

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
51st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND AGING

Call to Order: By Stella Jean Hansen, on March 10, 1989, at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: All

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Mary McCue, Legislative Council

Announcements/Discussion? None

HEARING ON SB 99, 100, 101

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SB 99 - Senator Aklestad stated that this bill was an act to impose stricter sanctions for a general assistance recipient's refusal to comply with state work requirements; to provide for termination of assistance if an employable recipient without good cause refuses to participate in a required work program or refuses to register for employment, maintain an active job registration file, or actively pursue and accept available employment and providing an effective date.

SB 100 - Senator Aklestad stated that this bill was an act to deny general relief assistance for 3 months to a person who voluntarily leaves employment without good cause or who is discharged from employment due to misconduct; and providing an immediate effective date and an applicability date.

SB 101 - Senator Aklestad stated that this bill was an act to generally revise the laws relating to general relief assistance; to establish employability as a classification for determination eligibility for general relief assistance; to limit the duration of assistance provided to employable persons; to require employable recipients to participate in a job search, training and more program or other special program designed to help recipients overcome problems that impair their employment potential; and providing an effective date.

Testifying Proponents and Who They Represent:

Jim Smith, Human Resources Development Council
Rep. Budd Gould
Mike Rupert, Boyd Andrew Care Center
Judith Carlson, Montana Association of Social Workers

Proponent Testimony:

Jim Smith states that SB 99 increases the sanctions for the GA person who refuses to participate in the workfare, training, or rehabilitation programs authorized; SB 100 applies the same sanctions to someone who quits a job or who is discharged from a job without good cause; SB 101 reclassifies persons according to their employability, establishes a work, training, education, and rehabilitation program for persons who, with assistance, can go from being unemployable to employable and establishes durational limitations for eligibility for GA. Exhibit 1.

Rep. Budd Gould stated that as a member of the Interim Committee and that there was great fear and trepidation amongst the people that this committee was going in just trying to find ways to totally remove people from any form of general assistance, welfare, food stamps, low energy. This committee met to come up with a package of bills that were very non-compunative that were met with one major focus in mind and that was to eliminate the desensitives to work. These bills are met to get some control on costs.

Mike Rupert stated that in SB 101 he had worked with the workfare program and had become familiar with the impact of months of workfare participants of chemical dependency. For chemical dependent people being on general assistance is a symptom of their disease. Those people are only going to get off of general assistance after they have dealt with their disease.

Judith Carlson said that there is one overwhelming reason why recipients of AFDC have any reluctance to leave that program for full time work, it is because they lose medicaid benefits. If all jobs offered health insurance as a benefit, we would not need this bill. But since they don't this is very much needed. It will give some time for the AFDC recipients to catch up on other needs so that they may then obtain their own health insurance policies. Exhibit 2.

Valerie Larson supplied written testimony in support of these bills.

Testifying Opponents and Who They Represent:

Donna Day
Michelle Cotton
Julia Robinson
Elizabeth Phillips, Montana Peoples Action
Karen Anderson, Montana Low Income Coalition
Steve Marks, Montana Peoples Action
Judy Tillman
Don Show
David Morgan
Billy Hockens
Richard Sprung
Jacky Lockey
Bob Scott
Richard Lane
Valarie Towell
Amy Ashwood
Virginia Jellison, Montana Low Income Coalition

Opponent Testimony:

Donna Day stated that general assistance was a help to needy people and not a tool to discipline the few that abuse the system. SB 101 is intended to help balance the state budget and cutting off life support from those who need it most is not the appropriate place. This bill discusses the supervised job search and from the extent of this job search it appears there is going to be added costs for this supervision which still is a shot in the dark if the jobs are not available.

Michelle Cotton stated that she was a welfare mother and in her last year of college. There are 13 million unemployed persons in the United States. The unemployment rate in Montana was 9.3% last spring.

Julia Robinson stated that the extension of eligibility for medicaid benefits for AFDC recipients going into employment is crucial to the a successful transition from welfare to work. Exhibit 3.

Elizabeth Phillips stated that there were people with the same problems which she had and therefore in need of assistance.

Karen Anderson supplied 34 written statements from AFDC recipients. Montana needs to find a meaningful job creation and a livable wage. Exhibit 4.

Steve Marks stated his opposition to SB 99, 100, 101.

Judy Tillman opposes these bills.

Don Show opposes these bills.

Dave Morgan opposes these bills.

Billy Hockum opposes these bills.

Richard Sprung stated that general relief has given him the opportunity to explore his employment chances without the problems associated with living on the streets or in a mission. Exhibit 14.

Bob Scott stated his opposition and also said that defining a person as employable does nothing to provide this person a job. The simple fact is that in Montana there are far more people who need a job than there are adequate jobs. Exhibit 15.

Richard Lane stated his opposition of these bills. Exhibit 16.

Valerie Towell stated that most people on general assistance have mental and emotional problems which prevent them from being able to function in the work force. Exhibit 17.

Amy Ashwood stated her opposition to this bill.

Virginia Jellison stated her opposition to this bill.

Valerie Larson submitted written testimony in opposition of SB 128.

Questions From Committee Members: Several questions were asked regarding employable and unemployable, eligibility requirements, housing assistance.

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Aklestad closed on the bills.

HEARING ON SB 67

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Senator Norman stated that this bill was an act to extend medical assistance eligibility for persons who lose eligibility for aid to families with dependent children due to increased hours on income from employment or because of loss of earned income disregards and providing effective dates.

Testifying Proponents and Who They Represent:

Susan Richter, Montana Peoples Action
Mignon Waterman, Montana Association of Churches
Denise Byrd, Montana Low Income Coalition
Marsha Shreder, Montanans for Social Justice
Christine Deveny, League of Women Voters

Proponent Testimony:

Susan Richter stated that she was currently on AFDC and said that she believed that in providing incentives and rewards for those who must rely on the system to improve their situation by earning extra income are receiving transitional benefits is a good idea. All too often people who are forced to rely on the system are penalized when they find work or go to school.

Mignon Waterman stated that she supported all of the bills in hearing today. This bill does help remove one of the barriers through employment that faces AFDC recipients. One of the greatest fears has been expressed already which is the lack of medical coverage when they accept a minimum wage job that does not provide benefits.

Denise Byrd stated that her main fear of finding a job to support herself and children is the lack of medical coverage for them. Exhibit 5.

Marsha Schreder stated that she had looked into her families future enough to recognize the need to seek training in a field that could provide them with a livable wage. Exhibit 6.

Christine Deveny stated that one of the goals of our nation social policy is to promote self sufficiency for individuals and families. This bill takes a positive step toward reaching that goal by alleviating fears of losing medicaid coverage should families would not be eligible for AFDC as a result of employment or due to earned income disregard. Exhibit 7.

John Ortwein stated that he had worked with a great number of low income groups through the years in the effort to help them break out of dependence upon the welfare system. Low income persons want to be independent of dependency on welfare but they are also realistic enough to know that they cannot take chances with their families health. Exhibit 8.

Brenda Nordlund stated that she supports this bill.

Testifying Opponents and Who They Represent:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Questions From Committee Members: See questions section of previous bill.

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Norman closed on the bill.

HEARING ON SB 128

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SB 128 - Senator Manning stated that this bill was an act to revise and continue a job search, training, and work program for employable recipients of general relief assistance and provide an effective date. Exhibit 8.

SB 130 - Senator Manning stated that this bill was an act to require the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services to seek an agreement with the United States secretary of health and human services for the purpose of establishing a demonstration program to test a policy that would allow recipients of the aid to families with dependent children unemployed parent program to work more than 100 hours in a month and still retain eligibility for public assistance and providing an immediate effective date. Exhibit 11.

SB 134 - Senator Manning stated that this bill was an act to provide greater financial incentives for general relief assistance recipients to obtain employment by allowing a greater earned income disregard, by extending eligibility for general relief medical assistance if eligibility for general relief assistance is lost due to employment, and by eliminating the income spend down requirement for general relief medical assistance and providing an immediate effective date and an applicability date. Exhibit 13.

Testifying Proponents and Who They Represent:

Jim Smith, Human Resource Development Council
Rep. Bob Gervais
Christine Deveny, League of Women Voters
Joan Duncan, Missoula Foodbank

Proponent Testimony:

Jim Smith stated his support of this bill.

Rep. Bob Gervais stated that the Project Work Program has successfully placed in employment welfare recipients in meaningful jobs, provided job skill training and job search to enable recipients to compete in a difficult job market in Montana. Exhibit 9.

Christine Deveny stated that one of the goals of our nation's social policy should be to promote self sufficiently for individuals and families. Exhibit 10.

Joan Duncan supports this bill and stated that the food bank served those people who fall between the cracks of public assistance whose food stamps and check will not last the full month. The help those who are working but whose expenses require more money than their minimum wage job provides. Exhibit 12.

Testifying Opponents and Who They Represent:

None

Opponent Testimony:

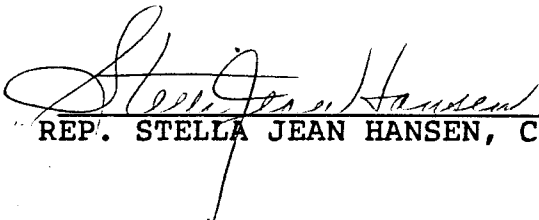
None

Questions From Committee Members: See questions section on previous bill.

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Manning closed on the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 7:20 p.m.



REP. STELLA JEAN HANSEN, Chairman

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DAILY ROLL CALL

HUMAN SERVICES AND AGING COMMITTEE

51st LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1989

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Stella Jean Hansen	✓		
Bill Strizich	✓		
Robert Blotkamp	✓		
Jan Brown	✓		
Lloyd McCormick	✓		
Angela Russell	✓		
Carolyn Squires	✓		
Jessica Stickney	✓		
Timothy Whalen	✓		
William Boharski	✓		
Susan Good	✓		
Budd Gould	✓		
Roger Knapp	✓		
Thomas Lee	✓		
Thomas Nelson	✓		
Bruce Simon	✓		



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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF

SENATE BILLS 67, 99, 100, 101, 128, 130, 134

Madam Chairman and members of the Committee. My name is Jim Smith and I am before you today on behalf of the Human Resources Development Councils Association (HRDCs). The HRDCs want you to know that they are strong supporters of the bills before you today: Senate Bills 67, 99, 100, 101, 128, 130, 134. These bills are the rest of the Welfare Reform package developed by the Interim Welfare Committee.

I'll speak briefly on each of the bills as you hear them, but I want to submit the following written testimony, which provides a brief, concise overview of each of these bills and a chart that answers some of the questions you've asked me this past week. For the sake of simplicity, I've divided this overview into two sections: 1) bills that relate to Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and 2) bills that relate to General Assistance (GA).

I. AFDC BILLS

SB 67 - This will allow an AFDC mother to keep her Medicaid benefits and eligibility for up to 12 months after leaving AFDC in order to take a job. At present, the loss of Medicaid is a real deterrent to leaving AFDC and accepting a low wage job that, in all probability, does not have medical benefits. This bill is required by Federal Welfare Reform - the Family Support Act of 1988.

SB 70 - Training, education, and motivation that will enable an AFDC woman to seek and find employment is provided by this bill. It also provides the support services these women need: child care, transportation, a clothing allowance, etc. This bill is also required by Federal Welfare Reform.

SB 67 and SB 70 are closely related. Passage of one almost demands passage of the other. They are a "pair."

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SB 129 - This bill strengthens procedures for the collection of child support payments. It requires the stipulation of a child support program as part of any dissolution. It authorizes automatic wage withholding if the absent parent misses payments. SB 129 is also a part of Federal Welfare Reform.

SB 130 - Montana, under this bill, will be required to apply to the federal government to operate a demonstration-pilot program authorized by Federal Welfare Reform. The bill is designed to test the advisability of allowing more hours to be worked and eligibility to be maintained for AFDC-UP (AFDC Unemployed Parents, or an intact family whose income is low and that qualifies them for AFDC). Federal Welfare Reform requires states to extend AFDC to intact families. Montana was already doing so and had been since 1985.

II. GENERAL ASSISTANCE BILLS

(None of these are required by the federal government.)

SB 99 - This bill increases the sanctions for a GA person who refuses to participate in the workfare, training, or rehabilitation programs authorized in SB 101.

SB 100 - This bill applies the same sanctions to someone who quits a job or who is discharged from a job without good cause.

SB 99 and SB 100 are a "pair."

SB 101 - SB 101 is the big one in the GA part of the package. SB 101:

1. Re-classifies persons according to their employability.
2. Establishes a work, training, education, and rehabilitation program for persons who, with assistance, can go from being unemployable to employable.
3. Establishes durational limitations for eligibility for GA.
 - A. 4 months out of 16 for employable persons.
 - B. 6 months out of 18 for a person in a program that is designed to assist them to become employable.

This may well be the most controversial one of all. The notion of limits on GA has led us to the Supreme Court twice in the last five years. It is absolutely essential, in my opinion, that this bill be passed with these durational limitation intact. They are reasonable. They include a program of work, education, training, and rehabilitation

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within the time periods specified. It's not everything to all people, but it is an opportunity offered to those willing to seize it. The bottom line in this: General Assistance is not going to become Montana's own little Social Security Program. The constitution does not require that and the Legislature will not permit it. It's time now to put this issue behind us and to move on. With SB 101 we leave a program in place for General Assistance recipients. That's a long way from where all this started five years ago.

