

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 16, 1997, at 8 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) (excused) arrived at 11 a.m.
Sen. Mignon Waterman (D)

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

TESTIMONY

Rep. Bill Whitehead, HD 98
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.1; Comments: Testified regarding welfare and unemployment on the reservations.}

Jeff Rudd, Bozeman, Director of HRDC
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.4; Comments: Discussed affordable housing.}

Leslie Colbrese, ACTION for Eastern Montana
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.4; Comments: Testified in support of energy assistance program, ACTION, HRDC, and Food Bank Network.}

ROUND TABLE

Greg Petesch, Director of Legal Services, Legislative Services Division
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.0; Comments: Discussed Health Care Advisory Council database request. Legislative needs to clarify what it intended in database.}

Hank Hudson, Director, Child and Families Support Division
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1.0; Comments: DPHHS through HB 146 seeks to clarify that the activities of participants in the public assistance job programs and the public

services of in-home foster care parents do not constitute employment for the purposes of certain labor laws.

Exhibit #1, Amendments to HB 146

Exhibit #2, Hours of Participation

Exhibit #3, Rates, rate numbers, and numbers need to meet rates

Exhibit #4, Worker's Compensation Status for Public Assistance Recipients at Work Experience Sites

Exhibit #5, Summary of HB 246

Exhibit #6, HB #146}

Karlene Leonard, Bureau Chief, Public Assistance Bureau

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.6.}

BUDGET HEARING, CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION

Shirley Brown, Bureau Chief, Program Management Bureau

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 25.4; Comments: Exhibit #7, copy of testimony.}

Linda Currie, Public Assistance Bureau

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.0; Comments: Contract monitoring.}

Frank Kromkowski, Unit Supervisor, Head Start State Collaboration Project

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 13.0; Comments: Exhibit #8, letter from the governor regarding Head Start State Collaboration Project; Exhibit #9, Program Description of Head Start State Collaboration Project.}

Frank Kromkowski, Unit Supervisor, Child and Adult Care Food Program

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.3; Comments: Exhibit #10, Child and Adult Care Food Program.}

Hank Hudson

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 4.7; Comments: Food Program.}

Richard Kerstein, Bureau Chief, Family Services Bureau

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 7.1; Comments: Thanked Subcommittee for its attention yesterday.}

Jim Nolan, Chief, Intergovernmental Human Services Bureau

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 11.0; Comments: Exhibit #11, DPHHS Low Income Energy Assistance Program Summary.}

Lois Steinbeck, Bureau Chief, Fiscal Bureau, CFSD

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 19.6; Comments: Spending authority is under new proposals.}

Jim Nolan, continued

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 22.4.}

Peggy Grimes, Executive Director of the Food Bank Program

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.0; Comments: Testified regarding the food bank and hunters for hunger.}

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Matthew Dale, Director, Friendship Center in Helena

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.5.}

Peggy Grimes

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.1; Comments: Sharing successes of Montana Food Bank Network.}

Dick Rule, Butte Food Bank

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.}

Peggy Grimes

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.2; Comments: effects of welfare reform.}

Patrick Flaherty, Helena Food Share, 920 Front St, Helena

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.2; Comments: Exhibit #11, Chart of Emergency Food Basket by household.}

Betty Wadahl, Montana Association of Churches

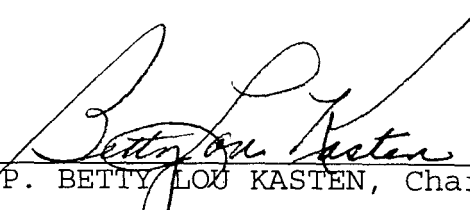
{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.6.}

Wyman McDonald, Coordinator, Office of Indian Affairs, Governor's Office


{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.8. Comments: How welfare reform affects the reservations.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:20 p.m.



REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN, Chairman



ELLEN GARRITY, Secretary