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

March 25, 1987

The meeting of the Senate Public Health, Welfare and Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman Dorothy Eck on March 25, 1987, in Room 410 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members of the committee were present, except Darryl Meyer.

ACTION ON H.B. 428: Sen. Himsl moved that H.B. 428 BE CONCURRED IN. The vote on H.B. 428 was unanimous. Senator Jack Haffey will be asked to carry.

ACTION ON H.B. 690: Sen. Himsl moved that H.B. 690 BE CONCURRED IN. The vote on H.B. 690 was unanimous. Sen. Himsl will carry.

ACTION ON H.B. 327: Karen Renne reintroduced the amendments to H.B. 327 and explained that the amendment clarifys for the coroner that the parents CAN object to an autopsy, if a physician certifies that SIDS was the cause of death of an infant.

Sen. Hager: Can a doctor absolutely determine if SIDS is the cause of death? Sen. Norman: If a coroner feels that he should order an autopsy, then the doctor would have some explaining to do. If the coroner believes the death should be examined, he will order an autopsy no matter what anyone says.

Sen. Williams: Who will bear the costs of the autopsy? Sen Eck: The federal government or the state. I also don't see where this bill absolutely orders an autopsy. Sen. Norman: A coroner has the authority to order an autopsy on anyone who dies in Montana, by this bill and others, if he cites evidence that this should be done.

Sen. Jacobson: The amendment is largely redundant. It just changes the language somewhat.

Karen Renne: It does tell the coroner that he has to make certain statements to the parents and it spells out the coroner's duties.

Sen. Jacobson moved that the amendments DO PASS; the amendments passed unanimously. Sen. Jacobson moved that H.B. 327 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. The vote was unanimous. Sen. VanValkenberg will carry the bill.

ACTION ON HJR 37: Karen Renne explained that the first amendment removes a factual error in the bill by striking lines 16-18, Page 1, in their entirety. Sen. Jacobson moved that the amendment DO PASS. The vote was unanimous.

Sen. Jacobson moved to delete lines 23-25. Sen. Williams made the substitute motion of substituting the cost of care is "escalating", striking the rest of line 23, and leaving lines 24-25. The substitute amendment received a unanimous DO PASS. Sen Williams moved that HJR 37 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. The vote was unanimous and Senator Hager will carry.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 825: Rep. Lloyd McCormick, District # 38, sponsor of H.B. 825, stated that the major purpose of the bill is to ensure

that SRS may contract for certain legal services for general relief recipients who may be eligible for SSI benefits and that the lawyers handling those cases may be reimbursed.

DISCUSSION ON H.B. 825: Sen. Himsl: I understand that there is an item in the SRS budget to pay for this now.

Rep. McCormick: SRS does have a contract with legal services to do that, but so many people don't know about this service through SRS and the Dept. of Legal Services. The bill is to help people to be more aware. This won't cost the state any money and conflict with any legal service contract; but the attorney will be assured of getting his fee.

Rep. McCormick closed by submitting a court case for payment of fees to an attorney. Example # 1.

ACTION ON H.B. 825: Sen. Hager moved that H.B. 825 BE CONCURRED IN. The vote was unanimous. Sen. Hager will carry the bill.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 571: Rep. Fritz Daily, District # 69, Sponsor of H.B. 571, stated that the reason for this bill, which raises the age of children whose welfare may be endangered from 16 to 18, is to control the problem that law enforcement officials have with people who provide alcohol to the 16-18 year-old group. The county attorney from Butte has requested the bill, and he will testify.

<u>PROPONENTS</u>: Bob McCarthy, County Attorney, Butte-Silverbow, stated that people over eighteen commit an offense if they supply intoxicating substances to persons less than eighteen, or if they induce them into prostitution. This bill addresses the adults; without this law, the courts are not winning cases involving unlawful transactions. This bill is intended to protect children.

Bob Butocovich, Butte-Silverbow Sheriff, testified that they have run into numerous cases trying to prove that juveniles have been involved in unlawful transactions with adults. Now the juvenile is charged and fined with illegal possession, while the adult gets off free. The bill's proponents hope to reduce juvenile drinking in the state.