SB 128 - This bill revises and continues the job search, education, and training program already in place. SB 128 is very closely tied to SB 101.

SB 134 - An individual is allowed to earn a little more income and keep eligibility for GA under this measure. Instead of being able to keep the first \$50 earned, SB 128 allows a person to keep the first \$30 plus 1/3 of the remainder. This applies the AFDC "30 and 1/3 rule" to GA.

HB 72 - Withdrawn, and to be handled via the appropriateions process.

That's the Welfare Reform package in a nutshell. I'd be happy to discuss any of the measures with the Committee.

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TESTIMONY ON WELFARE REFORM BILLS
March 10, 1989
Human Services and Aging Committee

The Senate bills before you today, SB 67, 99, 100, 101, 128, and 130, are part of the package of bills presented by the Interim Committee on Welfare issues. As a whole the Montana Chapter, NASW, supports this entire package. This is on the whole a responsible approach to the problems of those in our state who have need for the aid of society.

If there is one overwhelming reason why recipients of AFDC have any reluctance to leave that program for full time work, it is because they lose Medicaid benefits. If all jobs offered health insurance as a benefit, we would not need this bill. But since they don't, this is very much needed. It will give some time for the AFDC recipients to catch up on other needs so that they may then obtain their own health insurance policies.

Regarding the bills for General Assistance, we have question about the realism of setting the 4 month limit on employable persons. However, it appears that some limit will be set. We accept this then as long as three safeguards are met: 1) the criteria for employability are clearly spelled out in the law as SB101 now does; 2) persons will not be terminated from the program unless their job refusals are without "good cause"; and 3) some method for appeals is retained.

You face a most difficult task as you struggle with understanding a most complicated program, highly complex individual problems, and balancing the needs of all Montanans. As you do this, I urge you to approve all the bills before you today.

Judith H. Carlson

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Statement of Position on Welfare Legislation Before the House Committee on Human Services and Aging

BOZEMAN
HOUSING COALITION
226 EAST KOCH
BOZEMAN 59715 • 587-3736

S B 67: PROVIDE TRANSITIONAL MEDICAID TO PERSONS WHO LOSE AFDC DUE TO EMPLOYMENT

CONCERNED CITIZENS
COALITION
825 THIRD AVENUE SOUTH
GREAT FALLS 59402 • 727-9136

MLIC supports this bill. The extension of eligibility for medicaid benefits for AFDC recipients going into employment is crucial to the successful transition from welfare to work. Our position is that eligibility be extended for 18 months after employment with another 6 months if health coverage is not available through the employer or affordable to the employee.

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107 WEST LAWRENCE
HELENA 59601 • 449-8680

LOW INCOME
SENIOR CITIZENS ADVOCATES
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S B 99: IMPOSE STRICTER SANCTIONS ON GENERAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS WHO REFUSE TO WORK

MONTANA ALLIANCE FOR
PROGRESSIVE POLICY
324 FULLER
HELENA 59601 • 443-7283

MLIC opposes the sanctions in S B 99 for employable recipients who refuse to participate because the sanctions are too severe. This bill will cover all G A recipients including families with children. Families with children who are on General Assistance do not qualify for AFDC unless the father leaves the home. Approximately 12 % or 216-250 General Assistance families have children. Three months or 6 months without food or shelter will surely put innocent children in the streets and create a class of homeless people that the State is not prepared to deal with. Or the father will leave the family so that his children can become eligible for AFDC.

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EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
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SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
BOX 423
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MONTANANS
FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
436 NORTH JACKSON
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S B 100: DENY GENERAL ASSISTANCE FOR 3 MONTHS TO PERSONS WHO QUIT OR ARE DISCHARGED FROM EMPLOYMENT

POWELL COUNTY
NEIGHBORHOOD
SUPPORT GROUP
BOX 342
DEER LODGE 59722 • 846-3437

The penalty is too severe. One month without benefits is a severe hardship to someone with no resources; 3 months is excessive and unreasonable and will contribute to a growing population of homeless people. The same argument against S B 99 applies to S B 100.

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S B 101: GENERALLY REVISE THE LAWS RELATING TO GENERAL RELIEF ASSISTANCE

MLIC opposes limiting the duration of assistance to employable General Assistance recipients to 4 months because the root of the problem stems from lack of jobs that provide a living wage rather than abuse or misuse of the program.

MLIC requests that the language in Section 8, page 19, (7), line 24 remains in the bill. Currently, this section allows for the exemption from participation if someone lives further than 10 miles from the work or training site or as an alternative to the exemption, requires the program to provide transportation or reimburse the participant his/her transportation cost. This is especially important to rural areas, like Seeley Lake, where available work or training may be in Missoula, 60 miles away.

MLIC recommends that the method of determining an earned income disregard be changed to "30 & 1/3"--the same as AFDC. The current method is a disincentive for General Assistance recipients who may find themselves totally destitute 2 months in the future if they decide to take a spot job in the current month.

We must be assured that General Assistance recipients with a chemical dependency problem continue to receive general assistance benefits while waiting for an available treatment or rehabilitation program. MLIC asks the Legislature to be particularly aware of attempts to transfer funds for chemical dependency treatment programs in local areas into other areas such as, the Forensic Lab, Dept. of Labor, or the General Fund where it is not earmarked for treatment. If the duration of service is set at 4 months for employable people and 6 months for G A recipients with alcohol and drug dependency problems, and jobs are not available or treatment is not available, people will be thrust out into the streets with no resources, no job, feeling more like a failure than before and the cycle of despair will worsen. The next legislative session will see the state scrambling for money for homeless shelters and soup kitchens.

S B 128: REVISE AND CONTINUE THE GENERAL ASSISTANCE JOB SEARCH, TRAINING AND WORK PROGRAM

MLIC testified in support of S B 128 before the Senate Labor Committee; however, it has been amended since then. The emphasis is on job placement for those who are job ready. We do not disagree with this aspect of the program as long as jobs are available and a recipient with a chemical dependency problem has the realistic possibility of receiving treatment before he/she is expected to enter the workforce. It is estimated that one-third of the G A clients will need alcohol/drug counseling at an average of \$600 per person which amounts to approx. \$750,000. If earmarked funds for local treatment programs are shifted to other areas, ie, Forensic Lab and General Fund, it is highly unlikely

that all the people on G A, who need treatment, will receive it. And if the duration of service is only 6 months, they will be off the program with no resources at all. We will have an expanding class of homeless people, some of which will be children. The reference to patterning the Job Search, Training and Work Program after the Utah program should be amended out as the reference to it operating at less than 10% of the cost of the Utah WIN program is deceiving. That figure does not include the administrative costs which are obtained from the JTPA program.

S B 130: ELIMINATE OR MODIFY THE AFDC-UP 100 HOUR WORK RULE

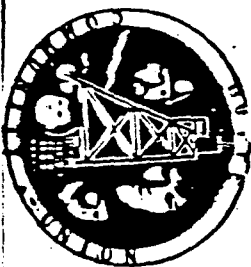
MLIC supports S B 130. A demonstration project to see if allowing a two parent family to work more than 100 hours and still be eligible for some benefits would assist those families in getting off welfare and possibly reduce some program costs to the state.

S B 134: PROVIDE GREATER FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR GENERAL RELIEF ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE EXTENSION IF EMPLOYED, ELIMINATING THE SPENDOWN FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

MLIC supports S B 134 as the " 30 & 1/3 earned income disregard" is an incentive to recipients to accept work that is available including part time work and spot jobs and still retain some benefits. This bill benefits both the State and the General Assistance client because it allows the recipient to add to his/her income while preparing to leave public assistance and it reduces the cost to the State.

Stelton Homan & members of the Committee

Helena, MT



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In regards to
Senate Bill #101, 99, 100

As you all know there are no jobs anywhere to be had in Montana, at one time we gave in other states but now we are getting them from here, we like the definition of unemployment & unemployment, but there just isn't any jobs, the main thing here is that we need money to pay our bills & how are we going to do that if you people take us off G.I. you stay living on G.I. and how if you can make it months after months.

Vote against state bills

Thank you

Maureen J. Munney

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Duluth, MT 59701

towards more Technological Fields so I went back
to School. Today I'm trying to get another Pell
Grant so I can continue my Education.

And I need help. I need to eat.

Wayne Turkia
801 Silver Bow Homes
Butte, Montana 59701

Stella Hanson and Members of the Committee,



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Telephone: 783-0670

I am appalled that people in your position are so totally ignorant of the facts. The reason that some other people are on Welfare is that there are no jobs.

I want it put on record that I'm in favor of Senate Bills 67, 128, 130 and 134. I am opposed to Senate Bills 99, 100 and especially 101.

I have been a citizen of Butte, Montana for 40 years. During that time I've done every laboring job there is from logging to Roofing. After High School I went to College for four years. Three years ago I saw that the job market was moving.

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Dear Legislators:

You will be considering Senate Bill 1 today that vitally influence the lives of ALL Montanans today, but especially the poor & elderly.

I call on your higher consciousness to deeply consider how your decisions today will affect the opportunities of those in need to participate in our communities.

Without literacy or job skills, survival in this society is reduced to a demoralized state of dysfunction.

Please maintain your courage and face the fact that poverty is a disease that cannot be cured by denial. The

honesty, the jobs, the working poor who can't afford education or health care in desperate anxiety of a hand-to-mouth existence that minimum wage and S.R.S. cuts enhance & per-

petrate.

Can anyone honestly believe the recipients of Social Services

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can cure the sicknesses of poverty if we put them out on the street & further limit their opportunities?

I beg you not to be seduced by the quick fix surgeons that claim, cutting our services (esp. in education, job development, and health care) will enhance the quality of life for those who already enjoy the patron-ages of gainful employment & social respect.

As well as Voltaire: What we do for the "least" amongst us, we do for the well-being of our communities, nation, & globe.

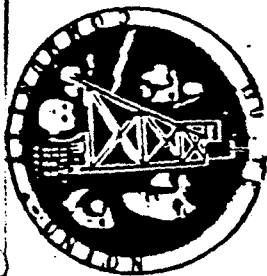
Vote YES to job training, literacy, jobs, & health care. Vote NO to jobs in an already suffering S.R.S. that needs support efficiently evaluated, & restructuring from within.

Poverty will always beg if we as a society don't face its terrifying reality.

Take courage & the faithful will support you!

Theresa Starnes
Butte Community Union
CO-CHAIR

Stella Hansen &
Members of the Committee



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In regard to Senate Bill 100, Please Vote Against
99, 100, & those Bills

In Montana are not very good as with most of the
Country. The definition of this Bill in regards to
Employability are good but to pull people off of
a Program that would make a native Montanan leave
is not very much of a cure. G.R. is needed to keep
people from becoming homeless and hungry and having
more crime. I have 3 Job Skills as a Teacher, Security
Guard and Labor Union Job. I am the answer. Thank you
Paul Mackelley

Date 3-9-89

Dear Sir

My Name is Joseph Murray I am A
G.R. Recipient As There Are No Jobs
Available. I am Qualified For. They just
don't seem to be hiring. Then When You
Do Get A Chance for A job They Tell You
They have hired Someone else.

I don't like to Be On The Welfare
Program But I have no Choice or Alternative
Because there's no jobs around to be gotten
I have been Looking everyday with No
Luck At All.

Please Support this Program As how
Are People Going to Live if We Are Cut off.
We Are going to have Thousands of Homeless
And Hungry People Running Around Trying to
figure out Where the Next Meal is going to
be Coming from. I urge you to Keep the
Program Going I've Been Out of the Service
About 16 Year. About half of that Time I have
Been A G.R. Recipient And We Can't Survive
on What Little You Are giving us Now Let
Alone if you would Cut the Program Please
Vote NO To #99, #100, #101. Please Take
DATE _____

Under Consideration
it ~~is~~ ~~considered~~ And Have A heart to ~~reconsider~~
what is at Stake or do you want this on your
Conscience

Thank You

Joseph Murray
1812 Silverbow Homes
Butte, Montana

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Stella Jean Hansen & members of the Committee

My name is Melissa McElie. I have no job skills. I currently receive assistance.

We need programs to provide unemployed people with job skills & training for future employment.

I senate bills 99, 100, 101, go into effect there will be many people homeless.

I'm a Butte native & would love to work if jobs are available at a livable wage.

Please vote against Senate Bills 99, 100, & 101.

Thank You

Melissa McElie

535 W Park

Butte, MT 59701

782-4335

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My Name is Michael Roy and
I'm on EL because there isn't
sufficient jobs at a livable wage.
I would like to work that would
even get some training and job
skills.

Thank you

Michael S Roy

1116 Towla

Butte, MT

5970

782-8019

Vote against Senate Bill
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To Stella Jeall Hansen + Members of the
Committee.

