

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
HUMAN SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE  
MONTANA STATE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 22, 1985

The meeting of the Human Services Subcommittee was called to order by Chairman Cal Winslow on March 22, 1985 at 6:07 p.m. in Room 108 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members were present. .

Chairman Winslow announced that the committee has to take action on seven bills that the committee has heard.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL NO. 270

Leo Berry, a lobbyist for the Association of Montana Retired Public Employees, gave the committee a copy of amendments to HB 270 (EXHIBIT 1). He discussed these amendments, and told the committee that the amount taken from the general fund has been reduced to \$10,000 from the original \$25,000.

Discussion followed concerning the action of the committee if the committee tables or does not pass a bill, and what those recommendations would do to the full appropriations committee. If the committee tables a bill, the sponsor can still request a hearing for that bill.

Representative Bradley made a motion to amend HB 270 so that the amount that comes out of general fund is \$8,000 instead of \$10,000 in the amendments in EXHIBIT 1.

The motion PASSED.

Representative Bradley made a motion that HB 270 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion followed concerning how the proposed committee would be selected.

The motion PASSED with Representative Rehberg and Senator Story voting NO.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL NO. 731

Representative Bradley (73:A:089) made a motion that HB 731 DO NOT PASS.

Senator Manning made a substitute motion that HB 371 BE TABLED.

The substitute motion PASSED.

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ACTION ON HOUSE BILL NO. 805

Chairman Winslow suggested that HB 805 be amended on Page 2, Line 2, and that \$10,000 be appropriated for the biennium ending July 1, 1987, from Home & Community Based Services unit of the department. This is to be inserted in place of the sentence appropriating two percent of SRS funds.

Discussion followed concerning what the department is doing regarding the mental health needs of the aging now, and if the committee could put in their budget language to suggest that case management teams put special emphasis on this kind of work.

Representative Bradley made a motion that HB 805 BE TABLED.

The motion PASSED.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL NO. 810

Representative Rehberg made a motion that HB 810 BE TABLED.

Representative Bradley said she thought that the Family Teaching Center has done a good job. She said she felt that a little more help during the next biennium would help them to become more self-sufficient.

Senator Christiaens made a substitute motion that HB 810 DO PASS, but appropriating \$30,000 for FY86 and 0 in FY87.

The motion FAILED.

Senator Christiaens made a motion that HB 810 be amended to appropriate \$30,000 in FY86 and 0 in FY87.

The motion PASSED.

Representative Rehberg made a motion that HB 810 BE TABLED AS AMENDED.

The motion PASSED.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL NO. 835

Senator Story made a motion that HB 835 DO NOT PASS.

Discussion followed concerning the recommendation made to the committee to table HB 835.

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Senator Story withdrew his motion.

Senator Story made a motion that HB 835 BE TABLED.

Discussion followed concerning the funding for this program, and its origins.

The motion PASSED.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL NO. 904

Senator Christiaens made a motion that HB 904 DO PASS.

The motion PASSED with Representative Bradley voting NO.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL NO. 927

Chairman Winslow announced that he has a draft for a bill in to exempt child group home workers from the wage and hour laws. He said these people are exempt under the federal laws; if they could be exempted under the state laws, there would not be the lawsuit problems they currently have.

Peter Blouke said that the attorney for the Legislative Council reported that through his discussions with the wage and hour staff in Washington D.C., the group home staff for emotionally disturbed children are not covered under the federal regulations. However, a report from one of Montana's group home operators indicated that an individual in Salt Lake City said they are covered under federal regulations.

Chairman Winslow said that the developmentally disabled group homes are covered under federal regulations, but the non-mentally retarded group homes are not covered. He said the committee could keep this bill alive by tabling it to do further work on it.

Peter Blouke said that there is confusion in Salt Lake City about the correct regulations.

Dave Lewis discussed the strong possibility of the department getting sued about this.

Senator Christiaens suggested that the committee tabled this bill to keep it alive.

Senator Christiaens made a motion that HB 927 BE TABLED.

The motion PASSED.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL NO. 934

Chairman Winslow said that the sponsor of this bill is in agreement to let this bill be tabled. He said there is a budget amendment that might address some of this.

Representative Rehberg discussed the licensing of all home day care, and suggested that those people should attempt to solve their own problems before asking for money.

Representative Bradley inquired about any money anywhere for day care studies for the exact needs and concerns in this area.

Representative Rehberg said that appropriate training is going to be such a big problem that they are not going to be able to solve it with this bill.

Senator Christiaens said that he feels that the majority of the abuse is in the home and not in the day care homes and centers.

Senator Christiaens made a motion that HB 934 BE TABLED.

The motion PASSED.

Dave Lewis, the director of SRS, discussed the supplemental requested by the department and gave the committee a handout with the projected general fund expenditures and the appropriation available, and GA caseload comparison, and a list of unredeemed and redeemed cheks from July to March by county (EXHIBIT 2). He discussed the handout. and said the justification for the \$3.5 million shortfall is the projected 2,000 cases on GA.

