbell

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The intent of Senate Bill 107, to mandate coverage for alcohol/drug treatment is sound and needed. The bill as presently written, however, continues the problem experienced by private non-profit inpatient treatment centers such as Rimrock Foundation, the center with which I am affiliated. Carriers are presently using the definition contained on Section 33-22-702 to exclude non-hospital leased inpatient treatment centers.

Despite licensure by the State Alcohol Authority and affiliation with a hospital, our free-standing inpatient center encounters third party payors who refuse benefits because we are not an acute care hospital. This loophole needs remedy. Our facility's alcohol/drug treatment program and service provided our inpatients are the same as found in a hospital-based unit.

We urge you to amend Section I as follows:

"Inpatient hospital benefits means benefits payable for charges made by a hospital or an inpatient free-standing treatment center licensed by the State Alcohol Authority, as defined in the policy or contract, for the necessary care and treatment of mental illness, alcoholism, or drug addiction furnished to a covered person while confined as an inpatient and, with respect to major medical policies or contracts, also includes those benefits payable for charges made by a physician, as defined in the policy or contract, for the necessary care and treatment of mental illness, alcoholism, or drug addiction furnished to a covered person while confined as an inpatient."

Additionally under Section 3B, a clarification as follows:

"(b) licensed, or approved as an alcoholism or drug addiction treatment center by the State Alcohol and Drug Authority."

These amendments are consistent with the existing alcoholism licensing legislation and assure that licensed treatment programs, whether inside a hospital or free-standing, will receive third party reimbursement.

And this reimbursement is vital to chemically dependent Montanans and their families. Without these amendments, we feel intent of this bill will not be met.

MPS-Blue Shield opposes the passage of SB 107 for the following reasons:

The bill requires all persons buying health coverage to purchase coverage for:

- . Alcohol treatment centers
- . Mental Health treatment centers
- . Inpatient hospital care for alcoholism, mental illness and drug addiction
- . Outpatient care for the above illness furnished by psychiatrists, psychologists, and, for the first time, social workers.

MPS contracts presently cover many of the benefits which this bill would require. However, MPS does not cover the services of social workers. (Although introduced in the House, legislation to license this type of provider has not yet even been passed.) However, MPS believes that no one should be forced to purchase any kind of health coverage.

- . Forced purchases add costs to people and groups who don't want it and can't afford it. Many are now dropping coverage entirely because they cannot afford the expense.
- . If this type of coverage is desired, it is available. The marketplace should create the demand for services, not the Legislature.
- . A person buying coverage should be able to specify the coverage he wants.
- . ERISA exempts self-insured groups from this type of mandated benefit so the effect of this bill will not fall equally on all.
- . The providers of services covered by this bill are located mainly in Montana's major cities. Under this bill rural Montanans will be forced to subsidize the cost of care for urban dwellers.

It is recognized everywhere, by actuaries, insurance companies, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans, and government (Medicare and Medicaid) that coverage for alcoholism and mental illness is expensive and that strict limitations in the extent and nature of services covered are necessary to control costs. An excellent illustration of the problem exists in Massachusetts.

In 1975 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts paid \$2 million for outpatient mental health treatment. In 1976 the Massachusetts legislature mandated that \$500 of coverage for outpatient mental health care be included in all contracts. In 1980 the Plan paid \$32 million for such claims with no decrease in costs for physical illness.

The requirement that everyone purchase coverage for the services of social workers is premature at best.

- . Social workers are not licensed providers as yet.
- . No figures are available in Montana yet as to the numbers of social workers who would be practicing or the cost of their services. The Legislature should not mandate such coverage until it has some idea of what it will cost.

Current legislation insures availability of coverage. SB 107 is not necessary and should receive a DO NOT PASS recommendation.

