

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 53rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL 145

Call to Order: By Senator Waterman, on April 14, 1993, at 7:52 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Waterman, Chair (D)
Sen. Stang (D)
Sen. Harding (R)
Rep. Winslow (R)
Rep. J. Johnson (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. B. Clark, Chair (R)

Staff Present: Connie Erickson, Legislative Council
David Martin, Committee Secretary

Discussion:

Sen. Waterman said the first and third amendments would eliminate the language directing the department to conduct the demonstration project because without the funding that was originally in the bill, the demonstration project would not be possible.

She said the second amendment strikes language that should have been struck in the House when it removed the funding source. She said language was inserted to include donations and grants for the purpose of providing services for persons with a traumatic brain injury. She said the only purpose of the trust fund will be to receive donations or grants and there is some indication some of these monies could become available over the next couple of years.

Sen. Waterman said she had talked to members about an amendment which would allow budget authority for federal matching funds if a Medicaid waiver is obtained.

Sen. Stang said the amendment only referred to donations and grants, he asked about the money "they found on the floor" and if that money could be used.

Sen. Waterman said the money will be used to fund a model waiver project, and referred the Committee to Nancy Ellery.

Nancy Ellery, Administrator of the Medicaid Division, said a model waiver would limit the number of people that would be served with this amount of dollars to 5 or 6 people per year. She said that generates a federal match and would allow a set of services to be provided that are not normally available under the Medicaid program. She said services would go to a select group of people and would not be an entitlement program which would be open to everyone. She said this would allow for testing to see what is effective in dealing with this problem.

Sen. Waterman said if the Legislature wanted to use the money in HB 2 to do what the bill originally intended, to provide for a demonstration project, then matching funds would not be available. She asked if the state would only receive \$50,000 per year. Ms. Ellery said some matching funds might be available from Medicaid. She said with the money in HB 2, only Medicaid eligibles could be served to qualify for the regular service match, which is two and one-half dollars for every dollar spent. She said under the demonstration project, it would not limit funds only to Medicaid eligibles.

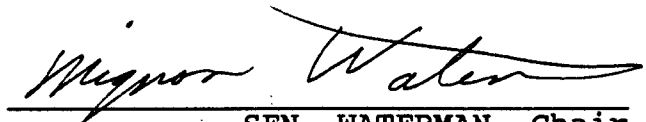
Sen. Waterman asked if it were possible that the Medicaid model waiver would not be available. Ms. Ellery said she doubted there would be a problem. She said, under President Clinton, it should be easier, as well as quicker to get these funds.

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Johnson moved adoption of the amendments (Exhibit #1). The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Rep. Clark was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 7:57 a.m.



SEN. WATERMAN, Chair



DAVID MARTIN, Secretary

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Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

We, your Free Conference Committee on Senate Bill No. 145, met and considered:

Senate Bill No. 145 in its entirety

We recommend that Senate Bill No. 145 (reference copy - salmon) be amended as follows:

1. Title, line 10 through line 14.

Strike: "DIRECTING" on line 10 through "INJURY;" on line 14

2. Page 2, lines 20 and 21.

Strike: "revenue" on line 20 through "3-10-601(5)" on line 21

Insert: "donations or grants received for the purpose of providing services for persons suffering from traumatic brain injury"

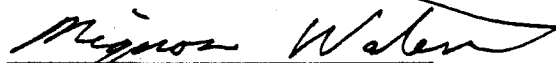
3. Page 2, line 25 through page 3, line 22.

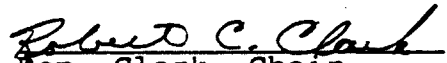
Strike: section 3 in its entirety

And that this Free Conference Committee report be adopted.

For the Senate:

For the House:


Sen. Waterman, Chair




Rep. Clark, Chair


Sen. Stang


Rep. Winslow


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Amendments to Senate Bill No. 145
Reference Reading Copy

Requested by Senator Waterman and Representative Clark
For the Free Conference Committee on SB 145

Prepared by Connie Erickson
April 8, 1993

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