Peter Blouke discussed the problem of underprojections of Medicaid Other and nursing home in previous bienniums, and stated that in his conversation with the department, they indicated that the supplemental will cover the full cost of Medicaid for the 1985 biennium.

Representative Rehberg commented that this committee did a good job in the full appropriations committee during their review. He said that a lot of the other committees did not handle it quite as well. He expressed his thanks to the other members of this committee for cooperating and doing what they had to do.

Chairman Winslow agreed with Representative Rehberg by saying that this committee made some very difficult decisions, and he said he did not want to see this budget attacked again because we had not attempted to do the

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best we could.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

  
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CAL WINSLOW, Chairman



Exhibit 1  
3-22-85  
HB 270  
Berry

Sponsor Amendments to HB 270:

1. Page 4, line 3.

Following: "for"

Insert: "actuarial"

Following: "services"

Insert: "in consultation with the department of administration"

2. Page 4.

Following: line 3

Insert: "(2) accept funds from the public employees' and teachers' retirement divisions, the state personnel division of the department of administration, and the Montana university system to obtain actuarial services;"

Renumber: subsequent subsections

3. Page 4, lines 13 and 14.

Strike: "from" on line 13 through "fund" on line 14

4. Page 4, lines 15 and 16.

Strike: ", \$25,000" on line 15 through "committee" on line 16

Insert: ":

(1) for committee expenses, \$10,000 from the state general fund; and

(2) for obtaining actuarial services, \$5,000 from the Department of Administration, Personnel Division, group benefit administration account, and \$5,000 from the interest income of the public employees' retirement system pension trust fund"

Exhibit 2  
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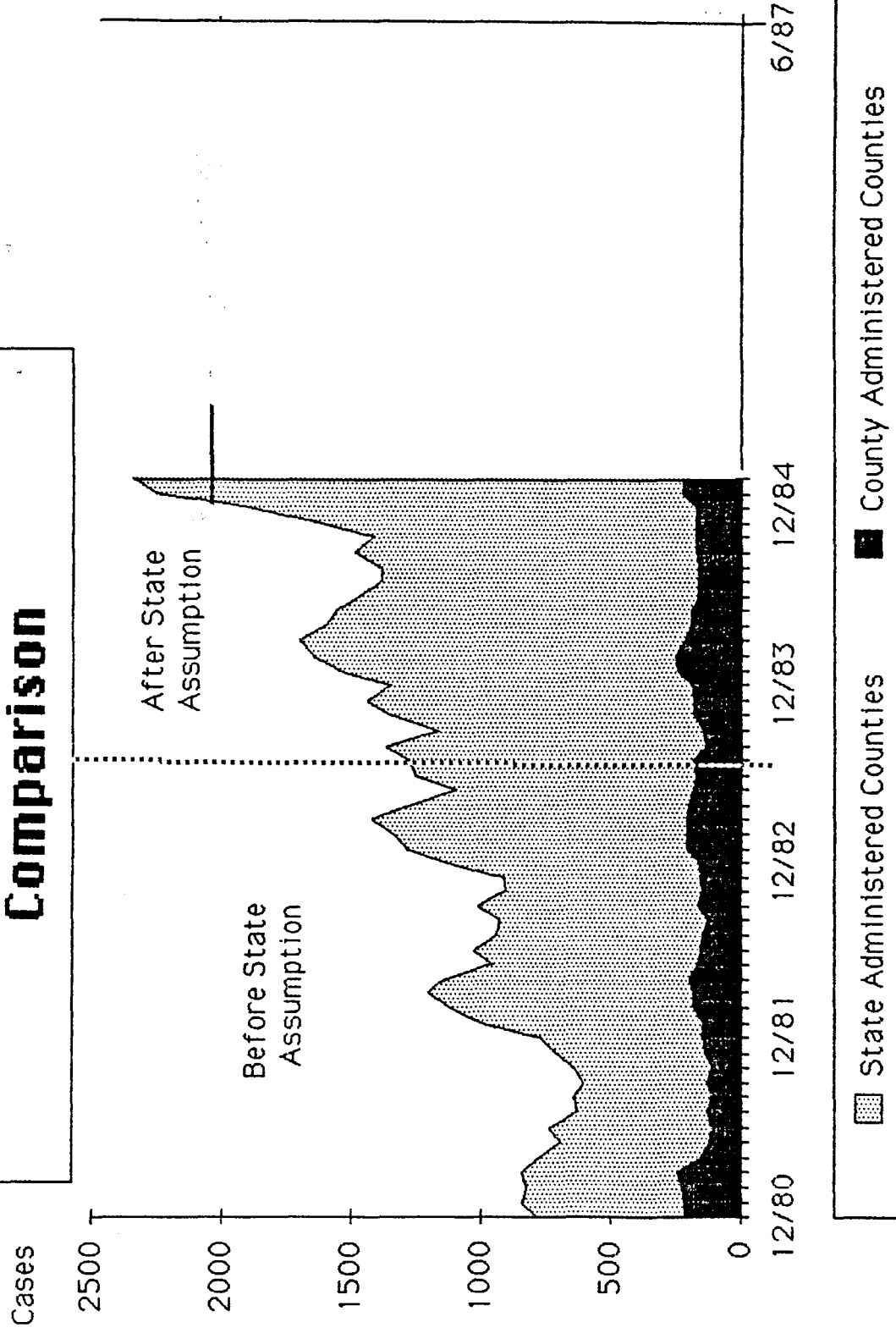
GENERAL ASSISTANCE SUPPLEMENT