January 26, 1983

EXHIBIT NO. 13

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL DIVISION



TED SCHWINDEN, GOVERNOR

ROOM 130, MITCHELL BUILDING

STATE OF MONTANA

(406) 449-3871

HELENA, MONTANA 59620

TESTIMONY OF ROD SUNDSTED, CHIEF, LABOR RELATIONS AND
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS BUREAU, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION,
PRESENTED TO THE SENATE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE
IN OPPOSITION TO S.B. 107

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee: My name is Rod Sundsted, and I am the Chief of the State Labor Relations and Employee Benefits Bureau. I appear before you today in opposition to S.B. 107.

I am in opposition to S.B. 107 for two basic reasons. First, it removes the freedom of choice on benefit levels. Under the present law, mental, alcohol and drug benefits must be offered to the consumer, but the consumer retains the freedom to select or reject such benefits. Under S.B. 107, if consumers want accident or health insurance, they are forced to select and pay for mental, alcohol and drug coverage at specified levels irregardless of their medical and economic needs. I believe that a decision made by the consumer based on individual and group medical and economic needs is superior to a decision mandated irregardless of individual and group medical and economic needs.

My second reason for opposing S.B. 107 results from my functions as Chief of the State Employee Benefits Bureau. The Employee Benefits Bureau is responsible for administering the State Group Health Insurance Plan, which now covers over 23,000 employees, retirees, elected officials and dependents. Like nearly all health insurance plans, the State Plan is experiencing tremendous increases in claim dollars paid. This forces us to make the difficult decisions of reducing benefits or increasing rates, or a combination of both. In 1981, the State Plan introduced a \$100 deductible and raised the co-insurance factor from 10% to 20%. Even with these benefit reductions, the State Plan was still forced to raise rates by approximately 20%. In 1982, the State Plan maintained the same benefits, but again was forced to raise rates by 20% to offset claims paid. If S.B. 107 is adopted, this increase in mandated benefits will force either a reduction in other benefits or an increase in rates to state employees, retirees, and elected officials. The consulting firm of William M. Mercer, Incorporated, acting as consultant to the State Plan, estimates that S.B. 107 could result in a \$60 to \$80 annual increase in the rates that state employees, retirees and elected officials must pay.

I believe that this is a time to be exploring ways to contain health care costs so that health insurance is affordable to residents of this State. S.B. 107, on the other hand, would serve to make health insurance more unaffordable.

VISITORS' REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	Check One	
			Support	Oppose
Walter Myers	Caterpillar H. Mary	84		✓
Walter Myers	Walter Myers	84		✓
LARRY NELSON	MARIAS RIVER ELECT	84	X	
Joe Helgeson	Hothead Elec Corp	84	X	
Bob Bailey	Renelli County Electric Coop	84	X	
HOWARD M. STANLEY	YELLOWSTONE VALLEY RIE	84	X	
GEORGE R. HOYNES	Big Flat Electric	84	X	
JAY NANCE	Tongue River Elect.	84	X	
David L. Bertelsen	Missoula Electric Coops	84	X	
Douglas R. Hanchy	Park Electric Coop	84	X	
Ralph E. McKelvie	Yellowstone Valley Elec Coop	84	X	
Burl Winchester	Mt Assoc Utilities Survey	84	X	
Ernest Luttrell	Luttrell Movers	84		✓
Bernard B. Luttrell	Luttrell Movers	84		✓
Grey Semenza	Zinn House Moving	84		✓
Wesley L. Frederick	Zinn House Moving	84		✓
Norman Hoffert	Mont Ins Dept	107		
Samuel Hanken	Mont Ins Dept	107		
James Mitchell	Mont Ins Dept	107		
Louise Ford	Mont Ins Dept	107		
GLENN Phillips	Pacific Power & Light	84	X	
Gilly Krueger	Mont Assoc Util	84	X	
Jim O'Leary	Mtn. Bell	84	X	
Rep. Rick Simpson	Rayrock City Elec	84	X	
Mike Squat	Mt. Trade Commission	84	✓	
Tom Murphy	Mt. Trade Commission	84	✓	

DATE _____

COMMITTEE ON _____

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

VISITORS' REGISTER

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James H. W. Pickens	2. Horstow Valley Etc.	84	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Philip Johannes	" " "	84	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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Jack J. Parras	Ostermiller Housemoving	84		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cliff & Beebe	Ostermiller Housemoving	84		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Thomas Ostermiller	Ostermiller Housemoving	84		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(Please leave prepared statement with Secretary)

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ADDRESS :

PHONE :

REPRESENTING WHOM?

