

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** By CHAIRMAN DUANE GRIMES, on March 27, 1997, at 7:00 A.M., in ROOM 108.

**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. 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. Liz Smith (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Ahner & Rep. Simon

**Members Absent:** None

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

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SJR 16 (3-25-97)  
Executive Action: SB 378 Be Concurred In As  
Amended 10 - 6.

REP. GRIMES explained the committee would hear SJR 16 and then begin taking executive action SB 378.

**HEARING ON SJR 16**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

SEN. DEBBIE BOWMAN SHEA, SD 18, introduced the bill. {Tape: 1;  
Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .8.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Verner Bertleson, Montana Senior Citizens Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.4.}

Alve Thomas, AARP. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.9.}

Charlie Briggs, Montana Association on Aging. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.2.}

Mike Hanshew, Department of Public Health and Human Services. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.8.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.6.}

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. BOWMAN SHEA closed. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.7.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 16

Motion: REP. SANDS MOVED SJR 16 BE CONCURRED IN. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 4.9.}

Discussion:

REP. BOHARSKI. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 5.1.}

Motion/Vote: REP. ADAMS MOVED TO TABLE SJR 16. THE MOTION FAILED. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.5.}

Motion/Vote: REP. SQUIRES MOVED SJR 16 BE CONCURRED IN. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. THE MOTION FAILED 7 - 9. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.7.}

Discussion:

REP. GRIMES. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 7.7.}

Motion: REP. SQUIRES MOVED TO RECONSIDER ACTION ON SJR 16. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 7.9.}

Discussion:

REP. KOTTEL TALKED ABOUT RECONSIDERING THE COMMITTEE'S ACTION ON SJR 16. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 9.0.}

REP. ADAMS. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 12.1.}  
REP. MOLNAR. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 12.6.}  
REP. BOHLINGER. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 14.4.}  
REP. BERGMAN. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 16.0.}  
REP. BOHARSKI. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 17.9.}  
REP. SOFT. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 19.2;  
Comments: Questioned REP. MOLNAR.}

Motion: REP. BOHARSKI MOVED TO TABLE SJR 16. {Tape: 1; Side: B;  
Approx. Time Count: 21.0.}

Discussion:

REP. SMITH. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21.1;  
Comments: Questioned REP. GRIMES.}  
REP. SQUIRES. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21.7.}  
REP. BERGMAN. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 22.7.}  
REP. BOHARSKI. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 23.0.}

Vote: A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. THE MOTION FAILED 7 - 8.  
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 25.8.}

Motion/Vote: REP. KOTTEL MOVED SJR 16 BE CONCURRED IN. A ROLL  
CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. THE MOTION FAILED 7 - 8. {Tape: 1; Side:  
B; Approx. Time Count: 26.3.}

Discussion: REP. GRIMES STATED THE GOVERNOR OFFERED AN AMENDMENT  
TO HB 66. THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED WITH THE GOVERNOR'S  
SUGGESTION. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 27.6.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 378

Motion: REP. SMITH MOVED SB 378 BE CONCURRED IN. {Tape: 2;  
Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .3.}

Discussion:

REP. SANDS. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .9.}

Motion/Vote: REP. GRIMES MOVED THE GRIMES AMENDMENT. THE MOTION  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count:  
1.2.}

Discussion:

REP. BOHARSKI. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.8.}

Motion: REP. SANDS MOVED SB 378 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.  
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.3.}

Discussion:

REP. GRIMES. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.5.}

Motion/Vote: REP. SANDS MOVED THE STATE AUDITOR'S AMENDMENTS.  
THE MOTION CARRIED. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.8.}

Discussion:

Tanya Ask, Blue Cross/Blue Shield was asked to comment on the amendments. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.5.}

REP. GRIMES. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.0.}

Motion: REP. SANDS MOVED SB 378 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.  
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.1.}

Discussion:

David Niss. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.0.}

Motion/Vote: REP. GRIMES MOVED TO AMEND SB 378. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Motion: REP. SANDS MOVED SB 378 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.  
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.2.}

Discussion:

REP. BERGMAN. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.7.}

REP. GRIMES. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.7.}

REP. BOHARSKI. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.0.}

David Niss. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.2.}

REP. BOHARSKI. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.7;  
Comments: Questioned David Niss.}

REP. SANDS. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.3.}

REP. GRIMES. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.4.}

Motion: REP. MOLNAR MOVED TO AMEND SB 378. {Tape: 2; Side: A;  
Approx. Time Count: 11.8.}

Discussion:

REP. GRIMES. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 13.1.}

REP. BOHARSKI. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 13.5;  
Comments: Questioned REP. MOLNAR.}

REP. KOTTEL. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.7.}

Motion/Vote: REP. BOHARSKI OFFERED A SUBSTITUTE MOTION AND MOVED  
TO AMEND SB 378. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. THE MOTION CARRIED  
8 - 7. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.5.}

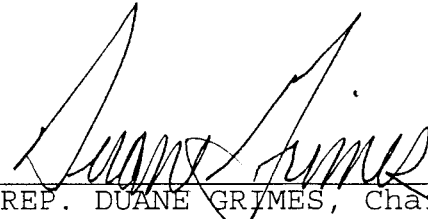
David Niss. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.0.}

Motion: REP. GRIMES MOVED SB 378 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.  
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.3.}

The committee reconsidered action on SB 378 later in the day.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:24 A.M.



REP. DUANE GRIMES, Chairman



JAELENE RACIROT, Secretary

DG/JR