

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

MARCH 23, 1983

The meeting of the Public Health, Welfare and Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman Tom Hager on Wednesday, March 23, 1983 in Room 410 of the State Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: All members were present. However, Senators Marbut, Christiaens, and Jacobson arrived late. Woody Wright, staff attorney, was also present.

There were visitors in attendance. See attachments.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 312: Representative Marjorie Hart of House District 55, the chief sponsor of House Bill 312, gave a brief resume of the bill. This bill is an act giving the Department of Institutions the authority to prepare a comprehensive long-term state chemical dependency plan to be updated each biennium; requiring counties to prepare a comprehensive long-term chemical dependency plan every 4 years and provide annual updates; and giving rulemaking authority to the Department of Institutions to set submission dates for county plans and updates.

Representative Hart stated that the Department of Institutions would be allowed to develop a comprehensive long-term plan rather than the annual plans now required.

Curt Chislom, deputy director for the Department of Institutions, stood in support of the bill. He stated that if HB 312 is passed it would improve the system, it would be better on a long-term rather than every year. There would be a four year planning cycle.

Dick Baumberger, Alcohol Programs of Montana, stood in support of the bill.

With no further proponents, the chairman called on the opponents. Hearing none, the meeting was opened to a question and answer period from the Committee.

Representative Hart closed. She asked the committee for favorable consideration in regards to House Bill 312.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 312:

A motion was made by Senator Stephens that House Bill 312 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously. Senator Norman will carry this bill on the floor of the Senate.

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CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 360: Representative Marjorie Hart of House District 55, gave a brief resume of the bill. Ms. Hart is the chief sponsor of House Bil 360. This bill is an act to clarify and properly designate the Department of Institutions as administrator of both the alchol and drug programs in the state by defining and using the term "chemical dependency" where appropriate.

Representative Hart stated that both problems are many times interrelated. She used the example of Betty Ford.

Curt Chisolm, deputy Director for the Department of Institutions, stood in support of the bill. He stated that this bill would enable the department to address both drug and alcohol problems together.

There were no further proponents or opponents to the bill.

Representative Hart closed.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 360: A motion was made by Senator Christiaens that House Bill 360 BE CONCURRED IN, Motion carried unanimously. Senator Norman will carry this bill on the floor.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 279: Representative Joe Hammond of House District 24, the chief sponsor of House Bill 279, gave a brief resume of the bill. This bill is an act allowing all public and private alcohol programs to be state-approved; denying eligibility for public funds to private alcoholism programs organized for profit; and eliminating the requirement for intermediate (halfway house) care before the provision of inpatient care. This bill would address those approved private or public treatment centers which receive public funds.

Curt Chisolm, deputy director for the Department of Institutions, stood in support of the bill. He stated that House Bill 279 requires private-for-profit alcoholism treatment facilities to be evaluated by the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division in order to be approved treatment facilities. It also denies the eligibility for public funds to private-for-profit alcoholism programs, and eliminates the requirement for intermediate care before the provision of inpatient care. This would create an element of quality control.

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Ann Scott, of Great Falls, stood in support of the bill. She stated that she and her husband are in the process of establishing a private-for-profit treatment center there in Great Falls. She asked that the committee amend the bill establishing an immediate effective date.

Dick Baumberger, Alcoholism Programs of Montana, stood in support of the bill.

With no further proponenets, the chairman called on the opponents. Hearing none, the meeting was opened to a question and answer period from the Committee.

Senator Marbut asked if House Bill 450 is passed, which does away with the Department of Institutions, what would happen. This would be handled by the code commissioner in stating where the different programs will be handled from within the state.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 279: A motion was made by Senator Jacobson that House Bill 279 be amended adding an immediate effective date. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Senator Jacobson that HB 279 BE CONCURRED IN as amended. Motion carried. Senator Jacobson will carry this bill on the floor.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 708: House Bill 708 is an act to establish statutory provisions relating to the low-income energy assistance program. To provide that the low-income energy assistance program and the home weatherization program be administered by community nonprofit entities representing one or more of the governor's substate planning districts; and providing an effective date.

House Bill 708 establishes statutory provisions for the low income energy assistance program and provides for administration of the low income energy assistance program and the home weatherization program by community non-profit entities. HRDC are locked in. The Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services does not want want this bill, because at the present time they can now negotiate, and this bill locks it in.

A motion was made by Senator Hims1 that HB 708 BE NOT CONCURRED IN.