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL:

DO YOU :

SUPPORT?

AMEND?

OPPOSE?

COMMENTS :

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: ROBERT QUINN DATE: 1-26-83

ADDRESS: 1507 Hollis Helen

PHONE: 443-3682

REPRESENTING WHOM? MORT PWR Co.

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB-84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: Mortan Power Co. has supported this
proposal since its inception in 1960 - we
feel our customers should not have to subsidize
them more by paying their expenses

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: GENE PHILLIPS DATE: 1/26/83

ADDRESS: KALISPELL

PHONE: 755-66 44

REPRESENTING WHOM? PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: _____

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NAME:

Mike Fitzgerald

DATE:

26 Jan 83

ADDRESS:

Suite 612 Power Building

PHONE:

443-7910

REPRESENTING WHOM?

Montana Trade Commission

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL:

3B 84

DO YOU:

SUPPORT?

☒

AMEND?

OPPOSE?

COMMENTS:

It is surely, reasonable, and
fair to charge the person, business, or
organization who causes the move
to pay for the cost of moving
which they cause.

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NAME: Philip Johnson DATE: 1-26-83

DATE: 10 26 83

ADDRESS: Ba. 1 Pantan Street

PHONE: 467-3505

REPRESENTING WHOM? Jefferson & Co. - 1600 17th St. N.W.

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: 12 87

DO YOU: SUPPORT? 1 AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

2.

AMEND? _____

OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: _____

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: BILL WINCHESK DATE: 1-26-93

ADDRESS: 8401 H/THANE LANE, BOZEMAN, MT 59715

PHONE: 406-557-7965

REPRESENTING WHOM? NEED ASSOCIATED UTILITIES & REID & ASSOCIATES

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: Reid & Associates (Spokane Based Research Firm)
Surveyed one out of every 57th Montanans specifically on
the issue of who should rightly bear the cost of raising
+ adjusting service lines for the moving of vertically high
structures through the roads. Sbc 1929 (existing) law
was quoted in the questionnaire. 88.62% of All Montanans
said the cost CAUSER + those who contract for the move should
pay the DIRECT COSTS. 92.8% of All Montanans said "It's
TIME TO ENACT NEW LEGISLATION so that the cost
CAUSER + those who primarily BENEFIT pay the DIRECT COSTS
involved." 77% of the 66 who reported being involved
themselves in High Moves, Answered that Consumers should
Not have to pay the cost of the 1929 law. Needs to be replaced.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: Rod Hanson DATE: 1-26-83

ADDRESS: Fairfield, MI

PHONE: 467-2527

REPRESENTING WHOM? Mortana Assoc. Utilities

& Deer River Electric Cooperative Inc.
APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: 5.15.84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? ☐ OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENTS: _____

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NAME: JAY NANCE DATE: 1-26-83

ADDRESS: SH Ranch, Bioney, Mont.

PHONE: 784-2440

REPRESENTING WHOM? Tongue River Electric Co-op

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: The 1929 law as its written
is unfair. the cost owner should
pay for the costs associated in moving
high structures under utility lines.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: James T. Harrison Jr DATE: 1/26/93

ADDRESS: 2225 11th Ave

PHONE: 442-6350

REPRESENTING WHOM? Mont. Cable T.V. Assoc.