My name is Donald McLeod
I am on H.R. because there is no
work available in my field.
And I am going to school to get my
G.E.D. And I was born in Butte
Montana. 1948. And I work as a
Pumpman in Mines.
I want to work, but not for pleasure

Donald McLeod
2522 So Main St
782-0547

Please note no to #99, #100, #101
and note yes to #130, #67, #134, #128

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To Stella Jean Hansen & members
of the Committee

My name is Dorothy Cleator.
people are on General Relief
and I'm interested in what
happens to them.

I am presently working as a
janitress. I ~~also~~ did work as a
surgical maid for 2 years.

I've been in Montana most
of my life. I'm 37 years old.
I might be in the same boat
one day, as these people are.

These people have to have S.R.
if they don't, their will be more
crimes in Butte or in Montana.
These people will look to the
rich for food and to take
of them. So rich people look
out.

Please note no to #99 #100 #101

Dorothy Cleator
2522 S. Main 983-05

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Cristal Chapman

Please
Vote Against!

- I do have job skills

- I've looked for work since in my
area since Summer of 88

- I moved to Montana to
settle my life to try & get
more stable. at the present
time I am 3 months pregnant now
if you cut OR I believe myself
and other families may be
severely hurt by this circum-
stance.

Thank You

Sincerely

Cristal Chapman

Vote Against Senate Bill

99 #100 #101

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MY NAME IS MARK PHILLIPS.

GR IS NEEDED IN BUTTE - BECAUSE
THERE IS NO JOB CURRENTLY RIGHT NOW
& BUTTE HAS A LOT OF PEOPLE WITH
NOTHING BUT GR TO KEEP THEM ALIVE.
& CRIME WILL SKYROCKET AND IT
MIGHT BE YOUR HOME THAT GETS ROBBED
BY ONE OF THE PEOPLE YOU CUT OFF!

BE SMART AND THINKING & VOTE AGAINST
SENATE BILL # 99 # 100 HAVE A NICE DAY

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MARK PHILLIPS
Butte, Montana

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My Name is Milburn Durham

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I Am looking for work as a laborer forklift operator. I've Been Seeking this Type of Work But Am very Willing to Do Anything that come's Along. AS of this date There has'ent Been anything For my type of Skills so i am forced to Accept G.R. from the state. I'm Not Proud of that fact. But i have a Wife and 6 Week old Baby That have to have Food And a Roof over there head's. if you Pass These Bills (99' 100' 101) They won't have these very necessary things. so Please for my self my family And the thousands of other Poor family's in America vote ~~aginst~~ against Bill's 99' 100' 101'. If Not for the Poor family's sake. At least do it for the children.

Thank you
Milburn Durham

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Adam Groves 412 W. Main

I Did car accident, want to work But Job are not available at liberal age.

if senet Bill's 99, 100, 101 Pass there will be more crime in montana and more people living on the streets.

Please keep the services we have and the Job Training Programs intact

Vote No to # 99 100 101

for the poor people of montana.

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To: Stella Jean Hanson & Members
of the committee;

My name is Keith Stover. I am
a good mechanic and an excellent computer
programmer. I am forced to live on
General Relief due to the fact that
employment in these fields is proving
difficult to come by in this area.

When I can find a job, I shall go to
work. Until then General Relief is keeping
me alive.

If Senate bills number 99, 100, and 101
pass then both myself and a lot of people
like me will have no place to live.
The programs available to aid in finding
employment are good. They are very
helpful.

I feel that if these bills pass, crime
will increase, drug use will go up, the
entire state will go to waste.

Vote against Senate Bills # 99, 100, and 101.

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my name is Timothy Ross

I am on G.R. Because there is no jobs in Montana I worked Back last year 1988 fire fighter in Butte Montana if there was jobs here we would Be working Right now there will be alot of Robbery here in Butte I have skills of all kind of jobs But there is no work we will be homeless they will have alot of Killer's on the street's here in Butte if you Be put us on the streets put your self's out there to see how it is on the streets with NO MONEY OR Food.

GRAND Hotel

124 W. BROADWAY APT. 304

Butte, MT. 59703

Tim Ross

(406) 723-5486

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Stella Jean Thurson and members of the
Committee:

My name is Mary Martin and I
am currently receiving assistance because
there are no jobs available that I am
qualified for.

The work programs and school programs
are good for people because they provide
training for future employment.

Senate Bills # 67, # 128, # 130 and # 134
are good bills. Please support them.

Senate Bills # 99, # 100 and # 101
are restrictive and punitive to unemployed
people. If these bills go into effect many
men, women and children will be homeless.

Please vote NO to SB #'s 99, 100, & 101.

Thank You,
Mary Martin
2520 Walnut
Butte MT 59701

Helen Hayden

2520 Walnut Butte, Mont. 59701

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Stella Jean Hansen & Members of the Committee

My name is John Harris and I am currently unemployed. I have carpentry skills but there are no jobs available at a liveable wage.

Programs that help unemployed people with training and job skills are great. Some people are not able to write and have difficulty reading.

Please Support Senate Bills #67, #28, #130, #39

The Senate Bills #99, #100, & #101 are punitive to unemployed people. What will happen when assistance is limited to 4 months? Many men, women & children will be homeless.

We need jobs and assistance until those jobs are available.

Please Vote NO to #99, 100, & 101

Thank You,

John B Harris
Leonard Apts. #403
Butte, Mt. 59701

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Stella Jean Harrison + Members of the
Committee:

My name is Arva Magness +
I am currently unemployed. I am a
cook, waitress, dishwasher + bartender.
But it has been hard to get work
for several yrs. because of my age. I am
52 but they usually hire of the younger
people.

Programs for job training are good.
I support Senate bills, [#]130 [#]134 [#]128 [#]67

If Senate bills num. 99, 100, + 101, go
in effect many people will be homeless.
We need jobs at a liveable wage.
Please don't punish us because there
are none. ~~I~~

Please vote against Senate bills,
num. 99, 100, + 101

Thank You

Arva Magness
501 W Granite

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Stella Jean Hansen and Members of the Committee

My name is Harvey Linet. I am currently living on Social Security. I have received General Assistance in the past and want you to know how important it is to have some kind of financial help available when you need it. People need jobs that they are qualified to work at. We hear that all the time at Job Service.

Support Senate Bills #67, #128, #130 & #134.

We need job training and support.

The Senate Bills #99, #100 and #101 are not going to help unemployed people. Job creation and jobs at a wage people can live on are what is needed.

Please vote against Senate Bills
#99, #100, & #101

NO

Thank you,
Harvey Linet

22 N IDAHO

206, 207

(PO Box 573) 59701

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Stella Jean Benson and Members of the
Committee!

My name Derek J Morgan and I am currently
Receiving Assistance because there are no jobs available
that I am qualified for

My qualifications are service related and on the
three Government programs like Ceta and class room
training the programs that we have now are very good
in the respect that it trains people for jobs and how to
to get them I really feel that these bills are good #67 #128 #130
and #134 Please support these bills.

Senate bill #99, #100 and 101 To me seem like you
are taking all that people had work for and you took out
for in the years that they were employed and saying you
pay and we play with your lively hood and your life
Please vote No to S.B. #99, #100, #101,

Thank You

Derek J Morgan

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Butte Mt. 59701

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Hello, my name is Dave Morgan

I am currently on G.A. as a means of survival it goes like this, Being Born and Raised in this state, the timber Industry has Been my home of work for some time now, Some years are Better than others as far work goes, But lately, our state has Been hit hard with unemployment and it's not getting any Better Because of this GA is simply a way to put food on the table and paying the rent, and that is as far as it goes. I do not enjoy Barely existing on \$212 a month, so when work comes a Round to our state, I'll go Back to work, But, in the meantime, if you cut this program such as it is, your going to increase Crime on the street it's not my ^{choice} ~~choice~~ to Be on G.A. But lets face it, Because of politics there is no work not Because there are no more Resorces Left, for me I don't feel I have to leave my state just Because theres no work, and to cut any program that helps us montanans thru tough times is for a good Reason. to cut this is wrong, very wrong I am a working man, put jobs at a decent wage Back in my state, But don't cut the only means of living I have.

