MINUTES OF THE MEETING HUMAN SERVICES AND AGING COMMITTEE 50TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The meeting of the Human Services and Aging Committee was called to order by Chairman Budd Gould on April 22, 1987 at 9:30 a.m. in room 312-D of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: Rep Gilbert and Rep Grinde were absent, all
other members were present.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

SEN TOM KEATING introduced SHR 13, requesting an interim study of all services for people with developmental disabilities under a single administrative authority, and requiring a report of the findings of the study to the 51st legislature. Sen Keating noted that at the present time services are delivered to the disabled through SRS, the Department of Labor, Department of Health, Office of Public Instruction, as well as a number of private providers.

He said line 21 on page 1 of the resolution stated the need for the study: "administering institutional and community based programs through separate agencies fosters difficulties in communication, cooperation, and coordination of service delivery...". He stated in working with the task force for the last four (4) years, gaps were found between the departments and institutions, with individuals falling through those gaps and receiving no services, while some individuals were overserved and others were underserved.

Sen Keating felt the study would be useful in guiding future legislatures in consideration of consolidation.

PROPONENTS

CHRIS VOLINKATY, Developmental Disabilities (DD) lobbyist, spoke on the problem of service delivery in the last 12 years. She noted dealing with five (5) different departments and families makes it difficult to see that each person is getting as much service as they need and that everyone is served. She explained there are conflicts at times between institutions and community based services. She concluded by stating the task force determined the best way to handle this problem was to consider the concept of consolidation; which is supported by institutions, the Developmentally Disabled Division, providers, and consumers.

SEN KEATING then closed testimony on SJR 13.

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In responding to a question from Chairman Gould, Sen Keating agreed that SJR 13 would fit into HJR 53; and agreed to the consolidation of this resolution into the house resolution should that occur.

Rep Sands will carry the resolution in the house.

In response to a question from Rep Simon, Sen Keating noted the studies that were done four (4) years ago by a task force dealt with the delivery services and were primarily concerned with the institutions, i.e. Boulder, Eastmont, and group homes. Their mission was to refine the delivery of services to provide the most services for the dollar. He explained the primary goal of the task force the last two (2) years was identifying those in need and the extent of services. He said it was delineated that 20% are not being served with the remaining 80% being underserved and some overserved. He stated this study was limited to the administration of the services, not the services themselves. He explained this study would deal with the administration of appropriations and policy lines. He noted the lines of authority were confused with the different departments dealing with individuals; and this study would identify where administrative authority overlapped, fell apart, and came together.

EXECUTIVE ACTION - HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

REP SANDS made a motion that HJR 13 BE CONCURRED IN.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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