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: 5B 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ✓ AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: _____

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NAME: Rod Siring

DATE: 1-26-83

ADDRESS: Livingston Mt

PHONE: 222-3100

REPRESENTING WHOM? Park Electric Cooperative Inc

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: _____

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NAME :

DATE :

ADDRESS :

PHONE :

REPRESENTING WHOM?

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL:

DO YOU :

SUPPORT?

AMEND?

OPPOSE?

COMMENTS:

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NAME: George R. Hoynes DATE: 1-26-83

ADDRESS: Mt. Mt.

PHONE: 654-1127

REPRESENTING WHOM? Big Flat Electric Cooperative

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: _____

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: LARRY HUSS
Jim DUGANES DATE: 1/26/83

ADDRESS: HELENA

PHONE: 449-3385

REPRESENTING WHOM? MOUNTAIN BELL

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? ☐ OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENTS: ATTACHED

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NAME: David L. Bertelsen DATE: 1/26/83

ADDRESS: Box 93 Ovando, Montana 59854

PHONE: 793-5549

REPRESENTING WHOM? Missoula Electric Coop, Montana Associated
Utilities

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: S 13 84, High Structure Moves

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? ☐ OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENTS: Missoula Electric Cooperative has 6,750 consumers
in fire countries in Montana and one in Idaho. Last year
high structure moves cost Missoula Electric Cooperative \$810.00
We realize this is not a large expense when broken
down per consumer but we have no guarantee what the
costs will be this year, or next year or at any time in
the future. It just doesn't seem reasonable that the
consumers of Missoula Electric Cooperative pay the
entire cost for high structure moves and the
cost insurer pays absolutely nothing. We certainly
agree with the 84.5% of these people surveyed across
the State of Montana that said the consumer
should not have to pay the cost. Thank you.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: DON GILLINGHAM DATE: 1/26/83

ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 101, HERON, MT 59844

PHONE: (406) 847-5532 OR 847-5585

REPRESENTING WHOM? NORTHERN LIGHTS CO-OP

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SENATE BILL # 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: As a Director on the Board
of Northern Lights, I am here to
bring the collective voice of 9200
rate-payers in asking for support
of SB # 84. I feel it is time the
old 1929 Law be changed so the
parties responsible in creating costs
of "high structure moves", pay for
them, and this burden not be
passed onto the utility rate payers.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME :

DATE: 1-26-83

ADDRESS :

PHONE :

REPRESENTING WHOM?

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL:

DO YOU:

SUPPORT?

AMEND?

OPPOSE?

COMMENTS:

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NAME: Richard G. Peck DATE: 1-26-83

ADDRESS: Box 49A
Lewiston, MT

PHONE: 538-7645

REPRESENTING WHOM? Fergus Electric Coop.

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB E4

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? ☐ OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENTS: _____

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NAME: CLARENCE KELLER DATE: Jan 27 83

ADDRESS: Simpson Rt Box 16 NAURE Montana

PHONE: 394-2325

REPRESENTING WHOM? Hill County Electric

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: _____

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NAME :

DATE :

ADDRESS :

PHONE :

REPRESENTING WHOM?

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL:

DO YOU:

SUPPORT?

AMEND?

OPPOSE?

COMMENTS:

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

WITNESS STATEMENT

Name Quana Ostermiller Committee On _____
Address 129 Charlene St Date _____
Representing Ostermiller Housemoving Support _____
Bill No. SB 84 Oppose X _____
Amend _____

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Comments:

1.

2.

3.

4.

Itemize the main argument or points of your testimony. This will assist the committee secretary with her minutes.

NAME: Don Heffington DATE: 1-26-83

ADDRESS: 7200 Hwy 10 W, Missoula 59802

PHONE: 728-9439

REPRESENTING WHOM? Blair Transter

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE? ✓

COMMENTS: Many moves would not be made if
wire companies allowed to charge.