DISCUSSION OF H.B. 571: Sen. Eck: will the twenty-one year old drinking age law affect this?

Bob McCarthy: We will probably want to expand the law to 18-20 year-olds as minors in possession. Then 18 to 20 year-olds could be charged with possessing and providing. We would want to have the expansion to attempt to make a case.

ACTION ON H.B. 571: Sen. Williams moved that H.B. 571 BE CONCURRED IN. The vote was unanimous. Sen. Jacobson will carry the bill.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 200: Rep. Joan Miles, District # 45, testified that the purpose of H.B. 200 is to clarify the duties of SRS in regard to child rehabilitation and to revise outdated language so that it concurs with more up-to-date SRS statutes. It also clarifies that SRS will provide services to eligible children.

PROPONENTS TO H.B. 200: Norma Harris, SRS Legal Counsel, testified that the bill does replace outdated language and will be consistant with language in other SRS codes, and it specifies clearly the duties that SRS has to children who are declared eligible by the department. The bill also clarifies SRS visits to various types of group homes for licensing purposes.

ACTION ON H.B. 200: Sen. McLane moved that H.B. 200 BE CONCURRED IN. The vote was unanimous. Sen. McLane will carry the bill.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 480: Rep. Joan Miles, District #45, sponsor of H.B. 480, testified that the bill is a request of SRS to expand the criteria of children eligible for AFDC to include unborn children of pregnant mothers and children of unemployed parents who would not otherwise be entitled to such aid because the child is living at home with the parents.

PROPONENTS: Lee Tickell, SRS, Administrator of Economic Assistance, stated that the bill is a housekeeping measure and makes sure that the category of unemployed parents is included in the statutes.

DISCUSSION OF H.B. 480: Sen. Himsl: Does a child become eligible for aid if a parent becomes unemployed. Lee Tickell: Before 1985, the parent went on general assistance when unemployed. This strengthens the legislation passed in 1985. Sen. McLane: Does this money get paid back when the parents find employment? Lee Tickell: No. Sen. Eck: Does the state have the option to include children under AFDC or GA?

Karen Renne: Yes.

ACTION ON H.B. 480: Sen. McLane moved that H.B. 480 BE CONCURRED IN. The vote was unanimous, in favor of the bill. Sen. Himsl will carry H.B. 480.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 641: Rep. Menahan, District # 67, testified that the purpose of the bill is to allow for the temporary admittance of 12-18 year-olds to Montana State Hospital, if there seems to be a danger of suicide or they are seriously mentally ill, and if there is no where else for them to go. The bill provides for evaluation within thirty days to determine how long a youth should be held.

PROPONENTS: Curt Chisholm, Dep. Dir., Dept. of Institutions, stated that the state does operate an in-patient psychiatric youth hospital (by Rivendale corporation in Billings), but they have only forty beds available. The courts mandated that the state find additional appropriate treatment space. St. Peters Hospital has agreed to keep youth for thirty days and this bill would give the courts permission to place youth at extra facilities at Warm Springs, if all other facilities are full. There are some concerns over separation of youth from adult patients. This bill sunsets June 30, 1989, when Rivendale should have built additional facilities in the state.

Joy McGrath, Montana Mental Health Association, stated that because no one had expected the number of youth needing treatment for serious mental illness to exceed forty, the state at present does not have enough youth beds available, and is having to revert to using the facilities at Warm Springs again. She introduced several amendments to avoid potential problems associated with housing youth with adult patients. The first deals with separation of youth from adult patients at Warm Springs and supervision for these youth; and the second asks for the Department of Health to present an updated report to the next legislature on the facilities for these youth in Montana and if the state is meeting needs. The report will also be available to the public. Exhibit # 2.

Kelly Morse, Board of Visitors, stated that the board approves the placing of children in the state hospital temporarily and supports the above amendments. She also stated that Rivendell is remodeling to have up to 118 beds and that their primary mission is to serve the children of Montana. The court can't sentence youth here for any length of time; they must review the patient within thirty days.