Vote Against S.B. #99, #100, #101

thank you
~~~~~

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I have been in Butte a little over a year.  
In the pass year I've worked only 1.  
When I wasn't working I looked for  
jobs, but there weren't any. Without  
H.A. I wouldn't have been able to  
have made it. First look into  
jobs before you cut H.A.

Gerraine Ecker  
258 Granite St #6  
Butte, MT-59701

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My Name is Alan Haas

I am on G.R. Because there are no jobs available in my area. Need G.R. for personal hygiene and laundry. I cannot just pack up and go as I am on probation and limited as to where I can go, also there are some jobs that I can't accept because of the conditions & terms of my probation.

Alan E. Haas

Note against  
Senate Bill # 99 #100 #101

Alan Haas  
1450 1/2 W. Park  
Butte, MT 59701

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"  
We and my wife have been in  
Butte for one year today and I don't  
know how we would have made it  
if it wasn't for G.A. I've had  
about four jobs in the last year,  
but they were all temporary. G.A.  
has been a life saver for us.  
If it was to be discontinued it  
would be disastrous for a lot  
of people. Please don't let this  
happen!!!

Milo Eckert

25 E Granite #6

Butte, MT 59701

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TO: Stella Jean Hansen & members of the Committee

I'm Richard Lane; and I'm ANGR because of No  
Jobs in Butte Montana; in my occupation. I'm an Lens  
Grinder; & a Custodian - also worked as a Laborer & a  
Concentrator man, For the A.Cim Co. in Butte - also worked  
in the Anaconda smelter.

I'd sure like to have a Job, and a Liveable work wage!

Good bills will help people with Training, For good Jobs & For  
good Future employment.

Jobs that are available For people to get; ~~and~~ with a  
good wage - people will work!

We don't want (Bill #99, #100, #101 to go into  
effect, we don't want any more homeless -  
We want Jobs - so we can work!!!

Thank you!!

Richard Lane

725 So. Idaho St

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Stella Jean Hansen & Committee Members:

Hello, my name is Karen Andersen and I have been here before testifying as a single mother of three living on AFDC.

I am here today because I feel strongly that you people on the committee need to hear what programs and benefits mean to the low-income, unemployed residents of the State of Montana.

I participated in the UI 77 Program in Butte and can tell you that they do a fine job trying to get people the training and job skills needed for employment.

The training and job skills programs for UI are also very important. Some people have never needed assistance before. With the loss of jobs and income from closing mining operations, timber and the Railroad in Montana this fact has changed.

The Legislature must look seriously into JOB CREATION, at a livable wage. With few jobs to compete

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for and the wages available, there is not much hope. People need to work! People want to work!

I have been employed since December thankfully at the Butte Community Union. Every day we see people who have tried to search for jobs in our county. They are referred to job service for an application. The employers contact job service and let them know what qualifications they are looking for. Most often, the people don't have the necessary skills and don't even receive an application. This is very disturbing to their morale!! Another problem is one concerning age. Many of the older ER recipients are turned down because they are older. This is against the law, But still happens.

Until jobs are available to meet the skills of people, benefits must be in place. The training programs must include literacy - because there is a great need in our fine state. Thank you,

Vote AGAINST

SENATE BILLS

#99 #100 + #101

Karen L. Andersen

936 Iowa  
Butte, Montana

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Stella Jean Hansen - (Members of the Committee)

My name is Bernie Johnson and I'm out of work, that's why I'm on HR. I have many job skills but that doesn't give me work because work is scarce in Montana. (Butte).

Bills 130, 67, 134, 128 are bills that seem to me would help people get some kind of training for employment. But there still aren't many jobs in this area. There are jobs at \$3.35 an hour (service jobs) but you can't live on that wage with no benefits of health care etc.

I'm on Section 8 housing, and if I did get work at \$3.35 an hour I would lose my apartment, food stamps, medical and HR (financial assistance) and would have to live in a dump.

Bills 99, 100 & 101 seem unfair to me because people won't be able to survive on 4 months assistance. It is totally impossible. I ask you to vote against these bills because they would be damaging to all human beings that

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have a right to live with shelter & food.

If we do not take care of our people, whether rich or poor - What happens to the children. Where will they get food and support. Will we all be put out in the streets to starve?

I would like to see permanent jobs for our community because part-time work a person cannot live on either.

I have talked to many people making \$3.35 an hour. They work 6-9 months without benefits and are laid off without any unemployment. They have lost everything!! This is what I'm afraid will happen if these 3 Bills especially #99 & #100 go through.

Bill 101 is cruel and unusual punishment. People won't survive. They will do what they must to stay alive & healthy.

Thank you for reading  
this letter.

Bernard Johnson

1109 S. WYOMING ST.  
BUTTE, MONTANA

Dear Sir

My name is Cecil Barton. I grew up on Welfare and really don't know how to do a lot of things. G.A. is my only source of income, cause what training I do have, if I had a job, wouldn't even pay my rent. If you cut G.A. back I won't have a place to live, but on the streets. If you could provide more jobs and schooling, you wouldn't have to cut G.A. back. It would help a lot of people and it will cut down ~~the~~ crime. If you cut G.A. and A.F.D.C., you might as well build another prison, cause crime will go way up. So I ask you to please give us a chance to do some things good with our lives rather than cutting us back from our only source of living.

Thank You

Cecil Barton

225. S. Idaho # 303

Ruthe, Montana

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Dear Sirs:

My name is Elsie Cortez. I have been on GR for awhile.

There is no jobs at my age around here. What jobs that are here a person can't ~~not~~ make a living.

I am partially handicapped and can not work at manual labor.

Without GR or AFDC, there will be more people on the street and more crime.

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H.B.

G.R.

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Jim Cortez,  
3562 S. Arizona  
Butte, Mont.

My name is Jim Cortez I am from  
Butte, Mont. I am a laid off copper worker.  
I need G.R. to go to school to better  
my self. When you cut G.R. to 4 months  
out of 12, you will put me out on  
the street. No place to go and school.

We need job in Montana - and  
training. Think you

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Leon Cosins - I'm an Unemploy-  
ed miner & laborer - I'm in so  
against You People cutting welfare  
& L.R. Benefits. As mainly two  
factors Crime in our city of Butte  
is so high that the law enforcement  
has more than they can handle. (SO)  
if you think crime is so God damn  
high just sit back & think of  
the enbald (How dose the word  
street people strike you. Crime here  
will sky rocket. think about building  
a new jail & prison facility because  
by god you gonna need them

Maybe you'll build them with  
the L.R. benefits if you thinking of  
cutting. If you people up there have  
half the brains that got you your  
degrees & educations put it to good  
use Vote against 99 100 100 & if  
not hire more law enforcement  
not only here but even your own  
homes are not safe (So vote Right  
or sleep good tonight.

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Leon Cosins

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Hi, my name is Gary Summers  
AND THIS IS MY COMMENT ON DROPPING OR  
ALTERING GENERAL ASSISTANCE AS IT  
STANDS TODAY. I LIVE IN BUTTE MONTANA,  
IT IS A VERY CLEAN AND FRIENDLY TOWN,  
I'M AFRAID THE BASIC LIFESTYLE OF THIS  
GREAT TOWN WOULD CHANGE FOR THE WORST.  
TAKING A TOWN SUCH AS POCOTELLO, IDAHO  
OF SAME SIZE WERE TWO TO THREE MURDERS  
A WEEK ARE COMMON AND BURGLARIES AND  
STRONG-ARM ROBBERIES HAPPEN ON A DAILY  
BASIS MAY ALSO HAPPEN TO THIS GREAT TOWN.  
WALKING TO A CAFE AT MIDNIGHT AND ENJOYING  
THE FREEDOM OF SECURITY IS AN ENJOYMENT  
I'D HATE TO LOOSE. MONTANA IS A MODEL  
STATE NOT TO JUST THIS COUNTRY BUT THE  
WORLD AS WELL, WITH LOW CRIME AND A  
RICH LIFESTYLE ENJOYED BY THE POOR AS WELL  
AS THE WEALTHY, AND THE COST OF ~~AN~~ INCREASE  
CRIME WOULD COST MUCH MORE THAN  
GENERAL ASSISTANCE AS STANDS TODAY. THESE  
EXTRA COST WOULD BE IN LARGER JAILS AND  
THEN LARGER PRISONS AND THEN DOUBLE OR  
TRIPPLE STATE EMPLOYEES, AND HOUSE VEGETABLES  
IN MISSIONS OR SHELTERS WHICH WOULD

ALSO BE RECIPIENTS OF STATE AID.

AT THE MOMENT WORK IS SCARCE IN BUTTE, BUT THE POTENTIAL IS GREAT, BUILDING A K MART SOON AND BUDWEISER PLANT IS IN CONSIDERATION BUT IF THE LABOR FORCE IS NOT HERE THEIR DECISIONS MAY CHANGE, BUDWEISER ALONE WOULD HIRE CLOSE TO THREE-THOUSAND PERSONAL. THROWING AWAY THE FREEDOM OF SECURITY IS NOT A GOOD IDEA, I UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM WITH FLY-BY-NIGHTS THAT TAKE MONEY OUT OF STATE AND RESTRICTION SHOULD BE APPLIED, BUT TO THE UNEMPLOYED RESIDENT OF MONTANA, TO DROP OR ALTER GENERAL ASSISTANCE IS UNFAIR TO ALL., THANK YOU.

Signed

Nary Summer

# MONTANA LOW-INCOME COALITION



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Madam Chairwoman and Committee Members:

Good Afternoon. My name is Denise Byrd. I am an AFDC mom and a member of Concerned Citizens Coalition of Great Falls which is a member of the Montana Low-Income Coalition.

I'm here today to give testimony in support of S.B. 67. My main fear of finding a job to support myself and my children is the lack of medical coverage for us. I have done it before and Thank God that when I was no longer on AFDC, my girls were very healthy.

As a member of Concerned Citizens Coalition and Montana Low-Income Coalition we also support S.B. 130 because it offers incentives to work towards getting off the system.

Thank you!

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My name is Marcia Schreder. I'm a member of Montanans for Social Justice here in Helena and an AFDC mother of one. I would like to address some concerns about SB67 and SB 130.

I looked into my family's future enough to recognize the need to seek training in a field that could provide us with a livable wage. I've taken the initiative by enrolling as a student at the Helena Vo-Tech. This will improve my employability and reduce my dependency on the system.

The largest, single reason I could take this tremendous step, is the support my family could continue to receive from AFDC, food stamps, medicaid, and WIN while in school. Without this safety net, I find it hard to imagine that I could have worked full-time, raised my son, AND given the necessary attention to my studies to make the best use of my education. The support has paid off, with straight A's for the two quarters I've completed so far.

With my education now half completed, I look ahead to what will happen once I'm out of school with a certificate in my hand. The thought of job hunting in a state with a depression era economy is frightening. The thought of losing the support my family needs from social services is even more frightening. An education doesn't mean a job is forthcoming and a job doesn't mean a miraculous withdrawal of the need for food and medical assistance.

When the job market is tight, one of the first things an employer cuts are benefits so he or she can just keep the business open. Most entry level jobs have few benefits and even fewer are available to a new employee. Those benefits

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available are rarely free. You receive them in exchange for a raise or at a reduced price. But you still pay--one way or another.

Anyone who has been on the system for any length of time does not return to the work force debt free. That's a reality! You either owe money or need to purchase things you could not afford while on the system. On top of that, you cannot afford even a nominal fee for insurance benefits.

As a parent who takes my responsibilities seriously, SB67 would calm my fears that I've made the right decision as far as the impact to my family is concerned.

SB130 is another giant step in the right direction. With the job market limited in Montana, you need to address the needs and your responsibility to the under-employed in this state. The ability to keep your benefits while gaining job experience at any job you can find, will instill the pride any person needs to feel he's a viable, productive human being. One of the hardest things a person can experience is not how to get on the system, as traumatic as that can sometimes be. The hardest thing is getting off without your family paying the phenomenal cost of that step.

I can see nothing but good, for everyone, coming out of an affirmative vote on SB130 and SB67. Please vote yes, for my family.



Senate Bill 67  
Human Services Committee  
March 10, 1989  
LWVM Contact: Chris Deveny  
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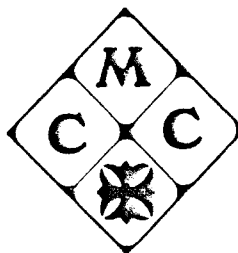
Madam Chair, members of the committee, my name is Christine Deveny, representing the League of Women Voters of Montana, and here today to support SB 67.

The League believes that one of the goals of our nation's social policy should be to promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families. SB 67 takes one positive step toward reaching that goal by alleviating fears about losing Medicaid coverage should families become ineligible for AFDC as a result of employment, or loss of earned income disregards. This one year extension of medical assistance will help families get back on their own feet again, but only if after that one year, the family's income and/or employee benefits adequately cover the cost of their medical expenses. This medical assistance must be coupled with job training, education, other supplemental support services such as child care, and an increase in job opportunity, in order to truly be successful in promoting family self-sufficiency and reducing poverty.

The League of Women/voters urges your support of SB 67.

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# Montana Catholic Conference

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CHAIRWOMAN HANSEN AND THE HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

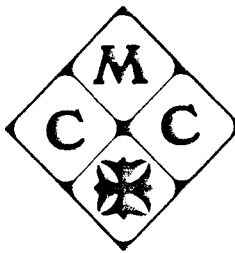
I am John Ortwein representing the Montana Catholic Conference.

The Montana Catholic Conference has worked with a great number of low-income groups through the years in the effort to help them break out of dependence upon the welfare system. We have found that low-income persons want to be independent of dependency on welfare but they are also realistic enough to know that they cannot take chances with their families health. Senate Bill 67 will allow individuals on AFDC to seek betterment for themselves and their families without losing medical benefits due to employment.

The Montana Catholic Conference endorses SB 67.

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# Montana Catholic Conference

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CHAIRWOMAN HANSEN AND THE HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

I am John Ortwein, representing the Montana Catholic Conference.