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Senator Jacobson stated that she feels the bill is very necessary. She stated that she would like to see this handled somewhere other than the welfare office.

Senator Himsl stated that Great Falls has had problems with this program in the past.

Senator Christiaens stated that this problems has since been cleared up.

Senator Stephens stated that the HRDC's have worked well in his area.

A Roll Call Vote was taken on the motion of Senator Himsl. Motion failed. See exhibits.

Woody address that amendments offered by Beverly Gibson of the Montana Association of Counties and Representative Quilici.

Senator Norman stated that SRS feels that the program is going well at the present time.

Senator Marbut moved that the bill be amended on page 2, line, 20 to strike: "priority", and insert: "special consideration". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Senator Jacobson that House Bill 708 BE CONCURRED IN as amended. Motion failed. See exhibits.

The chairman asked if the vote could be reverse for the record. Everyone felt that this would be fine.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 284: This bill has to do with the licensing of social workers.

Woody explained the proposed amendments as they were drawn up by the subcommittee.

Senator Marbut stated that he is concerned with the confidentiality.

A motion was made by Senator Himsl that HB 284 BE NOT CONCURRED IN.

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A substitute motion was made by Senator Marbut that the bill be amended as per the proposed amendments of the subcommittee. Motion carried with all senators voting "yes" except Senator Hims1 who voted "no".

A motion was made by Senator Hims1 that HB 284 BE NOT CONCUR-RED IN as amended. Motion carried. See Roll Call Vote Sheet with the exhibits.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 663: This bill introduced by Representative Esther Bengtson is an act to grant the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services authority to administer the state plan on aging to coordinate services to the aged, and to establish or redesignate planning and services areas, and providing an immediate effective date.

Senator Stephens stated that he feels that a grandfather clause is needed for this bill.

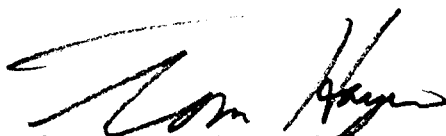
A motion was made by Senator Marbut that the bill be amended on page 2, line 22 adding the words "more than 12". He moved that the statement of intent also be amended to change the wording to correspond with the wording in the bill. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Senator Jacobson that the bill be amended on page 3, lines 1 through 6 to strike subsection 4. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Senator Christiaens that HB 663 BE CONCUR-RED IN as amended. Motion carried unanimously. Senator Christiaens will carry this bill on the floor of the Senate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next meeting of the Public Health, Welfare and Safety Committee will be held on Thursday, March 24, 1983 in Room 415 to take action on House Bill 445.

ADJOURN: With no further business the meeting was adjourned.


CHAIRMAN, SENATOR TOM HAGER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, SAFETY COMMITTEE

48th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1983

Date 3/23/83

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(Please leave prepared statement with Secretary)

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HB 284

1. Page 3,
Following: line 13.
Insert: "psycho-social" means

Renumber: subsequent subsections

2. Page 3, line 21.
Strike: "but not limited to"

3. Page 4, lines 10 and 11.
Strike: "(1) recommend amendments to [Sections 2 through 13]
to the govenor or the legislature, or both;"
Insert: ", Subject to 37-1-101, examine qualified applicants,
issue licenses to qualified applicants that meet the require-
ments of [this act], and renew licenses under the provisions
of [this act]."

4. Page 7, line 6.
Strike: "or members of an allied profession"
Insert: ", psychiatrists, psychologists, or psychiatric
nurses"

SENATE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND SAFETY

Date MARCH 23, 1983 HOUSE Bill No. 284 Time 1:55

NAME	YES	NO
SENATOR TOM HAGER	✓	
SENATOR REED MARBUT		✓
SENATOR MATT HIMSL	✓	
SENATOR STAN STEPHENS	✓	
SENATOR CHRIS CHRISTIAENS		✓
SENATOR JUDY JACOBSON		✓
SENATOR BILL NORMAN	✓	

Shane Gausley
Secretary

Tom Hager
Chairman

Motion: A motion was made by Senator Himsl that HB 284

BE NOT CONCURRED IN, Motion carried.

(include enough information on motion--put with yellow copy of committee report.)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. **PRESIDENT:**.....

We, your committee on**PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY**.....

having had under consideration**HOUSE**..... Bill No. **284**.....

