

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 30, 1985

The meeting of the State Administration Committee was called to order by Chairman Sales at 12:05 p.m. on the above date in Room 317, State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: Seventeen members were present with Rep. Pistoria excused.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 953: Rep. Joe Quilici, District #71, sponsor of the bill, stated that he was not happy with the way the bill was written and apologized to the Committee for the bill being introduced at this late date. It was requested in September and was only received by him on March 27, 1985. The bill was to provide health coverage for unemployed workers that had never been on general assistance or welfare. There are lot of people throughout the state that do deserve some help at the time of a catastrophic illness so they do not lose their homes or other property that they have worked all their lives to accumulate. He said he had problems with part of the bill and has asked the Legislative Council to draft a resolution to study this problem during the interim.

Chairman Sales remarked that he thought there was an opportunity to work this into the study bill of Rep. Marks that went out of the House to the Senate.

Rep. Quilici asked that the bill be tabled in the Committee as he was not happy with the bill as written. In view of Rep. Quilici's request, Chairman Sales dispensed with testimony of proponents and opponents.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 953: Rep. Garcia moved TO TABLE HB 953, seconded by Rep. Harbin. The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 12:15 p.m.



WALTER R. SALES, Chairman

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DAILY ROLL CALL

State Administration COMMITTEE

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Chairman Walter Sales	/		
V-Chairman Helen O'Connell	/		
Campbell, Bud	/		
Compton, Duane	/		
Cody, Dorothy	/		
Fritz, Harry	/		
Garcia, Rodney	/		
Hayne, Harriet	/		
Harbin, Raymond	/		
Holliaday, Gay	/		
Jenkins, Loren	/		
Kennerly, Roland	/		
Moore, Janet	/		
Nelson, Richard	/		
Peterson, Mary Lou	/		
Phillips, John	/		
Pistoria, Paul			/
Smith, Clyde	/		

STATEMENT OF INTENT

HOUSE BILL NO. 953

This bill grants rulemaking authority to the department of labor and industry. The department must make rules governing the amounts of benefits payable for medical services provided to unemployed persons. Because there is no history upon which to determine exactly what the levels of participation for coverage may be and what amounts the department may pay, the bill provides that the department must adjust the program as it becomes operational.

It is intended that the department make major decisions on the program, such as eligibility and coverage within the limits set by the bill, but the actual administrator of the program, whether it is the department or another entity, may make lesser decisions, such as reasonable and necessary charges that may be paid by the program.

The department is to make its rules in consideration of two basic problems: