

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN DUANE GRIMES, on January 24, 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: None

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 297 (1-20-97)
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 297

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. MATT MCCANN, HD 92, introduced the bill. {Tape: 1; Side: A;
Approx. Time Count: 1.8.}

Proponents' Testimony:

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David Murdock, M.D., Kalispell. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.3.}

Steve Behlmer, M.D., Helena. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.4.}

Bill Bahny, Self. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.2.}

Susan Good, Montana Academy of Dermatology. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.9; Comments: See EXHIBIT 1.}

Rep. John Bohlinger, HD 14. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.1.}

Robert Korenberg, M.D., Montana Academy of Dermatology. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 30.6.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Mike Strekall, M.D., Self. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 36.3.}

Chuck Butler, Blue Cross/Blue Shield. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 42.8; Comments: Tape recorder speed knob had been bumped and was taping on the 2.4 speed. At Mr. Butler's testimony, the tape speed was reset at 4.8.}

Tom Hopgood, Health Insurance Association of America. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 48.4.}

Bill McDonald, Montana Health Care Purchasers. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 51.2.}

Tom Ebzery, Yellowstone Community Health Plan. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 55.9.}

Anita Bennett, Montana Logging Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 57.2.}

Joyce Brown, Dept. of Administration - State Employee Benefit Plan. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 60.4; Comments: See EXHIBITS 2 & 3.}

Jim Crighton, Blue Cross/Blue Shield. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 65.9.}

Mary Dalton, Dept. of Public Health and Human Services. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.}

Informational Testimony:

Claudia Clifford, State Auditor's Office. {Tape: 1; Side: B;
Approx. Time Count: .6.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

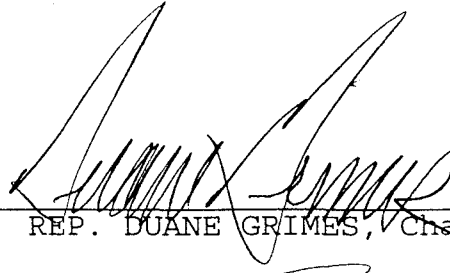
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1.3.}

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. MATT MCCANN closed {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count:
20.7; Comments: See EXHIBIT 4.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:30 P.M.



REP. DUANE GRIMES, Chairman



JAELENE RACICOT, Secretary

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