

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & AGING

Call to Order: By Chairman Betty Lou Kasten, on January 8, 1997,
at 8:00 a.m., in room 108

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Betty Lou Kasten, Chairman (R)
Sen. Charles "Chuck" Swysgood, Vice-Chairman (R)
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)
Sen. James H. "Jim" Burnett (R)
Rep. John Cobb (R)
Sen. Mignon Waterman (D)

Staff Present: Pam Joehler, Legislative Fiscal Division
Joanne Chance, Legislative Fiscal Division
Ellen Garritty, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON PROCEDURE FOR BUDGET CUTS. Miller amendment states that vacancy savings cannot be used.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 9.0; Comments: Chairman Kasten called the meeting to order.}

BUDGET ITEM: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIRECTOR'S OFFICE:

Tape 1; Side B; Approx. Time Count: 9.5

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 12.0; Comments: Proposal to continue the Montana Health Care Advisory Council, Cindy Lewis, Chairman of Council.}

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.5; Comments: Rep. Duane Grimes, member of Advisory Council.}

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 14.5; Comments: Rep. Emily Swanson, member of Advisory Council.}

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 19.8; Comments: Sen. Mike Foster, member of Advisory Council.}

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 31.3; Comments: Sen. Benedict, member of Advisory Council.}

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.0; Comments: Testimony on Montana Health Information Network: Tanya Ask, Blue Cross, testified for the Network.}

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{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.1; Comments: Russell Hill, Montana Trial Lawyers Association, spoke in opposition to the Network. EXHIBIT #1}

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 7.5; Comments: Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association, spoke in support of the Network.}

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.0; Comments: Kate Cholewa, Montana Women's Lobby, testified that the Network would better be created by a bill.}

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.5; Comments: Ms. Ekanger presented budget for the Telecommunications Services for the Disabled.}

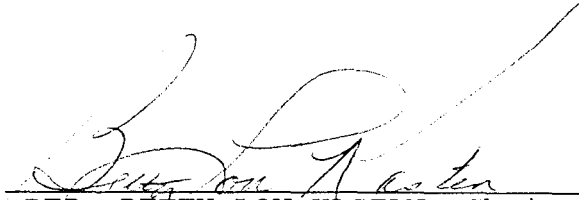
{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.0; Comments: Dan Poulot, Director of the Program, testified.}

BUDGET ITEM: DPHHS, OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

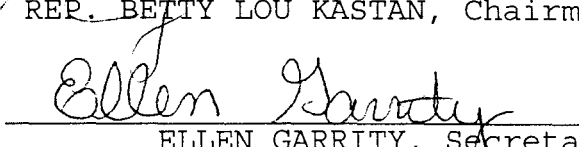
{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 20.0; Comments: Mike Billings presented the budget for the Operations and Technology Division. EXHIBIT #2.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: noon



REP. BETTY LOU KASTAN, Chairman



ELLEN GARRITY, Secretary

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