WINSLOW (HAGER)

Respectfully report as follows: That.....**HOUSE**..... Bill No. **284**.....

blue copy be amended as follows:

1. Title, line 14.

Strike: **"SECTIONS"**

Insert: **"SECTION"**

2. Title, line 15.

Strike: **"33-22-111 AND"**

3. Page 3, line 21.

Strike: **"but not limited to"**

4. Page 4, lines 10 and 11.

Strike: **"(1) recommend amendments to [Sections 2 through 13] to the governor or the legislature, or both;"**

Insert: **" , subject to 37-1-101, examine qualified applicants, issue licenses to qualified applicants that meet the requirements of [this act], and renew licenses under the provisions of [this act]."**

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DO PASS

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5. Page 7, line 6.

Strike: "or members of an allied profession"

Insert: ", psychiatrists, psychologists, or psychiatric
nurses"

6. Page 13, line 9.

Strike: Section 14 in its entirety

Renumber: Subsequent sections

And, as so amended,
BE NOT CONCURRED IN

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MR. **PRESIDENT:**

We, your committee on **PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY**

having had under consideration **HOUSE** Bill No. **663,**

BENGTSON (CHRISTIAENS)

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE** Bill No. **663,**

blue copy be amended as follows:

1. statement of intent, page 1, line 22.

Strike: "10"

Insert: "12"

2. Page 2, line 22.

Following: "10"

Insert: "No less than 7 and no more than"

3. Page 3, line 1.

Strike: Subsection (4) in its entirety

Renumber: Subsequent subsection

4. Page 3, lines 8 and 9.

Strike: "without regard to subsection (4)"

DEPXX And as so amended
BE CONCURRED IN

h.c.

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MR. **PRESIDENT:**

We, your committee on **PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY**

having had under consideration **HOUSE** Bill No. **279,**

HAMMOND (JACOBSON)

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE** Bill No. **279,**

blue copy be amended as follows:

1. Title, line 11.

Following: "MCA"

Insert: ", AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE"

2. Page 8,

Following: Line 16.

Insert: "Section 5. Effective date. This act is effective upon passage and approval."

~~DOUBT~~ And, as so amended
BE CONCURRED IN

y/l.c.

SENATE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND SAFETY

Date MARCH 23, 1983 HOUSE Bill No. 708 Time 1:30

NAME	YES	NO
SENATOR TOM HAGER		✓
SENATOR REED MARBUT		✓
SENATOR MATT HIMSL	✓	
SENATOR STAN STEPHENS	✓	
SENATOR CHRIS CHRISTIAENS		✓
SENATOR JUDY JACOBSON		✓
SENATOR BILL NORMAN		✓

Clare Bevelly
Secretary

Sam Hays
Chairman

Motion: A motion was made by Senator Hims1 that HB 708 BE

NOT CONCURRED IN. Motion failed.

(include enough information on motion--put with yellow copy of committee report.)

SENATE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND SAFETY

Date MARCH 23, 1983 HOUSE Bill No. 708 Time 1:40

NAME	YES	NO
SENATOR TOM HAGER		✓
SENATOR REED MARBUT	✓	
SENATOR MATT HIMSL		✓
SENATOR STAN STEPHENS		✓
SENATOR CHRIS CHRISTIAENS	✓	
SENATOR JUDY JACOBSON	✓	
SENATOR BILL NORMAN		✓

Claine Gravelly
Secretary

Tom Hager
Chairman

Motion: A motion was made by Senator Jacobson that HB 708 BE

CONCURRED IN as amended. Motion failed.

(include enough information on motion--put with yellow copy of committee report.)

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MR. **PRESIDENT:**

We, your committee on **PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY**

having had under consideration **HOUSE** Bill No. **708**

QUILICI (HAGER)

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE** Bill No. **708**

blue copy be amended as follows:

1. Page 2, line 20.

Strike: "priority"

Insert: "special consideration"

~~XXXXX~~ **And as so amended,
BE NOT CONCURRED IN**

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MR. **PRESIDENT:**

We, your committee on **PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY**

having had under consideration **HOUSE** Bill No. **312**

HART (NORMAN)

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE** Bill No. **312**

~~XXXXXX~~ **BE CONCURRED IN**

MC.

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MR. **PRESIDENT:**

We, your committee on **PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY**

having had under consideration **HOUSE** Bill No. **360**

HART (NORMAN)

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE** Bill No. **360**

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ **BE CONCURRED IN**

W/C.