The 1986 document of the United States Catholic Bishops entitled, Economic Justice for All, A Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy, makes the following statement concerning job training programs. Paragraph 211 reads: To help recipients become self sufficient...public assistance programs should work in tandem with job creation programs that include provisions for training, counseling, placement and child care. Jobs for welfare recipients should be fully compensated so that workers receive the full benefits and status associated with gainful employment.

The Bishops further state: We believe that an effective way to fight poverty is through programs that are small in scale, locally based and oriented toward empowering the poor to be self-sufficient.

Senate Bill 128 provides the needed training and job placement suggested by the Bishops letter. We support SB 128.

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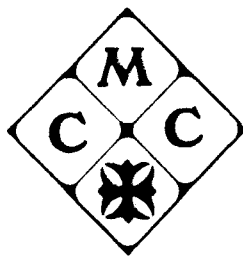
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# Montana Catholic Conference

March 10, 1989

CHAIRWOMAN HANSEN AND THE HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

I am John Ortwein, representing the Montana Catholic Conference.

We feel this legislation is a good step toward eliminating the disincentives for those on AFDC to become more independent. For this reason the Conference is supportive of Senate Bill 130.

It would be our hope that an advisory group would be appointed to help in the design of this program. We would make several suggestions as to the make-up of the group which will submit its recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services for the purpose of establishing the demonstration program. We would hope that advocates for the poor, social service agencies, and representatives of the poor would be included on this advisory group as well as membership from the Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services.

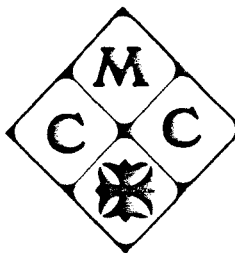
It is our belief such an advisory committee would be most helpful in designing a workable program for those on AFDC.

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# Montana Catholic Conference

March 10, 1989

## CHAIRWOMAN HANSEN AND THE HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

I am John Ortwein representing the Montana Catholic Conference.

The Montana Catholic Conference has worked with many low-income groups and programs during the last several years to assist individuals and families break the cycle of poverty. The Church in this State has set up aid to the needy programs and helped fund low-income groups through the Campaign for Human Development. We have found that setting up soup kitchens and providing Christmas baskets to those in need do very little to help people break out of this cycle of poverty.

We have also found that individuals want to work but do not want to jeopardize their financial security to do so. The present system with the \$50 income disregard does not allow for those on General Assistance to attempt to better themselves. Senate Bill 134 with the 30 and 1/3 income disregard is a much needed step to help the poor gain independence from the welfare system.

We urge your support of SB 134.

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TESTIMONY OF SENATOR RICHARD MANNING

SPONSOR, SB 128

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HB SB 128

Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Labor Committee:

I am Senator Richard Manning of Great Falls, representing Senate District 18. I am principal sponsor of Senate Bill 128.

Senate Bill 128 is a bill recommended unanimously by the Joint Interim Subcommittee on Welfare. The bill would revise and continue the current General Assistance work program (Project Work) in order to provide employment, training, and experience for employable recipients of General Relief Assistance.

Senate Bill 128 would provide for: (1) intensive job search activity and quick job placements for readily employable recipients; (2) skills training and education for recipients who are potentially employable but who lack the skills and training necessary to get a job; (3) a combination of employment activities including job search, job readiness training, and county workfare; (4) a 40-hour per week performance requirement; (5) an expectation of employment at the end of the program; (6) follow-up and monitoring of program performance, including a legislative audit; and (7) a prohibition of political activity under the program.

Senate Bill 128 is the direct result of an audit, requested

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by the Joint Interim Subcommittee on Welfare. The audit, which was performed by the Office of the Legislative Auditor, concluded that the General Assistance Project Work Program does not reduce the welfare rolls and does not significantly increase the percentage of General Assistance recipients who leave welfare due to employment. The audit also showed that the program does not enable recipients to obtain permanent employment.

Therefore, the Subcommittee proposes Senate Bill 128 to revitalize the program by making it a total, work-oriented program designed to help recipients obtain regular unsubsidized employment. As proposed under Senate Bill 128, the new program would be especially designed to provide recipients employment within 4-6 months of enrolling in the program, assuming that similar limits on eligibility for General Assistance are established as proposed in Senate Bill 101.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the right to close.

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TESTIMON REP. FLOYD BOB FERVAIS  
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Montana's General Relief Program, namely the PROJECT WORK PROGRAM was established in July of 1986 to serve the general assistance population in Montana.

The Project Work Program has successfully placed in employment welfare recipients in meaningful jobs, provided job skill training and job search to enable recipients to compete in a difficult job market in Montana.

General Relief clients are NOT always a single man or woman, but many have families who do need this type of assistance due to some circumstances, many times beyond their control.

9 3-10-89 The Project Work Program in many instances is the only vehicle for them to break out of their unemployment cycle.

TO reduce, or eliminate a self-help program such as Project Work will have a prolonged devastating effect.

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on single men and women, single parents, and in many cases, the family unit down on their luck temporarily.

The Project Work Program is in place and has a good track record in providing the training for employment of general assistance participants.

Proof of the program's success is further noted in its cost effectiveness for this type of program.

The citizens of the state utilizing these services with Project Work components desire the continued opportunity to become again employed, contributing members of society.

I urge you to think responsibly toward those who at this time of their lives are less fortunate than ourselves.

Please vote DO PASS on ~~HB. 12~~

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Senate Bill 134  
Human Services Committee  
March 10, 1989  
LWVM Contact: Chris Deveny  
442-2617

Madam Chair, members of the committee, my name is Christine Deveny, representing the League of Women Voters of Montana, and here today to support SB 134.

The League believes that one of the goals of our nation's social policy should be to promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families. SB 134 takes a positive step toward reaching that goal by increasing the GA earned income disregard amounts, and by alleviating fears about losing state medical assistance as a result of additional employment. This bill gives GA recipients a greater, fairer incentive to continue to seek employment.

The League supports SB 134 as one of the most important in the welfare package this committee is considering. The provisions of this bill when coupled with job training, education, and other supplemental support services, will work toward increased self-sufficiency. The success of this reform, however, will also be dependent on improvements made to employment opportunities.

The League of Women voters urges your support of SB 134.

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Senate Bill 128  
Human Services Committee  
March 10, 1989  
LWVM Contact: Chris Deveny  
442-2617

Madam Chair, members of the committee, my name is Christine Deveny, here today representing the League of Women Voters of Montana.

The League supports the establishment of a job search, education, training and work program for employable recipients of general relief assistance, and believes it is an important step toward promoting self-sufficiency for individuals and families. This is one of the first efforts needed to break the vicious cycle of poverty in our nation and in Montana.

In order for this legislation to reduce the long-term need for public assistance, however, it must also be coupled with policies and programs that work to increase job opportunities. In some areas of Montana where unemployment figures are high, it is likely to be unrealistic to expect that recipients will be employed at the end of their job training program, as is stated on page six, line nine, of the bill. As well, it should be noted that someone working full-time at a job that pays \$4.00 an hour (higher than the current minimum wage) has an annual gross income of only \$8,320, certainly not a reasonable living wage.

We do believe that SB128 is a move in the right direction, and we urge a "do pass" recommendation from the committee. Thank you.

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TESTIMONY OF SENATOR RICHARD MANNING

SPONSOR, SB 130

Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Committee on Labor:

I am Senator Richard Manning, Senate District 18, principal sponsor of Senate Bill 130.

Senate Bill 130 is a bill, requested by the Joint Interim Subcommittee on Welfare, to require the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services to seek an agreement with the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services for the purpose of establishing a demonstration program that would allow recipients of the AFDC-Unemployed Parent Program to work 100 hours or more in a month and still retain eligibility for public assistance, including Medicaid.

Under current federal regulations, a recipient of the AFDC-Unemployed Parent Program is prohibited from working 100 hours or more in any given month. This rule, which is known as the 100-hour rule, apparently exists to provide a definition of an "unemployed parent" for purposes of administering the AFDC-Unemployed Parent Program. The problem is that the rule poses an obvious disincentive for AFDC unemployed parent recipients to work. Senate Bill 130 is intended to eliminate the work disincentive inherent in the current 100-hour rule by either modifying or eliminating the 100-hour rule so that unemployed

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parent recipients can work 100 hours or more and still retain eligibility for AFDC and other public assistance benefits that depend on eligibility for AFDC.

Under the new federal welfare reform act, 8 states will be permitted to establish demonstration programs to permit AFDC unemployed parent recipients to work 100 hours or more each month. And one state, perhaps Montana, will be allowed to establish a program that will completely eliminate the 100-hour work restriction.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the right to close.

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However, once the 1/3 income disregard is lost (after the first four months of employment) the maximum amount an AFDC client can earn is the same under both the current and revised GMI and NMI standards.

To estimate the amount of savings realized if the proposed change in GMI and NMI were implemented would at least require information on the amount of earned income for the current AFDC caseload. Additionally, in estimating the potential savings, some estimate would need to be made of the number of AFDC recipients who would be willing to continue their employment beyond four months when they would ultimately lose their medical benefits under medicaid.

3. Wel 0005 - A bill to seek a waiver from current federal regulations that prohibit AFDC-unemployed parent recipients from working 100 hours or more in any month.

The information provided by SRS is inadequate to make any valid estimate of the potential savings that might be realized by eliminating the 100 hour per month limit on employment. Before a reasonable estimate could be attempted, information would be needed on the number of AFDC Unemployed Parent (AFDC UP) cases where one member is working up to the 100 hour limit, the amount of earned income received, and the number who would be willing to work beyond the 100 hour limit if the limit were removed. Intuitively, it would seem that any additional income earned during a month through a removal of the 100 hour limit would be considered when calculating the AFDC payment and thus reduce the amount of AFDC benefits paid. SRS estimates a potential savings of \$30,000 of general fund per year. / Given the minimal amount of information that is available, this estimate may be reasonable.

4. Wel 0006 - A bill to provide assured child support in all paternity actions and proceedings for the dissolution of marriage; in determining the



## Missoula Food Bank

725 W. Alder #15  
Missoula, MT 59802  
(406) 549-0543

March 10, 1989

House Human Services Committee  
Montana Legislature  
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Members of the Committee:

We write in support of Senate Bills 130 and 134, and in opposition to Senate Bills 99, 100 and 101.

We would like to address these bills with an explanation of what the Food Bank does in Missoula. We serve those people who fall between the cracks of public assistance -- whose food stamps and check will not last the full month. We also help those who are working, but whose expenses require more money than their minimum-wage job provides. We serve about 1,500 people a month, but 83 percent of our clients use our service three times per year or less.

Many generous individuals and businesses provide us with the food to distribute. But there is a limit to this supply. If stricter regulations are placed upon welfare recipients, the demand for food will far exceed the supply. The food programs of Missoula simply will not be able to pick up the slack. And we're sure that other Montana towns will have the same problem.

The way to solve the problem of too many people on welfare, if that is indeed what the Legislature is trying to do, is to lead people into jobs, such as SB 130 and 134 will do, not push people into the street, as SB 99, 100 and 101 will do.

Please do not turn the streets of our towns into big-city streets, with big-city homelessness and big-city crime.

Thank you,

*Bill Carey*  
Bill Carey  
Director

*Jackie Amsden*  
Jackie Amsden  
Coordinator

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TESTIMONY OF SENATOR RICHARD MANNING

SPONSOR, SENATE BILL NO. 134

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DATE 3-10-89  
HB SB 134

Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am Senator Richard Manning of Great Falls, representing Senate District 18. I am the principal sponsor of Senate Bill 134, which you have before you today.

Senate Bill 134 is a bill that was unanimously requested by the Joint Interim Subcommittee on Welfare, which I served on this past interim. The Joint Interim Subcommittee on Welfare was formed by the 1987 Montana Legislature to conduct an interim legislative study of welfare in Montana, as requested by House Joint Resolution No. 53. Senate Bill 134 is one of eleven bills that the Subcommittee has proposed to the 1989 Legislature to reform welfare in Montana.

Senate Bill 134 is intended to provide greater financial incentives for General Relief Assistance recipients to work or to seek additional employment.