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NAME: FRH HALL DATE: 1-26-83

ADDRESS: Box 262 Chinook Mont

PHONE: 357-4110

REPRESENTING WHOM? HALL HOUSE Moving

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE? X

COMMENTS: The power co know when they
built this line, Home movers
& large Equipment would have
right of way on public roads
and that they the power co or
utilities would have to raise that
lines at their own cost.
This cost has been built in to their
Expenses for many years
The people would be paying twice for
this wire raising service if this bill
was allowed to pass.

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NAME: Jim Thomas DATE: 1-26-88

ADDRESS: 507 N 1st Miles City, Mont 59301

PHONE: 232-6201

REPRESENTING WHOM? Mid-west House Movers

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE? X

COMMENTS: They are Basing their prices on wires,
on the Colstrip move mostly. This Colstrip move
will not last long. & besides, This Colstrip move is
illegal in the 1st place. you are not suppose to build
new structures, with the intention of moving them.
~~Just~~ you are to only move existing structures.
so I think in my own mind, this Colstrip wire
bill should be a civil case between the power
co's, not be entered into, with the House Movers.
When this Colstrip deal is over, it will go back like it was
before. This wire deal, was won by the House mover in the
District Court, the Supreme court, & through the Legislature
with a vote of 42 to 2 just 2 years ago. I truthfully think
that should be good enough. I would sure like to see
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this bill 84 throwed out with prejudice.

NAME: David L. Castle DATE: 1/26/83

ADDRESS: Fort Shaw, MT 59443

PHONE: 264-5503

REPRESENTING WHOM? Consumer & Housemover

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: S.B. 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? _____ AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? X

COMMENTS: What right do they have to charge for

airspace over me Unconstitutional

Bad legislature towards Small business of Montana

Environmental aspects towards Future Scenery and safety

of Montana

Lack of a Fair presentation to consumers of

all the issues on behalf of Utilities.

Realization of a problem, but wrong legislative.

action to solve it. Need to restrict MPC

from Building tanks to be moved and showing

those tanks down the throats of the R.E.A's.

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NAME: Paul W. W. DATE: 1-26-83

ADDRESS: 507 N. 1st Street, Miles City, Mont 59301

PHONE: 232-6201

REPRESENTING WHOM? Miss West House Moves

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: S.B. 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE? X yes

COMMENTS: It is unfair to use this Coletrip deal to
get a bill passed onto house move. There may
never be such a move as the Coletrip project
again.

The power companies in their states are
have moved on abuse the right to charge.
The biggest part of our customers are not
wealthy people and can not handle a wire
cost. We've moved in five other states in the past ^{nine} years.

We have seen the abuse of wire
companies when they are paying for it, what
would it be if the individual had to pick up
the cost.

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~~It is unfair to use this Coletrip deal to~~
~~get a bill passed onto house move.~~
The power companies receive income
off of each house for the life of the house.
Raising wires is an investment in a new ^{customer} system.

NAME: Vern Buller DATE: 1. 26 83

ADDRESS: Ruby Mont. 59259

PHONE: 406-773-5600

REPRESENTING WHOM? Buller House moving

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE? X

COMMENTS: I do not feel the Bill SB 84 is a fair
bill because the as to many power lines that
are to low as they are, if we had a right that
was higher we would not have to call on the
power Co. to help

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NAME: Leah J. Parrus DATE: 1-26-83

ADDRESS: 2056 Marden Ave

PHONE: 245-1105

REPRESENTING WHOM? Ostermillie Housemoving

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE? X

COMMENTS: I appose this bill because
my job is at stake. If I
lose my job my group
insurance coverage goes with
it. and we all know uninsured
medical cost are causing
insurance^{rates} to rise.

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NAME: J Ann Ostermiller DATE: 1-26-83

ADDRESS: 129 Charles St

PHONE: 259-5681

REPRESENTING WHOM? Ostermiller Housemoving

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE? X

COMMENTS: It is my opinion that if this
bill passes, the firms will have the
upper hand and will control with
raising prices and they will (the firms)
have no mercy because they can
only see the nuisance aspect of
house moving, not the good things
because of it.

