

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By Chairman Duane Grimes, on January 13, 1997, at 3:00 p.m., in room 104.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Duane Grimes, Chairman (R)
Rep. Loren L. Soft, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)
Rep. Carolyn M. Squires, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)
Rep. Chris Ahner (R)
Rep. Ellen Bergman (R)
Rep. William E. Boharski (R)
Rep. John C. Bohlinger (R)
Rep. Bill Carey (D)
Rep. Deb Kottel (D)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)
Rep. Wes Prouse (R)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)
Rep. Bruce T. Simon (R)
Rep. Liz Smith (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Bohlinger

Staff Present: David Niss, Legislative Services Division
Jaelene Racicot, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 46, HB 144, & HB 129 (1-13-97)
Executive Action: HB 144

HEARING ON HB 46

Sponsor: REP. LARRY GRINDE, HD 94, introduced the bill. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .3; Comments: None.}

Proponents: Susan Good, Montana Association of Life Underwriters & Heal Montana.
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.6; Comments: None.}

Tany Ask, Blue Cross/Blue Shield. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.7; Comments: Ms. Ask offered an amendment and handed in written testimony. Exhibit 1.}

Jerry Loendorf, Montana Medical Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.6; Comments: Mr. Loendorf offered an amendment.}

Micheal Bergkamp, Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 13.4; Comments: Dr. Berkamp offered an amendment.}

Rose Hughes, Montana Podiatric Medical Association & Montana Optometric Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.2; Comments: Exhibits 2 & 3.}

Tom Hopgood, Health Insurance of America. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.0; Comments: None.}

Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Association of Health Care Purchasers. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.5; Comments: None.}

Claudia Clifford, State Auditor's Office. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.5; Comments: None.}

Tom Ebzery, Yellowstone Community Health Plan. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.7; Comments: None.}

Mark Staples, Montana Chiropractic Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.4; Comments: None.}

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0; Comments: Mark Staples continues his testimony.}

Barbara Booher, Montana Nurses Association. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: .7; Comments: None.}

Mary Allen, Montana Medical Plan. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.8; Comments: None.}

Gloria Hermanson, Montana Academy of Opththal & Montana Psychol Association. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.5; Comments: None.}

Mona Jamison, Montana Physical Therapy Association. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 4.2; Comments: Ms. Jamison offered an amendment.}

John Flink, Montana Hospital Association. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 7.3; Comments: None.}

Opponents: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

REP. BILL BOHARSKI. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 8.3;
Comments: Questioned Mr. Loendorf.}

REP. BILL BOHARSKI. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 14.5;
Comments: Questioned Ms. Ask.}

REP. BILL CAREY. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 22.9;
Comments: Questioned Mr. Loendorf.}

REP. BRUCE SIMON. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 24.3;
Comments: Questioned Ms. Clifford.}

REP. DEB KOTTEL. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 27.7;
Comments: Questioned Ms. Good.}

REP. DEB KOTTEL. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 29.4;
Comments: Questioned Ms. Ask.}

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0; Comments: Ms. Ask
continues answering Rep. Kottel's question.}

REP. LOREN SOFT. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.2;
Comments: Questioned Ms. Ask.}

REP. LOREN SOFT. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.2;
Comments: Questioned Mr. Hopgood.}

REP. DIANE SANDS. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.9;
Comments: Questioned Ms. Ask.}

REP. BILLIE KRENZLER. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count:
13.8; Comments: Questioned Ms. Ask.}

CHAIRMAN DUANE GRIMES. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count:
18.3; Comments: Questioned Tom Ebzery.}

CHAIRMAN DUANE GRIMES. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count:
20.3; Comments: Questioned Ms. Good.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. LARRY GRINDE closed. {Tape: 2; Side: A;
Approx. Time Count: 22.9; Comments: Rep. Grinde stated the bill
would have no fiscal impact.}

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 144

Sponsor: REP. BRUCE SIMON introduced the bill.

Proponents: Emy Neuman-Javorik, Legislator's Auditor's Office.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1.5; Comments: None.}

Claudia Clifford, State Auditor's Office. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.2; Comments: None.}

Opponents: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor: REP. BRUCE SIMON closed. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.8; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 129

Sponsor: REP. LOREN SOFT, HD 12, introduced the bill. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.0; Comments: None.}

Proponents: Hank Hundson, Dept. of Public Health and Human Services. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.5; Comments: None.}

Ann Gilkey, Dept. of Public Health and Human Services. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.9; Comments: Exhibit 4.}

Mary Alice Cook, Advocate for Children and Families. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 4.5; Comments: None.}

Opponents: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

REP. DEB KOTTEL. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 5.4; Comments: Questioned Ann Gilkey.}

REP. BRUCE SIMON. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 7.2; Comments: Questioned Rep. Soft.}

REP. BRUCE SIMON. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 14.8; Comments: Questioned Ann Gilkey.}

REP. WES PROUSE. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 18.9; Comments: Questioned Hank Hudson.}

REP. BRAD MOLNAR. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21.8; Comments: Questioned Hank Hudson.}

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0; Comments: Mr. Hudson continues answering Rep. Molnar's question.}

REP. DEB KOTTEL. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.2;
Comments: Questioned Ann Gilkey.}

REP. WES PROUSE. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.8;
Comments: Questioned Mr. Hudson.}

REP. BRUCE SIMON. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.3;
Comments: Questioned Hank Hudson.}

REP. LIZ SMITH. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 13.3;
Comments: Questioned Hank Hudson.}

REP. BILL CAREY. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.9;
Comments: Questioned Ann Gilkey.}

REP. WES PROUSE. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26.8;
Comments: Questioned Hank Hudson.}

CHAIRMAN DUANE GRIMES. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count:
29.5; Comments: Questioned Hank Hudson.}

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0; Comments: CHAIRMAN
GRIMES continued questioning Hank Hudson.}

REP. BRAD MOLNAR. {Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1.4;
Comments: Questioned Hank Hudson.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. LOREN SOFT closed. {Tape: 3; Side: B;
Approx. Time Count: 2.1; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 144


Amendments: None

Motion/Vote: REP. CAROLYN SQUIRES moved do pass. REP. LIZ
SMITH seconded the motion. {Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time
Count: 5.9; Comments: None.}

Vote: The motion carried. Vote 15-0

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:04 p.m.



REP. DUANE GRIMES, Chairman



JAELENE RADICOT, Secretary

DG/JR