Recipients of General Assistance in Montana have, for the most part, lacked available incentives to work. Until recently, if a recipient earned income from employment, the state reduced his General Assistance grant \$1 for each \$1 of earnings -- in short, the recipient was working for nothing, because he did not gain financially through his work effort since the state deducted

all his earnings from the amount of benefits provided to him.

This situation has been only modestly improved with enactment of House Bill 581, which I cosponsored during the 1987 legislative session. The 1987 law allows General Assistance recipients to retain the first \$50 of earnings each month. However, the law requires the state to deduct all remaining earned income in calculating the amount of the recipient's General Assistance grant. Thus, under present law, the recipient still incurs a dollar-for-dollar reduction in benefits after the first \$50 is disregarded.

The Joint Interim Subcommittee on Welfare, in its final report to the Legislature, states that "The current system seems certain to discourage GA recipients from seeking employment, because it does not allow recipients to improve their situation through increased work after the first \$50 is earned. In addition, the system may even cause some recipients not to report earned income, thereby leading them to commit fraud."

To correct this problem, the Subcommittee submits to you Senate Bill 134. Senate Bill 134, as introduced, would:

(1) Apply a "30 and 1/3" earned income disregard rule for the treatment of employment income, the same as under the state AFDC Program. The "30 and 1/3" income disregard would allow GA recipients to keep the first \$30 plus 1/3 of the remainder of countable earned

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income, over a period of 4 months, as a financial incentive for recipients to work.

(2) Provide extended state medical assistance for 1 month to persons who lose eligibility for General Assistance because of income from employment.

(3) Eliminate the income spenddown requirement for persons whose income exceeds the General Assistance income standard, thereby allowing such persons to qualify for state medical assistance if their monthly income does not exceed a separate medical income standard that is currently used to determine the amount of the income spenddown. [The current income spenddown requires that a person first incur medical expenses equal to the difference between the General Assistance income standard and the medical income standard before the state will provide medical assistance to a needy person who has is not eligible for General Assistance.]

Senate Bill 134 would apply only to the 12 counties where the state has assumed financial and administrative responsibility for public assistance programs.

Overall, it is hoped that Senate Bill 134 will:

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(1) Increase the employment and earnings of welfare recipients, thereby decreasing the costs of General Assistance;

(2) Reward welfare recipients who choose to work; and

(3) Prevent welfare dependency by encouraging welfare recipients to work.

We, the Joint Interim Subcommittee on Welfare, respectfully urge that when this committee has considered Senate Bill 134 that it report the bill with a "DO PASS" recommendation.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the right to close.

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Madam Chairwoman and Committee Members:

My name is Richard Sprung and I'm here today from Butte.

I have come here today out of concern about Senate bills 99 and 101. I have been a Cook and Chef for the last 17 years of my life. I have found out that I have Hepatitis B antigen ,thereby unable to continue in my profession.

General Relief has given me the opportunity to explore my employment chances without the problems associated with living on the streets or in a mission.

Vocational Rehabilitation has accepted me for retraining but my counselor has warned me that the budget may not have the funds for my living expenses, with the proposed changes in Senate bill 101 I well may be unable to get my training.

Senate Bill 99 is unclear to me will it penalize people in training who cannot go to workfare because of class duties. What is meant by "refuse to Work." Are there exceptions.

Most of the people I know on G.R. are not people looking for a free ride. \$64.19 a week is not my Idea of "getting over". The People in the Job Club I attend can be seen 6 days a week looking for work, shoveling snow or whatever they can get to do.

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ROBERT B. SCOTT  
102 GENEVA  
HAMILTON MT 59840

10 MARCH 1989

HOUSE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
COMMITTEE  
MONTANA CAPITOL, HELENA, MT

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DATE 3-10-89  
HB SB 101

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

This letter is to urge you to kill, in your committee, SB 101.

UNDER THE present draft of the bill, an attempt is made to define who is "employable" and who is "unemployable". Not only is such a definition a practical impossibility, the whole concept suffers from a serious and fatal flaw.

Defining a person as "employable" does nothing to provide this person a job! The simple fact is, that in Montana, there are far more people who need a job than there are adequate jobs.

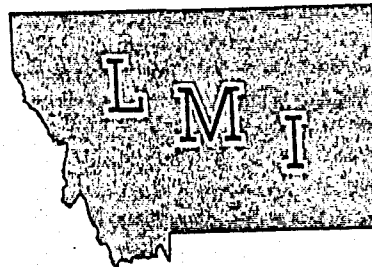
In my county, for example, there are currently 1358 persons officially listed as unemployed (see attached sheet from the Montana Job Service). This is more than twice the number employed in the timber industry in my county.

Please work for a jobs program for Montana stop this attack on our poor and unemployed.

Sincerely,  
Bob Scott

RAVALLI COUNTY PROGRAM COUNCIL

Montana  
Labor Market Information



Statistics In Brief

JANUARY 1989



Research and Analysis Bureau  
Department of Labor and Industry  
P.O. Box 1728  
Helena, MT 59624  
(406)444-2430

(All series adjusted to 1987 Benchmark)

All estimates of labor force, employment, unemployment and the unemployment rate are official Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) approved series and are used to allocate Federal funds and determine eligibility for Federal assistance programs unless otherwise noted.

Sources of all data series can be found in the more detailed quarterly "Montana Employment and Labor Force" publication.

**CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY**  
(Residence Data in Thousands)

|                                 | JAN'89*  | DEC'88 | NOV'88  | JAN'88  | DEC'87  |
|---------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                 | Forecast | Prelim | Revised | Revised | Revised |
| Civilian Labor Force-Persons... | 392.8    | 393.0  | 403.7   | 397.0   | 397.1   |
| Employed Persons                | 358.5    | 368.0  | 379.6   | 359.1   | 370.7   |
| Persons Emp. in Agriculture.... | 23.1     | 26.2   | 30.3    | 23.0    | 26.1    |
| Unemp. Persons...               | 34.3     | 25.0   | 24.1    | 37.9    | 26.4    |
| % of Labor Force                |          |        |         |         |         |
| MT. Unadjust.                   | 8.7%     | 6.4%   | 6.0%    | 9.5%    | 6.7%    |
| MT. Seas. Adj.                  | 6.9%     | 6.1%   | 6.3%    | 7.7%    | 6.7%    |
| U.S. Unadjust.                  |          | 5.0%   | 5.2%    | 6.3%    | 5.4%    |
| U.S. Seas. Adj.                 |          | 5.3%   | 5.4%    | 5.8%    | 5.8%    |

\*Not an official approved series; only an estimate

**Employment by Industry**  
(Establishment Data in Thousands)  
DECEMBER 1988 Preliminary

|                            | EMPLOYMENT |          |          | Change From          |         |
|----------------------------|------------|----------|----------|----------------------|---------|
|                            | DEC 1988   | NOV 1988 | DEC 1987 | DEC 1987 to DEC 1988 |         |
|                            |            |          |          | Net                  | Percent |
| Non-Ag. Wage & Salary Jobs | 277.3      | 283.1    | 275.4    | 1.9                  | 0.7%    |
| Total Private              | 208.0      | 208.4    | 205.1    | 2.9                  | 1.4%    |
| Manufacturing              | 21.1       | 21.1     | 21.2     | -0.1                 | -0.5%   |
| Mining.....                | 5.7        | 6.0      | 5.7      | 0.0                  | 0.0%    |
| Construction..             | 8.4        | 9.6      | 8.3      | 0.1                  | 1.2%    |
| TCU*.....                  | 19.6       | 19.4     | 19.5     | 0.1                  | 0.5%    |
| Trade.....                 | 74.6       | 73.8     | 73.5     | 1.1                  | 1.5%    |
| Wholesale....              | 15.1       | 15.0     | 15.0     | 0.1                  | 0.7%    |
| Retail.....                | 59.5       | 58.8     | 58.5     | 1.0                  | 1.7%    |
| FIRE**.....                | 12.4       | 12.4     | 12.8     | -0.4                 | -3.1%   |
| Services.....              | 66.2       | 66.1     | 64.1     | 2.1                  | 3.3%    |
| Government....             | 69.3       | 74.7     | 70.3     | -1.0                 | -1.4%   |
| Federal.....               | 12.3       | 12.8     | 12.3     | 0.0                  | 0.0%    |
| State & Local              | 57.0       | 61.9     | 58.0     | -1.0                 | -1.7%   |

\*Transportation/Communication/Utilities

\*\*Finance/Insurance/Real Estate

**CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY DATA**

| County        | 1987 Population | DECEMBER 1988 |        |       |       | 1987 DEC. RATE |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|--------|-------|-------|----------------|
|               |                 | CLF           | EMP    | UNEMP | RATE  |                |
| Montana       | 809000          | 393001        | 368040 | 24961 | 6.4%  | 6.7%           |
| Cascade       | 78100           | 35252         | 33121  | 2131  | 6.0%  | 6.6%           |
| Yellowstone   | 118100          | 58354         | 55268  | 3086  | 5.3%  | 6.2%           |
| Beaverhead    | 8400            | 4784          | 4513   | 271   | 5.7%  | 6.2%           |
| Big Horn      | 11000           | 4420          | 3940   | 480   | 10.9% | 11.4%          |
| Blaine        | 6900            | 3429          | 3171   | 258   | 7.5%  | 8.5%           |
| Broadwater    | 3700            | 1504          | 1401   | 103   | 6.8%  | 8.8%           |
| Carbon        | 8300            | 3865          | 3604   | 261   | 6.8%  | 6.8%           |
| Carter        | 1700            | 853           | 847    | 6     | .7%   | 3.4%           |
| Chouteau      | 5800            | 2624          | 2536   | 88    | 3.4%  | 4.6%           |
| Custer        | 12700           | 6311          | 6007   | 304   | 4.8%  | 6.1%           |
| Daniels       | 2600            | 1179          | 1135   | 44    | 3.7%  | 3.8%           |
| Dawson        | 10500           | 5571          | 5319   | 252   | 4.5%  | 4.6%           |
| Deer Lodge    | 10000           | 4133          | 3723   | 410   | 9.9%  | 8.9%           |
| Fallon        | 3500            | 1459          | 1367   | 92    | 6.3%  | 4.6%           |
| Fergus        | 12300           | 5682          | 5277   | 405   | 7.1%  | 8.9%           |
| Flathead      | 58200           | 29714         | 27330  | 2384  | 8.0%  | 7.8%           |
| Gallatin      | 48700           | 25283         | 24186  | 1097  | 4.3%  | 5.5%           |
| Garfield      | 1600            | 798           | 794    | 4     | .5%   | 3.4%           |
| Glacier       | 11200           | 5377          | 4794   | 583   | 10.8% | 10.2%          |
| Golden Valley | 1100            | 515           | 487    | 28    | 5.4%  | 11.0%          |
| Granite       | 2700            | 1354          | 1262   | 92    | 6.8%  | 5.8%           |
| Hill          | 17800           | 8208          | 7722   | 486   | 5.9%  | 5.9%           |
| Jefferson     | 8300            | 5554          | 5282   | 272   | 4.9%  | 4.6%           |
| Judith Basin  | 2500            | 1330          | 1240   | 90    | 6.8%  | 4.4%           |
| Lake          | 21000           | 10240         | 9397   | 843   | 8.2%  | 7.1%           |
| Lewis & Clark | 46800           | 26134         | 24831  | 1303  | 5.0%  | 5.4%           |
| Liberty       | 2300            | 898           | 856    | 42    | 4.7%  | 5.0%           |
| Lincoln       | 19000           | 8538          | 7750   | 788   | 9.2%  | 7.7%           |
| McCone        | 2500            | 1248          | 1208   | 40    | 3.2%  | 1.9%           |
| Madison       | 5700            | 3030          | 2851   | 179   | 5.9%  | 8.3%           |
| Meagher       | 2100            | 1091          | 1012   | 79    | 7.2%  | 8.1%           |
| Mineral       | 3500            | 1416          | 1254   | 162   | 11.4% | 12.0%          |
| Missoula      | 78400           | 40609         | 38164  | 2445  | 6.0%  | 5.5%           |
| Musselshell   | 4500            | 1717          | 1614   | 103   | 6.0%  | 9.4%           |
| Park          | 12400           | 5726          | 5181   | 545   | 9.5%  | 9.8%           |

# UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE INVESTMENT CLAIMS\*

| ANNUAL AVERAGE | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 | 1988 | 1989 |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1982           | 4819 | 3925 | 3634 | 3582 | 2974 |
| 1983           | 4937 | 3634 | 3061 |      |      |
| 1984           | 4116 | 3061 |      |      |      |

## CONTINUED CLAIMS\*

| ANNUAL AVERAGE | 1985   | 1986   | 1987   | 1988   | 1989   |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1982           | 52,864 | 42,815 | 41,496 | 29,032 | 24,866 |
| 1983           | 48,783 | 41,496 | 35,126 |        |        |
| 1984           | 43,198 | 35,126 |        |        |        |

## BENEFIT WEEKS\*

| ANNUAL AVERAGE | 1985   | 1986   | 1987   | 1988   | 1989   |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1982           | 47,493 | 37,678 | 36,374 | 25,687 | 20,182 |
| 1983           | 44,689 | 36,374 | 30,776 |        |        |
| 1984           | 39,904 | 30,776 |        |        |        |

## BENEFITS PAID\*

| ANNUAL AVERAGE | 1985        | 1986        | 1987        | 1988        | 1989        |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1982           | \$5,353,634 | \$4,501,748 | \$4,475,076 | \$3,064,466 | \$2,328,434 |
| 1983           | \$5,320,275 | \$4,475,076 | \$3,782,949 | \$2,328,434 |             |
| 1984           | \$4,813,798 | \$3,782,949 |             |             |             |

## AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT

| ANNUAL AVERAGE         | 1985     | 1986     | 1987     | 1988     | 1989     |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1982                   | \$122.03 | \$127.54 | \$128.84 | \$132.21 | \$128.17 |
| 1983                   | \$121.20 | \$128.84 | \$131.01 |          |          |
| 1984                   | \$124.65 | \$131.01 |          |          |          |
| Minimum Benefit Amount |          |          |          | \$46     |          |
| Maximum Benefit Amount |          |          |          | \$185    |          |

## Trust Fund Balance (Quarter Ending)\*\*

|      | 1st Qtr  | 2nd Qtr | 3rd Qtr | 4th Qtr |
|------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1981 | \$ 11.1  | \$ 19.6 | \$ 26.0 | \$ 26.2 |
| 1982 | \$ 14.4  | \$ 13.9 | \$ 13.2 | \$ 8.2  |
| 1983 | \$ -8.2  | \$ -4.0 | \$ -2.3 | \$ -3.7 |
| 1984 | \$ -14.6 | \$ -6.7 | \$ -2.5 | \$ -3.5 |
| 1985 | \$ -16.6 | \$ -7.2 | \$ 7.5  | \$ 11.6 |
| 1986 | \$ 5.2   | \$ 15.4 | \$ 25.0 | \$ 28.0 |
| 1987 | \$ 19.8  | \$ 31.3 | \$ 40.0 | \$ 43.7 |
| 1988 | \$ 38.9  | \$ 47.2 | \$ 56.4 | \$ 61.6 |

Annual Average is sum of 12 months activity divided by 12. Monthly figures are total activity recorded for that month.

\*Regular UI Program Only

\*\*Not Including loans from Fed. Govt.

# SUBJECT

## EMPLOYMENT & LABOR FORCE

| (In Thousands)              | 1988  | 1987  | 1986  | 1985 |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Civilian Labor Force        | 403.0 | 407.0 | 405.0 |      |
| Employment                  | 373.0 | 374.0 | 374.0 |      |
| Agricultural Employment     | 31.0  | 27.8  | 30.6  |      |