<u>Projected Expenditures</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	
GA	4,333,927	
State Medical	<u>3,559,993</u>	
Total		7,893,920
 <u>Appropriation Available</u>		
GA	2,453,290	
State Medical	<u>1,886,142</u>	
Total		<u>4,339,432</u>
Net Deficit		3,554,488

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# General Assistance Caseload Comparison



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COUNTY	JULY	AUG	SEP	UCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
07 EXPENDITURES	46076	44290	39958	42217	49167	72049	116725	88576	26805				533671
CASES	242	270	251	306	342	392	496	438	147				2930
\$/CASE	105.52	160.49	159.19	150.53	143.70	165.32	235.33	202.22	182.34	*	*	*	182.14
09 EXPENDITURES	0	0	0	0	0	744							744
CASES						744.00							744
\$/CASE	*	*	*	*	*					*	*	*	744.00
12 EXPENDITURES	5140	26726	22761	23327	25960	34090	37749	60711	3032				242496
CASES	68	100	108	114	127	141	149	153	16				976
\$/CASE	119.70	267.26	210.75	204.62	204.40	241.77	253.34	396.80	189.50	*	*	*	248.45
15 EXPENDITURES	5180	7061	5112	5438	10309	10717	12303	20962	1718				78800
CASES	35	38	39	56	56	48	65	87	8				416
\$/CASE	148.00	185.81	131.07	135.95	184.08	223.27	189.27	240.94	214.75	*	*	*	189.42
24 EXPENDITURES	937	882	609	2335	2350	5405	6989	3817	6110				29440
CASES	5	7	7	15	15	18	26	18	27				138
\$/CASE	187.40	126.00	87.00	155.66	156.66	300.27	268.80	212.05	226.51	*	*	*	213.53
25 EXPENDITURES	35708	40006	37900	43588	43507	54805	71235	71839	52438				451080
CASES	199	203	184	209	219	263	314	297	240				2108
\$/CASE	189.24	197.04	205.97	208.55	198.66	208.38	226.80	250.31	218.45	*	*	*	213.98
27 EXPENDITURES	8094	9910	5993	7810	9074	19028	14411	36541	8575				120342
CASES	36	43	32	30	36	55	45	85	30				392
\$/CASE	224.43	230.46	187.28	260.53	252.05	356.87	320.24	433.42	285.83	*	*	*	300.99
31 EXPENDITURES	345	354	293	561	987	1800	2154	2657	2520				11671
CASES	3	2	3	4	5	7	11	12	11				50
\$/CASE	115.00	177.00	97.66	140.25	197.40	200.00	195.81	221.41	229.09	*	*	*	194.51
32 EXPENDITURES	37694	43503	49358	51971	51601	73962	85191	95783	86825				575888
CASES	142	199	211	205	227	305	369	424	388				2510
\$/CASE	207.10	218.60	233.92	253.51	227.31	242.49	230.80	225.90	223.77	*	*	*	229.43
34 EXPENDITURES	2287	2400	2584	2438	3623	4406	8595	9721	7074				42880
CASES	13	16	19	14	23	31	45	54	42				264
\$/CASE	175.92	127.77	136.00	120.42	157.52	142.19	191.00	180.01	168.42	*	*	*	162.42
39 EXPENDITURES	910	1124	637	2727	1809	3732	5983	9103	2877				29102
CASES	7	7	6	16	15	21	35	39	12				158
\$/CASE	130.00	160.57	139.50	170.43	120.60	177.71	170.94	233.41	239.75	*	*	*	184.18
41 EXPENDITURES	1810	1753	817	3130	3042	7531	7037	9895	4140				39161
CASES	11	14	12	19	26	40	34	51	39				246
\$/CASE	164.54	125.21	68.06	165.05	117.00	188.27	206.97	194.01	106.15	*	*	*	159.19
TOTALS													

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STATE GENERAL ASSIST  
DATE OF CHECK-FY85  
UNREDEEMED & REDEEMED CHKS

COUNTY	JULY	AUG	SEP	UCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
EXPENDITURES	55313	76055	72933	76518	80743	93539	96044	118121	103694				773559
CASES	351	353	376	393	406	443	440	469	456	0	0	0	3687
4/CASE	157.58	215.45	193.97	194.70	194.87	211.14	219.64	251.85	227.39	*	*	*	209.80
TOTALS	203156	251954	239155	204522	282172	343079	405016	529029	305814				2928834

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## VISITORS' REGISTER

Human Services Sub COMMITTEE

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Leo BERRY	Heber		

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