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NAME: Victor Tacke DATE: 1/26/83

ADDRESS: St Pauls - 2308 9th A-50

PHONE: 452-9309

REPRESENTING WHOM? 210N NOUSE MINE.

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? _____ AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? X

COMMENTS: ① Utility companies will be in the mine
raising business and out to make a profit
on it

② Who will determine amount and cost
of labor, equipment and materials needed?

③ Utility Company could have rectified
the problem but, for economy sake we
have the problem

④ Their bad judgement caused the problem
why should we pay.

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NAME: Rodney D Peace DATE: 1/26/83

ADDRESS: Fairfield Mt 59436

PHONE: 467-2640

REPRESENTING WHOM? Castle House Moving

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: Senate Bill 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE? X

COMMENTS: In this cost conscious day and age
it is necessary to give exact prices on the
job to be done and we are unable to do so
if this Bill #84 is passed. People will not
hire a service done without knowing
what it costs. Senate Bill #84 will
effectively eliminated all serious efforts
by house movers to provide a safe dependable
service. It will eliminate jobs and
reduce revenues paid to the state

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NAME: Wayne L. Overbeck DATE: June 26, 1938

ADDRESS: Columbus Mt.

PHONE: 322-5929

REPRESENTING WHOM? Self Overbeck & Sons. Ironworking

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: Senate Bill H. 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE? ✓

COMMENTS: Our livelihood and occupation has been
built and able to survive because of the foresight
and fairness of past legislatures. We oppose Senate
Bill H 84 as that would switch the burden of maintaining
post to the owner and thus destroy the
moving industry.

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NAME: TERRY Overhuls DATE: 1/26/82

ADDRESS: Columbus Mt

PHONE: 322-4788

REPRESENTING WHOM? Overhuls House moving

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB #84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE? ✓

COMMENTS: When our highways and roads
were laid out & built they were to be
sovereign. They were to be for use for
the whole public & clear of obstruction.
The utility companies, for their own
convenience & private interests, were
allowed to sling wires across our
roads on one condition, that they move
them for anyone going down the public
roadway. Passage of this law would
make the utility companies & wires
sovereign & the public & their needs
would come second.

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NAME: Bernard B. Lutnes DATE: 1-26-83

ADDRESS: R 2 Box 5 Nelly Mont 59275

PHONE: 385-2537

REPRESENTING WHOM? Lutnes Movers

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: S.B. 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE? ✓

COMMENTS:

When ever an outage occurs we wait
till outage is corrected no matter our
location. we pay over time.

Suggest lines cross roads underground
or be raised to 35' over road

Utilities generally pick our route.
Utilities often cross roads unnecessarily.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: DUANE LUTNES

DATE: JAN. 26, 1983

ADDRESS: 1372 BOYD WESTBY, MONT. 59275

PHONE: 385-2282

REPRESENTING WHOM? LUTNES MOVERS

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB. 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE? ✓

COMMENTS: we wait when our line men have
repairs, or outages. If over their normal
working hours we pay overtime rate.
we also pay used tax. (Hi-way used tax)

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

WITNESS STATEMENT

Name CLIFFORD C BEEBE Committee On _____
Address #14 Gatewood Dr Birmingham Date _____
Representing Ostermillen House moving Support _____
Bill No. #SB84 Oppose ✓
Amend _____

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Comments:

1. I OPPOSE this Bill Because my job could
Be AT STAKE.

2.

3.

4.

Itemize the main argument or points of your testimony. This will assist the committee secretary with her minutes.