| Unemployment                | 30.0  | 33.0  | 31.0  |      |
| Unemployment Rate-Montana   | 7.4   | 8.1%  | 7.7%  |      |
| Unemployment Rate-U.S.      | 6.2   | 7.0%  | 7.2%  |      |
| Non-farm Wage & Salary Jobs | 274.1 | 275.4 | 279.1 |      |
| Manufacturing               | 20.8  | 21.1  | 21.8  |      |
| Durable Goods               | 12.7  | 12.8  | 13.5  |      |
| Lumber & Wood Products      | 8.3   | 8.2   | 8.5   |      |
| Primary Metal Industries    | 1.2   | 1.2   | 1.4   |      |
| Other Durable Goods         | 3.2   | 3.3   | 3.6   |      |
| Non-Durable Goods           | 8.2   | 8.4   | 8.3   |      |
| Food & Kindred Products     | 2.8   | 2.8   | 2.7   |      |
| Printing & Publishing       | 2.4   | 2.4   | 2.4   |      |
| Petroleum & Coal Products   | 0.8   | 0.9   | 0.9   |      |
| Other Nondurable Goods      | 2.2   | 2.3   | 2.2   |      |

|                                           |      |      |      |
|-------------------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Mining                                    | 5.7  | 5.8  | 6.8  |
| Metal Mining                              | 1.7  | 1.2  | 0.9  |
| Bitum, Coal, Quarrying, Non-Metal         | 2.0  | 2.3  | 2.5  |
| Oil & Gas Extraction                      | 2.0  | 2.3  | 3.4  |
| Contract Construction                     | 8.8  | 10.2 | 11.5 |
| General Building Const.                   | 2.5  | 2.8  | 3.3  |
| Heavy Const. Contractors                  | 2.3  | 2.9  | 3.2  |
| Special Trade Contractors                 | 4.0  | 4.5  | 5.0  |
| Transportation & Public Utilities         | 19.5 | 20.4 | 20.7 |
| Railroad Transportation                   | 3.4  | 3.7  | 4.0  |
| Trans. exc. railroad                      | 8.0  | 8.1  | 8.1  |
| Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services | 8.1  | 8.5  | 8.6  |

## LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

(In effect 10-01-88 THROUGH 09-30-88)

|                                   |               |            |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Big Horn                          | Glacier       | Ravalli    |
| Blaine                            | Golden Valley | Richland   |
| Broadwater                        | Granite       | Roosevelt  |
| Butte-Silver Bow City             | Lake          | Rosebud    |
| Cascade (except city of Gt Falls) | Lincoln       | Sanders    |
| Deer Lodge                        | Meagher       | Ballantyne |
| Fallon                            | Mineral       | Bow        |
| Fergus                            | Musselshell   | Toole      |
| Flathead                          | Park          | Wheat      |

To qualify, an area must have had an average unemployment rate of 8.0% or greater for the previous two calendar years (January 1986 through December 1987). \$600 of this publication were produced at a unit cost of \$0.179 per copy for a total cost of \$64.79

CURRENT POPULATION  
SURVEY DATA

| County       | 1987 Pop-<br>ulation | DECEMBER 1988 |       |       |       | 1987         |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
|              |                      | CLF           | EMP   | UNEMP | RATE  | DEC.<br>RATE |
| Petroleum    | 600                  | 268           | 253   | 15    | 5.6%  | 4.3%         |
| Phillips     | 5400                 | 2660          | 2511  | 149   | 5.6%  | 8.2%         |
| Pondera      | 6600                 | 2936          | 2761  | 175   | 6.0%  | 6.5%         |
| Powder River | 2300                 | 1301          | 1277  | 24    | 1.8%  | 4.2%         |
| Powell       | 6900                 | 3008          | 2874  | 134   | 4.5%  | 5.7%         |
| Prairie      | 1600                 | 739           | 664   | 75    | 10.1% | 4.7%         |
| Ravalli      | 25200                | 11480         | 10122 | 1358  | 11.8% | 9.6%         |
| Richland     | 12100                | 5816          | 5494  | 322   | 5.5%  | 6.6%         |
| Roosevelt    | 11200                | 6158          | 5843  | 315   | 5.1%  | 7.2%         |
| Rosebud      | 12300                | 4970          | 4670  | 300   | 6.0%  | 7.5%         |
| Sanders      | 8800                 | 3254          | 2842  | 412   | 12.7% | 11.6%        |
| Sheridan     | 5300                 | 2473          | 2374  | 99    | 4.0%  | 3.6%         |
| Silver Bow   | 33700                | 13697         | 12733 | 964   | 7.0%  | 8.0%         |
| Stillwater   | 6200                 | 3043          | 2879  | 164   | 5.4%  | 4.7%         |
| Sweet Grass  | 3100                 | 1354          | 1312  | 42    | 3.1%  | 7.7%         |
| Teton        | 6100                 | 2786          | 2648  | 138   | 5.0%  | 5.0%         |
| Toole        | 5200                 | 2251          | 2128  | 123   | 5.5%  | 6.3%         |
| Treasure     | 1000                 | 420           | 411   | 9     | 2.1%  | 3.4%         |
| Valley       | 8600                 | 4495          | 4259  | 236   | 5.3%  | 6.0%         |
| Wheatland    | 2200                 | 1136          | 1033  | 103   | 9.1%  | 8.0%         |
| Wibaux       | 1300                 | 556           | 508   | 48    | 8.6%  | 2.5%         |

## LABOR FORCE AREAS

|                 |        |       |       |      |      |      |
|-----------------|--------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| Anaconda/Butte  | 67400  | 30006 | 27956 | 2050 | 6.8% | 7.5% |
| Bozeman         | 63200  | 32100 | 30379 | 1721 | 5.4% | 6.3% |
| Glasgow         | 33100  | 16965 | 16122 | 843  | 5.0% | 6.3% |
| Glendive        | 29600  | 14728 | 13987 | 741  | 5.0% | 5.0% |
| Hardin/RedLodge | 28600  | 12682 | 11735 | 947  | 7.5% | 8.0% |
| Havre           | 27000  | 12535 | 11749 | 786  | 6.3% | 6.5% |
| Helena          | 58800  | 33192 | 31514 | 1678 | 5.1% | 5.4% |
| Kalispell       | 98200  | 48492 | 44477 | 4015 | 8.3% | 7.6% |
| Lewistown       | 23200  | 10648 | 9904  | 744  | 7.0% | 8.4% |
| Miles City      | 33500  | 15314 | 14579 | 735  | 4.8% | 6.0% |
| Missoula        | 115900 | 56759 | 52382 | 4377 | 7.7% | 6.8% |
| Shelby/CutBank  | 34900  | 15974 | 14867 | 1107 | 6.9% | 7.0% |

## CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS:

|         |        |        |        |       |      |      |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|-------|------|------|
| WESTERN | 412600 | 204835 | 190490 | 14345 | 7.0% | 6.9% |
| EASTERN | 397000 | 188166 | 177550 | 10616 | 5.6% | 6.4% |

## SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS:

|               |        |        |        |       |      |      |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|------|------|
| RURAL CEP +4  | 128700 | 64289  | 60482  | 3807  | 5.9% | 6.5% |
| BAL. OF STATE | 681300 | 328712 | 307558 | 21154 | 6.4% | 6.7% |

## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| *Production Worker's Average Weekly Earnings |          |      |          |              |          |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|------|----------|--------------|----------|
| 1982                                         | \$269.05 | 1985 | \$286.05 | Nov. Revised |          |
| 1983                                         | \$276.38 | 1986 | \$292.12 | 1988         | 1987     |
| 1984                                         | \$277.88 | 1987 | \$285.98 | \$281.01     | \$284.26 |

## DECEMBER 1988 Preliminary Hours and Earnings

| Industry            | Production<br>Employment<br>(Thousands) | Average<br>Weekly<br>Earnings | Average<br>Weekly<br>Hours | Average<br>Hourly<br>Earnings |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Total Private.....  | 170.9                                   | \$282.32                      | 32.6                       | \$ 8.66                       |
| Manufacturing.....  | 15.3                                    | \$440.10                      | 40.6                       | \$10.84                       |
| Durable Goods.....  | 10.5                                    | \$446.01                      | 41.8                       | \$10.67                       |
| Non-Durable.....    | 4.8                                     | \$426.38                      | 37.9                       | \$11.25                       |
| Mining.....         | 4.5                                     | \$554.61                      | 39.7                       | \$13.97                       |
| Construction.....   | 6.2                                     | \$547.19                      | 37.3                       | \$14.67                       |
| TCU.....            | 16.5                                    | \$462.94                      | 36.8                       | \$12.58                       |
| Transportation..... | 10.6                                    | \$423.87                      | 35.8                       | \$11.84                       |
| Commun/Pub Util.... | 5.9                                     | \$531.69                      | 38.5                       | \$13.81                       |
| Trade.....          | 65.7                                    | \$202.27                      | 30.1                       | \$6.72                        |
| Wholesale.....      | 12.4                                    | \$329.24                      | 36.3                       | \$9.07                        |
| Retail.....         | 53.3                                    | \$172.17                      | 28.6                       | \$6.02                        |
| FIRE.....           | 9.3                                     | \$253.75                      | 35.1                       | \$7.25                        |
| Services.....       | 53.5                                    | \$233.32                      | 30.7                       | \$7.60                        |

## \*\*New Business Firms

| State | GF   | BLNG | State | GF          | BLNG         |
|-------|------|------|-------|-------------|--------------|
| 1982  | 3818 | 261  | 524   | Dec. '88    | 318 32 52    |
| 1983  | 4208 | 309  | 627   | Dec. '87    | 188 17 25    |
| 1984  | 4377 | 303  | 620   | To Date '88 | 3397 289 500 |
| 1985  | 3785 | 306  | 641   | To Date '87 | 3421 267 495 |
| 1986  | 3531 | 290  | 572   |             |              |
| 1987  | 3421 | 267  | 495   |             |              |

National Consumer Price Index: CPI-U  
(All Items: 1982-1984=100)

| % Change from Year Ago<br>(Annual Averages) | Dec.<br>1988 | Nov.<br>1988 | Dec.<br>1987 |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1982                                        | 6.2%         | 1985         | 3.6%         |
| 1983                                        | 3.2%         | 1986         | 1.9%         |
| 1984                                        | 4.3%         | 1987         | 3.6%         |
| Index:                                      |              | 120.5        | 120.3        |
| %Change From:                               |              | 0.2%         | 115.4        |
|                                             |              |              | 4.4%         |

GF = Great Falls MSA BLNG = Billings MSA

\*Production workers are nonsupervisory and non-government payroll personnel

\*\*New Business firms registered with Unemployment Insurance Program



Good Afternoon:

My name is Richard Lane and I have come here today to support S.B. 134.

I had been working as a eye glass maker for an (optician) Doctor when he went out of business. This is the reason why I'm on General Relief. I haven't found a job yet as an optician, and I've been looking for a job in the optical field.

I've had a few odd jobs since I went on G.R., one time I made \$140.00 and was cut down to \$18.00 for G.R. and couldn't pay my rent. The landlady kicked me out and my son had an extra room he let me live in, for free, that month. If it wasn't for him, I would have been living on the street. I really appreciate G.R. because it really helps until I get a job although there isn't much out there to find.

I've been looking for any kind of work and hope to find a job so I can get off of G.R. and let someone else who really needs it have it.

I know in alot of cases there would be alot of homeless mothers with children and alot of men if it wasn't for G.R. until we get a job.

Thank you.

Valerie Towell  
501 W. Granite #107  
Butte, Mont  
59701

EXHIBIT 17

DATE 3-10-89

HB \_\_\_\_\_

March 10, 1989

Members of the Committee.

My name is Valerie Towell

my Husband & I are on G.R.

at this time, he is a welder &

millwright, so far Jobs are scarce.

we have thanked <sup>God</sup> many times for

G.R. I am pregnant so the medical

1 → card has really been appreciated

if we did not have welfare we

would be Homeless (streetwise) as I'm

sure many others also would.

Another <sup>thing</sup> to think about is if

2 you were to pass this bill,

the crime rate would not only

rise but many people would

be hurt & taken advantage of

3 → please stop & think about

these things before you vote

thank you very much

Valerie Towell

4 → In my apartment building I know

of at least 20 people on welfare.

5 about half are women with

small children who would not

Know what to do without state assistance.

A number of these people have mental + emotional problems which prevent them from being able to function in the workforce.



# MISSOULA COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

• Missoula County Courthouse • Missoula, Montana 59802  
(406) 721-5700

BCC-89-032  
February 27, 1989

Angela Russell, Chairman  
House Labor & Employment Committee  
Montana House of Representatives  
Capitol Station  
Room 312-1  
Helena, MT 59624

Dear Chairman Russell and Committee Members:

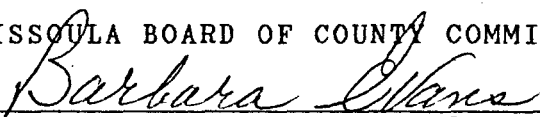
We are writing in support of SB-67, which would extend medical assistance eligibility for people who lose eligibility for Aid to Families with Dependent Children when they become employed. As people move off AFDC and become employed, they often remain in a period of transition for some time and, although basic needs may be met, they often can't afford health insurance and so are not able to provide basic medical care for themselves and their families.

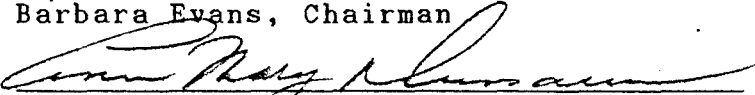
Extending medical assistance eligibility as proposed under this bill makes sense because transitional help would be provided to these families so that they can continue receiving basic level medical care. It also seems that this would be an added incentive to enable people who are making the transition between AFDC and employment to remain employed.

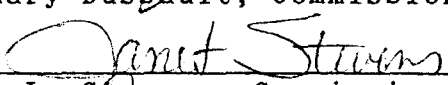
Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

MISSOULA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Barbara Evans, Chairman

  
Ann Mary Dussault, Commissioner

  
Janet L. Stevens, Commissioner

BCC/lm  
cc: Carole Graham, Director  
Missoula County Human Services  
Missoula Representatives

EXHIBIT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

HB \_\_\_\_\_



**MONTANA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION**

502 South 19th • Bozeman, Montana 59715  
Phone: (406) 587-3153

BILL # SB 99, 100 & 101 ; TESTIMONY BY: Valerie Larson

DATE 3/10/89 ; SUPPORT yes ; OPPOSE

Mdm.Chairman, members of the Committee, for the record, my name is Valerie Larson, representing 3600 Farm Bureau members from throughout Montana.

Farm Bureau supports Senate Bills 99, 100 and 101. We feel these bills are necessary to allow those involved in General Welfare Assistance have the provisions these bills give to encourage and help those in need of assistance to return to mainstream productivity.

SIGNED: Valerie Larson



**MONTANA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION**

502 South 19th • Bozeman, Montana 59715  
Phone: (406) 587-3153

BILL # SB 128

: TESTIMONY BY: Valerie Larson

DATE 3/10/89

: SUPPORT: yes OPPOSE

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, for the record, my name is Valerie Larson, representing 3600 Farm Bureau members from throughout the state.

Mr. Chairman, Farm Bureau support the concept of programs that enable employable recipients of General Relief Assistance to receive training that results in their finding a place in the work force in productive employment.