DISCUSSION OF H.B. 641: Sen. Eck: Any kid in jail is mentally disturbed. There may be a problem here of setting a precedent here of sending kids to Warm Springs, if we know this available.

Curt Chisholm: If the court says we have to take these youth for treatment, we will first try to place them in the other facilities available to us. If all else fails, then we will take them to Warm Springs, but hope to keep them there for only ten days. There is no place on that campus to separate youth from adults, so we oppose the amendments. Rivendell says they keep children an average of ninety days, and they will be starting construction in Butte in April and are adding another twenty beds in Billings now.

Sen. McLane: What you are asking for is very temporary? Curt Chisholm: Yes, that is correct, and we will want to sunset this legislation as soon as we can. We don't want to have send children to Warm Springs, except as absolutely necessary.

Sen. Eck: You have kept youth longer than ten days at Warm Springs? Curt Chisholm: Yes, this pertained to those charged with murder. If they had been in adult court, it would have been very legal to have kept them at Warm springs.

Joy McGrath: We agree that this is a very temportary measure. There is no intention for treatment under this law; it is just a holding pattern and evaluation. But the Department of Mental Health would like an assurance of separation of youth. If they have more than four, the separation will be more difficult, but we would like that assurance.

Sen. Eck: What is the average age of that intake unit? Curt Chisholm: Our intake is down now, so we would have bed space available. Sen Eck: What additional costs do you see? The wards have four beds. Do they still use a common eating space?

Curt Chisholm: Yes, they do, but we do assign a staff over the full twentyfour hours to see that no inappropriate behavior happens. There is often little difference between older teenagers and young adults. A youth charged with murder would be in the forensic unit now being constructed.

Rep. Menahan: In closing, I hope you will see the problem we are having temporarily in placing youth for treatment in the state. This bill tries to do the best for the children, and I hope for your favorable consideration.

ACTION ON H.B. 641: Karen Renne stated that the amendments to the bill are technical ones which reorganize the language of the bill but make no changes in substance. They simply make it grammatically correct.

Sen. Jacobson moved that the amendments receive a DO PASS. The vote in favor was unanimous. Sen. Jacobson then moved that H.B. 641 BE CONSURRED IN AS AMENDED. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 674: Rep. John Mercer, District # 50, sponsor of H.B. 674, stated that this bill clarifies the waiving of adoption investigations for adult adoptions and for children being adopted by a stepparent or a relative. The bill also clarifies what information should be included in an adoption investigation, in other situations.

Sen. Rassmussen: Why do they want to waive the investigation? Rep. Mercer: In most the cases the courts have found them unnecessary, i.e. cases like these. The bill also clarifies who has the authority to waive the investigation.

ACTION ON H.B. 674: Sen. Hager moved that H.B. 674 BE CONCURRED IN. The vote in favor was unanimous. Sen. Hager will carry the bill.

The committee adjourned at 2:55 P.M.

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9) Defendant.)
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Amendments to HB641

New Section 2.: Separation of patients less than 18 but not less than 12 from adults. If an individual less than 18 but not less than 12 years of age is admitted to the Montana State Hospital under(section 1) he must be separated from adult patients.

New Section 3. Supplemental funding. The department shall request supplemental funding from the 51st Legislature if the effects of the provisions in(sections 1 and 2) have an adverse impact on the Montana State Hospital budget and their ability to meet staffing requirements.

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New Section 4. Report and/ The department shall report to the 51st Legislature on the effects of (sections 1, 2 and 3) including how many youth have been referred to and/or placed at Montana State Hospital, how many youth are on the waiting list for the Rivendell of Billings facility. The department shall present to the 51st legislature a plan and a proposed budget to address the need for additional short-term court-committed beds and courtordered evaluations for the determination of whether an individual is seriously mentally ill and the need for long-term inpatient psychiatric care for adolescents presently unserved or underserved.

The department shall coordinate with the department of SRS their efforts relative to planning services for emotionally disturbed children. (SB361)

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