NAME: Kathy Ostermiller DATE: 1-26-83

ADDRESS: 132 3/4 Charline St Blqe. Mt

PHONE: _____

REPRESENTING WHOM? Ostermiller Housemoving

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? _____ AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? X

COMMENTS: Oppose this bill because my job
is at stake

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: Leah J. Parras DATE: 1-26-83

ADDRESS: 2056 Yarden Ave

PHONE: 245-4005

REPRESENTING WHOM? Ostermiller Elementary

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? _____ AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? X

COMMENTS: I oppose this bill because
my job is at stake.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: Earl Wasson DATE: Jan 21

ADDRESS: Malta Int

PHONE: 654-1546

REPRESENTING WHOM? North Bench Farms Inc

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: S.B. 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE? X

COMMENTS:

I move large machinery & have
had no problem with power lines

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: Donald L. Tarnetti DATE: 11/26/83

ADDRESS: 3010 Dexter St. Butte Mont.

PHONE: 782-4893

REPRESENTING WHOM? Tarnetti House Moving

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: 84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE? X

COMMENTS: If S.B. 84 is enacted it
would effectively put me out of
business.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

WITNESS STATEMENT

Name Walter Myers Committee On _____
Address Billings Mont Date _____
Representing Dune Cabernet Support _____
Bill No. SB 184 Oppose ✓
Amend _____

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Comments:

1. I Oppose this Bill because my job could be at stake.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Itemize the main argument or points of your testimony. This will assist the committee secretary with her minutes.

NAME: George London

DATE: 1-26-83

ADDRESS: Brooklyn Mont

PHONE: 485-3574

REPRESENTING WHOM? London & Lewis Moving

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: S.B-84

DO YOU: SUPPORT? _____ AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? X

COMMENTS: _____

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NAME: James F. Apple DATE: 1-26-83

ADDRESS: 1430 Lynn Pkwy

PHONE: 259-2723

REPRESENTING WHOM? Oakmill Housewiring

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 87

DO YOU: SUPPORT? _____ AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? ☒

COMMENTS: _____

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NAME: Melvin Cross DATE: 1-16-83

ADDRESS: RT 34 Box 167 Haver Mount

PHONE: 245-7018

REPRESENTING WHOM? Cross House moving

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: ~~House~~ Bill Senat. Bill 184

DO YOU: SUPPORT? _____ AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? X

COMMENTS: _____

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NAME:

Harold E. Clarke

DATE:

11/26/83

ADDRESS:

1201 Clark Ave

PHONE:

205-5397

REPRESENTING WHOM?

Montana Council of Community Mental Health Center

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL:

AB 107

DO YOU:

SUPPORT?

X

AMEND?

OPPOSE?

COMMENTS:

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NAME :

Joanne Hall Salina

DATE: 1/26/83

ADDRESS :

602 Copper Court, Great Falls, MT 59405

PHONE :

761-8585 (H) 727-2991 (W)

REPRESENTING WHOM?

State Council of Community Mental Health Boards, Inc.

APPEARING

WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 107

DO YOU :

SUPPORT? X

AMEND?

OPPOSE?

COMMENTS:

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

Joanne Hall Salina

NAME: STEPHEN SHUMATE DATE: 1-26-82

ADDRESS: 725 W. ALDER, MISSOULA

PHONE: 721-1880

REPRESENTING WHOM? ALCOHOL PROGRAMS of MONTANA

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: S.B. 107

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? ☐ OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENTS: WRITTEN TESTIMONY HAS BEEN SUBMITTED.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: David J. Campbell DATE: 1/25/93

ADDRESS: 801 N. 27TH Billings, MT 59101

PHONE: 248-3175

REPRESENTING WHOM? Rimrock Foundation

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 107

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ✓ AMEND? ✓ OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: Support the bill with AMENDMENTS

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: David A. Brunelle DATE: 1/26/83

ADDRESS: 196 Cedar Circle Glasgow MT 59231

PHONE: 524-3117

REPRESENTING WHOM? Francis Mahow Deaconess Hospital CDC

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB-107

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? ☐ OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENTS: _____

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: Ann H. Scott DATE: Jan 26, 1983

ADDRESS: Box 182 Simms, MT. 59472

PHONE: 406-264-5860

REPRESENTING WHOM? myself & other members

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 107

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? ☐ OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENTS: _____

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: John G. Nesbo

DATE: 1-26-83

ADDRESS: Br411 Shelby Montana

59474

PHONE: 434-2126

REPRESENTING WHOM? Community
Montana Council of Mental Health Centers Inc

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB-107

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: _____

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NAME :

ADDRESS :

PHONE :

REPRESENTING WHOM?