*Valerie Larson*

## VISITORS' REGISTER

HUMAN SERVICES AND AGING

COMMITTEE

BILL NO. SB 67

DATE 3/10/89

SPONSOR

| NAME (please print) | RESIDENCE                            | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Karen H. Anderson   | 936 Iowa Butte                       | X       |        |
| JUDITH CARLSON      | MT ASSN Soc Wk<br>Missoula           | ✓       |        |
| STEVE MARX          | MONT PEOPLES ACTION                  | X       |        |
| Liabeth Phillips    | 147 W Main<br>Missoula               | X       |        |
| Amy Ashwood         | 4622 South Ave<br>Missoula           | X       |        |
| Thomas Phillips     | 147 W. Main St<br>Missoula MONT MSLA | ✓       |        |
| SUSAN RICHTER       | MONT. PEOPLE'S ACTION                | ✓       |        |
| Liabeth Phillips    | 147 W Main Missoula                  | ✓       |        |
| David Mangum        | 22 n Idaho Butte                     | ✓       |        |
| DON STOW            | 131 S HICKS MSB                      | ✓       |        |
| Carl Bator          | 225 S Idaho Butte                    | ✓       |        |
| THOMAS DANKIN       | 1700                                 | ✓       |        |
| Jo Lindberg         | 1518 4th Ave. S. G.F.                | ✓       |        |
| Debbie M. Bynum     | 1301 15th AVE SO. GF                 | X       |        |
| Marie Schreder      | Helena MT                            | X       |        |
| John Antwein        | Ant Catholic Cong                    | X       |        |
| Jane Fleischman     | MTA/MSA.                             | X       |        |
| Brenda Novellund    | MT Women's Lobby                     | X       |        |
| Mignon Waterman     | MT- Assoc of Churches                | X       |        |

IF YOU CARE TO WRITE COMMENTS, ASK SECRETARY FOR WITNESS STATEMENT FORM.

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

# VISITORS' REGISTER

COMMITTEE

BILL NO. SB 67

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_

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## VISITORS' REGISTER

HUMAN SERVICES AND AGING

COMMITTEE

BILL NO. SB 99DATE 3/10/89

SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_

| NAME (please print)                         | RESIDENCE                         | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Valerie Larson                              | Farm Bureau Choteau               | X       |        |
| JUDITH CARLSON                              | Mt Assn Soc Wk                    | ✓       |        |
| Karen L. Andersen                           | 9316 Iowa Butte                   |         | X      |
| Richard B. Sprunt                           | 24 N. Main Butte                  |         | X      |
| BOB Scott                                   | 102 Geneva, Hamilton, MT          |         | X      |
| Amy Ashwood                                 | Missoula<br>4022 South Ave W #42  |         | X      |
| Thomas Phillips                             | Missoula, Mont<br>147 W. Main St. |         | X      |
| Lisbeth Phillips                            | 147 W Main<br>Missoula            |         | X      |
| Daniel Mangum                               | 22 N Idaho Butte                  |         | ✓      |
| Carl Bator                                  | 225 S. Idaho Butte                |         | ✓      |
| Jacqueline Erickson                         |                                   |         | ✓      |
| THOMAS DAVISON                              | 1700 COOLY #39                    |         | ✓      |
| Denise M. Byrd                              | 1301 1 <sup>st</sup> AVE SO. 6.F. |         | ✓      |
| Marie Schreiber                             | 1711 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave No 6.F.  |         | ✓      |
| Jo Lindberg                                 | 1518 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave S. 6.F.  |         | X      |
| Jim Fleishman                               | 1137 Sherwood, Mslr.              |         | X      |
| Jan A. Drenth <sup>Missoula</sup> Food Bank | 725 Alder #15                     |         | X      |
|                                             |                                   |         |        |
|                                             |                                   |         |        |

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## VISITORS' REGISTER

HUMAN SERVICES AND AGING

COMMITTEE

BILL NO. SB 100

DATE 3/10/89

SPONSOR

| NAME (please print) | RESIDENCE                       | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Valerie Larson      | Farm Bureau Choteau             | X       |        |
| JUDITH CARLSON      | MT. ASSN OF SOC WK              | ✓       |        |
| Karen H. Andersen   | 936 Iowa Butte                  |         | X      |
| STEVE MARRA         | 208 E MAIN MSCTA                |         | X      |
| BOB SCOTT           | MONI. PEOPLE'S OPT              |         | X      |
| Amy Ashwood         | 102 Geneva, Hamilton            |         | X      |
| Lisbeth Phillips    | 4012 S Ave W #42 mss            |         | X      |
| Donna (Hoe)         | 147 W Main                      |         | X      |
| Cecil Barton        | MISSOULA                        |         | +      |
| Thomas Phillips     | 151 S HICKINS                   |         | ✓      |
| THOMAS DAUVISN      | 147 W. Main St                  |         | ✓      |
| Jackie Backus       | MISSOULA MONT                   |         | ✓      |
| Denise M. Byrd      | 1700 COOLIDGE A34               |         | ✓      |
| Marie Schreiber     |                                 |         | ✓      |
| Ann H. Duncanson    | 1301 1 <sup>st</sup> AVE S. 6F  |         | X      |
| Jim Fleischer       | 1711 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave No. 6F |         | X      |
| Carl Duncanson      | 725 W Alder #15                 |         | X      |
|                     | 1137 Sherman MSCTA              |         | X      |
|                     |                                 |         |        |
|                     |                                 |         |        |
|                     |                                 |         |        |

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VISITORS' REGISTER  
HUMAN SERVICES AND AGING COMMITTEE

BILL NO. SB 101

DATE 3/10/89

SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_

| NAME (please print)       | RESIDENCE                            | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|--------|
| <i>Janet Dancuff</i>      | <i>7 and Birch 725 W. Alder #15</i>  |         |        |
| Valerie Larson            | Farm Bureau Choteau                  | X       | X      |
| JUDITH CARLSON            | MT Assn Soc Wk                       | ✓       |        |
| Karen L. Andersen         | 936 Iowa Butte                       |         | X      |
| Valerie Towell            | 501 W. Granite #107 <sup>Butte</sup> |         | X      |
| Donna Day                 | 624 A - 18th St S<br>9th Falls       |         | X      |
| <i>Donald McLeod</i>      |                                      |         | X      |
| RICHARD B. SPRUNK         | 24 N. MAIN BUTTE                     |         | X      |
| <i>HUGH ROBERTSON JR.</i> | 22 N. IDAHO BUTTE                    |         | X      |
| BOB SCOTT                 | 102 Geneva, HAMILTON MT              |         | X      |
| Steve Marx                | M.P.A. Missoula<br>228 E MAIN        |         | X      |
| <i>Amy Ashwood</i>        | <i>4022 South Ave W</i>              |         | X      |
| Michelle Cotton           | 2304A Ernest                         |         | X      |
| Billy R. Williams         | 2027 Burlington Mpls.                |         | X      |
| Kathy Peschel             | 9316 Steadway Hl Mpls.               | X       |        |
| Thomas Phillipe           | 144 W. Main St<br>Missoula Mont.     |         | X      |
| <i>Don Shae</i>           | <i>1550 Higgins</i>                  |         | X      |
| Lizabeth Phillips         | 147 W. Main<br>Missoula              |         | X      |
| Carl Benton               | 225 S. Idaho Butte                   |         | ✓      |
| <i>David Morgan</i>       | <i>22 N. Idaho Butte</i>             |         | ✓      |
| <i>Mark Tedman</i>        | <i>3480 N. Hannibal Butte</i>        |         | ✓      |

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*Jackie Lecky* Missoula  
PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

*Mike Ryz* 211 N. Rodney

THOMAS DALLIN 1700 Coolidge #

|                  |                                 | Supp. | Opp. |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-------|------|
| Marie Schreber   | 1711 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave. No 6F |       | X    |
| Jim Fleisch      | 1137 Sherwood, Wk.              |       | X    |
| Virginia Johnson | M.C.C.                          |       | ✓    |

## VISITORS' REGISTER

HUMAN SERVICES AND AGING

COMMITTEE

BILL NO. SB 128

DATE 3/10/89

SPONSOR

| NAME (please print)         | RESIDENCE                                   | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Karen W. Andersen           | 936 Iowa Butte                              | X       |        |
| <del>Richard B Sprunt</del> | <del>24 N Main Butte</del>                  |         | X      |
| Steve Marx                  | 208 E Main MSLA<br>MONTANA PEOPLE'S ACTION  | X       |        |
| Amy Ashwood                 |                                             | X       |        |
| Lizbeth Phillips            | 147 W Main<br>Missoula                      | X       |        |
| Thomas Phillips             | 147 W Main St<br>Missoula Mont.             | ✓       |        |
| Todd Skow                   | Missoula                                    | ✓       |        |
| Gail Benton                 | 225 S. Idaho Butte                          | ✓       |        |
| Don Mayan                   | 22 N Idaho Butte                            | ✓       |        |
| THOMAS DAVEN                | 1700 C OOLY                                 | ✓       |        |
| Jackie, Leckey              | MPA                                         | ✓       |        |
| Denise M. Byrd              | 1301 1 <sup>st</sup> AVE So 2 <sup>nd</sup> | X       |        |
| Marie Schreier              | 1711 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave N: GF              | X       |        |
| John Otten                  | mt catholic camp                            | X       |        |
| Chris Deery                 | LIVIN                                       |         |        |
| Brenda Novellund            | MT Women's lobby                            | X       |        |
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|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Valerie Larsson SB 128 | Farm Bureau Chateau                                  | X       |        |
| JUDITH CARLSON         | Mt. Assn Soc Wk                                      | ✓       |        |
| Bob Scott              | 102 Geneva, Hamilton                                 | ✓       |        |
| Amy Ashward            | no 22 <sup>Missouri</sup> South Ave W # 42           | X       |        |
| Thomas Phillips        | 147 W. Main St. <sup>Missouri</sup> <del>Rocky</del> | ✓       |        |
| DON SHOW               | 18150 HIGGINS M&A                                    | ✓       |        |
| <del>Carol</del>       |                                                      |         |        |
| Jacqueline Lockup      | Massena Mt                                           | ✓       |        |
| THOMAS DAVIS IV        | 1700 Cooks MSLA                                      | ✓       |        |
| John L. O'Brien        | Mt Catholi Cong                                      | ✓       |        |
| Mignon Waterman        | Mt. Assoc of Churches                                | ✓       |        |
| Bob Geroni             | Rep U.D. # 9                                         | ✓       |        |
| Chris Devery LWVM      |                                                      | ✓       |        |
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|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|--------|
| JUDITH CARLSON                                    | Mt ASSN 27-500 N             | ✓       |        |
| Kenneth H. Andersen                               | 936 Iowa Butte               | X       |        |
| Bob Scott                                         | 102 Geneva, Hamilton         | X       |        |
| Amy Ashwood                                       | 4022 South Ave W. Missoula   | X       |        |
| <del>Steve Ashwood</del>                          |                              |         |        |
| Firbeth Phillips                                  | 147 W Main<br>Missoula       | X       |        |
| Dan Mayers                                        | 22n Idaho Butte              | ✓       |        |
| Thomas Phillips                                   | 147 W. Main<br>Missoula Mont | ✓       |        |
| Dan Shaw                                          | 13150 Higgins<br>Missoula    | ✓       |        |
| THOMAS DANIEL N                                   | 1700 COOLY                   | ✓       |        |
| Jackie, Lockey                                    | YMCA                         | ✓       |        |
| Denise M. Byrd                                    | 1301 15th Ave So. GF.        | X       |        |
| Maie Schreier                                     | 1711 6th Ave No GF.          | X       |        |
| Marcia Schreder                                   | 1216 Butte Helena            | X       |        |
| Frank A. Duncan for <sup>Missoula</sup> Food Bank | 725 W. Alder #15             | X       |        |
| Brenda Nordlund                                   | Mt Women's Lobby             | X       |        |
| Mignon Waterman                                   | Mt. Assoc. of Churches       | X       |        |
| Ear Glover                                        | 147 A.D. #9                  | X       |        |
| Chris Denny                                       | LWV M                        | X       |        |

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|--------|
| JUDITH CARLSON                 | MT ASSN OF Soc Wk                     | ✓       |        |
| Karen H. Andersen              | 9310 Tower Butte                      | ✓       |        |
| Richard Lane                   | 225 S. Idaho <sup>23rd</sup> Butte    | ✓       |        |
| Donald McLeod                  |                                       | ✓       |        |
| BOB SCOTT                      | 102 Geneva Hamilton                   | ✓       |        |
| Amy Ashwood                    | 4022 South Ave W <sup>Missoula</sup>  | ✓       |        |
| Thomas Phillips                | 1414 W. Madison <sup>Missoula</sup>   | ✓       |        |
| Don Myron                      | 22 W Idaho Butte                      | ✓       |        |
| DON STALL                      | 10160 <sup>HIGHWAY</sup> MISSOULA     | ✓       |        |
| Gail Barton                    | 225 S. Idaho Butte                    | ✓       |        |
| Jacqueline Locky               |                                       | ✓       |        |
| Thomas Dawren                  | 1800 Coaly # 39                       | ✓       |        |
| Denise M. Byrd                 | 1301 15 <sup>th</sup> AVE SO. 6F      | ✓       |        |
| Bobbi M. Hayward               | 10316 Cedarwood Dr                    | ✓       |        |
| Jo Lindberg                    | 1518 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Gr. F's. | ✓       |        |
| John Ortuem                    | Mt Catholic Cong                      | ✓       |        |
| Maie Schreiber                 | 1711 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave N. 6F        | ✓       |        |
| Tom Duncan <sup>Missoula</sup> | 725 W Alder #15 <sup>Food Bank</sup>  | ✓       |        |
| Jim Fleischer                  | 1137 Sherman Mtn                      | ✓       |        |

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