

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 53rd LEGISLATURE - SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & AGING

Call to Order: By **REP. BRUCE SIMON, VICE-CHAIRMAN**, on December 15, 1993, at 5:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bruce Simon, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Stella Jean Hansen, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)
Rep. Ellen Bergman (R)
Rep. John Bohlinger (R)
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)
Rep. Duane Grimes (R)
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)
Rep. Tom Nelson (R)
Rep. Sheila Rice (D)
Rep. Angela Russell (D)
Rep. Tim Sayles (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)
Rep. Bill Strizich (D)

Members Excused: Rep. William Boharski
Rep. Liz Smith

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: David Niss, Legislative Council
Alberta Strachan, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:
Hearing: HB 66

REP. ANGELA RUSSELL, District 99, Lodge Grass, introduced the bill. Osteoporosis is a disease characterized by low bone mass and structural deterioration of the tissue. Twenty-five million Americans are affected with this disease. One out of every two women over the age of 50 have osteoporosis, related most often to bone fractures. **EXHIBITS 1 and 2**

PROPONENTS:

REP. BEVERLY BARNHART, District 80, Bozeman said she is the Women's Initiative spokesperson for Montana for the AARP. This

organization seeks to help women live longer and better lives through educational programs. Emphasising health and finances. She supports this bill.

REP. STELLA JEAN HANSEN, District 57, Missoula, stated her support of this bill.

Catherine Orr, Chief Counsel, Department of Health and Environmental Sciences, stated her department's support of this bill. This legislation would be included in the consumer safety program. She offered a technical amendment for Page 4, Section 4 regarding the special revenue account. This section refers to depositing grants in the state's special revenue fund established under this bill. Federal grants may not be placed in a state special revenue fund so the word "private" before "grants" on Line 10 should be inserted to take care of the concern.

OPPONENTS:

None.

QUESTIONS:

VICE-CHAIRMAN SIMON discussed the research program being conducted by the Deaconess Research Foundation on osteoporosis. He suggested that DHES contact the foundation about this matter.

Ms. Orr said that she was not aware of this program.

REP. BERGMAN asked how this bill was different from the research at the foundation. She wondered how the enactment of this bill would differ from the work being done at Deaconess.

REP. RUSSELL stated that the study at Deaconess has a screening program.

REP. SIMON stated that the program at Deaconess is a research study. They are taking actual cases of women and studying certain aspects of their disease process which is different from this bill which is an informational program to help the general population understand what the disease is and how to mitigate its effects on society.

REP. SAYLES stated in the fiscal note the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences would have conducted this program. The cost in the fiscal note was \$33,000 which was going to be procured through grants, gifts and endowments. He asked how the program will be implemented if the resources are not available to do this and whether there is a current funding source.

REP. RUSSELL said that department officials had stated this program could be folded into education programs currently being conducted. People need to be educated about this disease, and the national foundation might lead the state to some dollars to

at least get information out to organizations. REP. RUSSELL then closed on the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 88

Motion: REP. HANSON MADE A MOTION DO PASS. REP. DOWELL MADE A MOTION DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion: REP. SIMON asked Mr. Niss to explain the amendments.

REP. SQUIRES questioned the endowments and the adjustments of these endowments.

Motion/Vote: REP. DOWELL MADE A MOTION TO ADJUST THE MOTION TO AMEND. Motion passed unanimously. REP. HANSON MADE A MOTION DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 14-2 with REPS. MOLNAR AND SAYLES voting no.

INFORMATION HEARING COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENTS

Patty Guiberson, Director, Deer Lodge, Powell and Granite County Welfare Departments and Montana County Welfare Directors Association, stated that, because of mandates for welfare reform, welfare services have become inefficient, organizationally fragmented, and bureaucratically entrenched. It is time to look at service delivery also. It is an opportune time to do that. There was a new plan developed for the program which was a single point of entry. Administratively, the department is giving services to all of the programs in an attempt to discontinue doing some things. They include AFDC, WIC, public housing, mental health, hot lunch in the schools, Head Start, Montana legal services, jobs, LIEAP, the county indigent program, Outreach, food stamps, Medicaid, JTPA and day care. Individualized case management would be provided; regionalization must be established and privatization should be addressed. The present system works well. EXHIBIT 1

QUESTIONS:

REP. BARNHART questioned the cost savings.

Ms Guiberson said this would entail a different delivery system and shifting of services. Not every county would be able to do that but because of case loads, there are a number of people that need to be served.

REP. SQUIRES asked about eligibility technicians.


Ms. Guiberson said it takes two years to become competent their jobs.

REP. RICE asked if the Department of Family Services might again become a division of SRS.

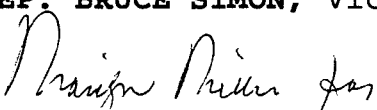
Dr. Peter Blouke, Director, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, stated the department had just completed the welfare system program. The administrative and organizational structures are being studied. Taking the best of all of the services is the goal and trying to put together an organizational system that will implement the welfare reform in the most efficient way. Montana is a unique state and one size is not going to fit all. These are very complex programs which will have a direct impact on many people. The department wants to look at all of the proposal. A final report of the Governor's Welfare Reform Advisory Council was presented. **EXHIBIT 2.**


ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:50 P.M.



REP. BRUCE SIMON, Vice-Chairman



ALBERTA STRACHAN, Secretary


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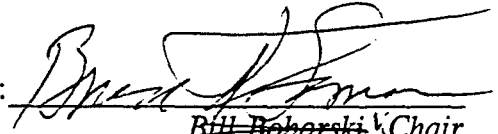
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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on Human Services and Aging report that House Bill 88 (first reading copy -- white) do pass as amended.

Signed:


Bill Boharski, Chair
Bruce Simon

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 4, line 11.

Strike: "public or private"

Insert: "nonfederal"

2. Page 4; line 14.

Following: "appropriation."

Insert: "Money from any federal source must be deposited in the federal special revenue fund."

-END-

Committee Vote:
Yes __, No __.

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Micrographs of biopsy specimens of normal and osteoporotic bone. PANEL A is from a 75-year-old normal woman. PANEL B is from a 47-year-old woman who had multiple vertebral compression fractures.

OSTEOPOROSIS FACTS

Effects of Hip Fracture

Each year osteoporosis leads to more than 1.3 million fractures, mostly of the hip, spine and wrist. More than 250,000 osteoporosis-related hip fractures occur annually, and these happen about three times more often in women than men. Among individuals with hip fractures, 50% will need some help with daily living activities and 15% to

20% will need care in a long-term care institution. But a hip fracture is even more serious than most of us think: some 12% to 20% of hip fracture victims die shortly after a fracture, usually from complications such as pneumonia or blood clots in the lung, which are related to either the fracture or surgery.

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Hip Fracture Patients

Among more than 250,000 hip fractures annually

More than 90% of all hip fractures are associated with osteoporosis



More than 95% require hospitalization, usually prolonged



50% lose ability to walk independently after hip fracture, and 30% of these become totally dependent



50% experience impaired quality of life



15-20% need care in a long-term care institution



12-20% die from complications within one year



Note: Within one year following hip fracture, a person may fall into two or more categories.

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***Report to the
Honorable Marc Racicot, Governor
State of Montana***

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***FINAL REPORT OF THE
GOVERNOR'S WELFARE
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SUBMITTED BY

THE COUNTY DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION

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