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL:

DO YOU:

SUPPORT?

AMEND?

OPPOSE?

COMMENTS:

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME :

ADDRESS :

PHONE :

REPRESENTING WHOM?

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL:

DO YOU :

SUPPORT?

AMEND?

OPPOSE?

COMMENTS :

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NAME: Lester H. Looke, Jr. DATE: 1-26-83

ADDRESS: Box 176 Helena 59624

PHONE: 442 0070

REPRESENTING WHOM? American Council of Life Insurance

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 107

DO YOU: SUPPORT? _____ AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? ☒

COMMENTS: _____

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: KOD JUNDSTED

DATE: 1-26-83

ADDRESS: Rm. 130 MITCHELL BUILDING

PHONE: 449-5614

REPRESENTING WHOM? STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS BUREAU

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 107

DO YOU: SUPPORT? _____ AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? X

COMMENTS: _____

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NAME: Allen L Drake DATE: 1/26

ADDRESS: 38 S. Last Chance Gulch

PHONE: 442-0230

REPRESENTING WHOM? Health Ins Assn of America

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 107

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE? ✓

COMMENTS: This bill is an anti-consumer bill. Insurance
like any other consumer product should be encouraged
to allow the consumer to choose what he wants &
to reject that that he does not want. This bill
would mandate that all persons buying insurance
must purchase coverage for treatment for alcoholism,
drug addiction & mental illness. This will of
necessity, dramatically drive up costs. The
consumer should be allowed to choose. This
type of bill will ultimately cause many people most
in need of insurance to be priced out of the
market.

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NAME: Ben Haddad DATE: 1/21/83

ADDRESS: Hekus

PHONE: _____

REPRESENTING WHOM? Montana Motor Carriers Assoc

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB107

DO YOU: SUPPORT? _____ AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? X

COMMENTS: Monta Carriers Assn provide a group
insurance program for member employers.
MMCA has own insurance trustee who
determine the insurance program and benefits
to be offered. The group has experienced rate
increases last year and this year and we
oppose mandating coverage that would
increase our premiums without being presented
by our insurance trustee.

We would be forced to drop our entire disability
package, & reduced rate mandated by
this coverage would occur.

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NAME: R. J. SEWELL DATE: 1-26-83

ADDRESS: 26 W 6th Ave

PHONE: 442-2980

REPRESENTING WHOM? MONTANA Hospital Association

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB-107

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? ☐ OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENTS: Support with proposed amendments

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NAME: DICK HEUSKA DATE: 1-26-83

ADDRESS: 704 48th ST SOUTH, GREAT FALLS MONT 59405

PHONE: 453-8105

STATE COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY
REPRESENTING WHOM? MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS INC

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 107

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: _____

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NAME: DAVID D BRIGGS DATE: 1/26/83

ADDRESS: Star Rt Box 155, Clancy

PHONE: 442-0578

REPRESENTING WHOM? Mental Health

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: _____

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: _____

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NAME: Sam Adriano

DATE: 1-26-83

ADDRESS: Box 1511, Kalijell

PHONE: ~~755-6453~~ 755-6453

REPRESENTING WHOM? Flathead Valley Chem Dist

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 107

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X

AMEND?

OPPOSE?

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NAME: Ken Rutledge DATE: 1/26/83

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 5119, Helena

PHONE: 442-1911

REPRESENTING WHOM? Montana Hospital Assoc.

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 107

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? ☒ OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENTS: _____

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