

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & AGING

Call to Order: By Chairman Kasten, on January 29, 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)
Sen. James H. "Jim" Burnett (R)
Rep. John Cobb (R)
Sen. Mignon Waterman (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)

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

Committee Business Summary:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .5; Comments: Exhibit #1, report from Mike Billings, Administrator, Operations and Technology Division; reply to Legislative Auditor's report.}

HEARING ON SENIOR AND LONG TERM CARE DIVISION, AGING SERVICES,
VETERANS' HOMES FUNCTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES

Tape No. 1A

Testified in support of funding for Senior and Long Term Care
Division, Aging Services, Veterans' Homes

Rep. John Johnson, Glendive

Rep. Carolyn Squires, HD 68, Missoula

Rep. Toni Hagener, HD 90, Havre

Rep. Red Menahan, HD 57, Anaconda

Jim Jacobsen, Administrator, Montana Veterans' Affairs Division

Verner Bertelsen, Montana Senior Citizens' Association and Legacy
Legislature

Joe Brand, State Legislative Chair of the Veterans' of Foreign
Wars

Terry Minow, Montana Federal of State Employees

Hal Manson, American Legion

Pat Estenson, Administrator of Montana Veterans' Home in Columbia Falls

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.1; Comments: Exhibit #2, letter from patient in MVH.}

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.9; Comments: Exhibit 2A, letter on behalf of Montana Veterans' Home.}

Agnes Crow, Billings

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.0; Comments: Exhibit #3, testimony.}

Susan Kohler, Missoula Aging Services

Kent Ellsworth, Missoula Aging Services

Connie Bremner, Blackfeet Tribe

Debbie Reimnitz, RN, Flathead County

Lori Brengle, Director, Area I Agency on Aging

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 42.4; Comments: Exhibit #4, testimony.}

Kim , Fergus County Office on Aging

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 44.2; Comments: Exhibit #5, testimony from Mary McMurchie, Billings.}

Geri Burnett, Round, Area II Agency on Aging

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 44.8; Comments: Exhibit #6, testimony.}

Tape 1B

Duane Lutke, Area VI Area on Aging

Irene Schuchard, Director, Wheatland County Senior Citizens Center

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 12.3; Comments: Exhibit #7, letters from Wheatland County Senior citizens.}

Karen Erdie, Area II Agency on Aging

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.0; Comments: Exhibit #8, testimony.}

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 14.7; Comments: Exhibit #9, letters from Area II senior citizens.}

Jim Meldrum, Montana Independent Living Project

Ena Simpson, Lake County Home/Health Care Board

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 28.7; Comments: Exhibit #10 from Doug Campbell, Missoula.}

Charlie Briggs, Rocky Mountain Agency on Aging

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 29.2; Comments: Exhibit #11, testimony.}

Chet Kinsey, Helena, Montana Senior Citizens Association

Rep. Bob Pavlovich, Butte

Rhonda Wisner, Conrad, Area III Agency on Aging

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 33.5; Comments: Exhibit #12, letters from Conrad area senior citizens.}

Leslie Halligan, Missoula City Attorney, Attorney for Adult Protective Services

Marsha Burnett, DPHHS, Livingston, Supervisor in Adult Protective Services

Tape 2A

Darrell Lamere, Title II Program, Adult Protective Services, on Montana reservations

Lorraine Van Orsdol, Bozeman, Clerk of District Court and Public Administration

Beau Ann Melcher, Yellowstone County Council on Aging

Sharon Wickens, Business Manager of the Fergus County Council on Aging

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 12.7; Comments: Exhibit #13, testimony.}

Darcy Saunders, DPHHS, Gallatin County Adult Protective Services

Curtis Larson, Bozeman

Todd Wood, Billings Adult Protective Services

Grace Bowman, Director, Billings Chapter of Partnerships Elder Abuse

Robin Chrinsteener, Billings Community Center

Darcy Dahl, Bozeman Police Detective

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 41.5; Comments: Exhibit #14, copy of Montana Elder and Persons With Developmental Disabilities Abuse Prevention Act.}

Tape 2B

Alve Thomas, AARP

Gary Connelley, Billings Attorney, member of Billings Elder Abuse
Chapter


Jim Atkinson, Area IX Area on Aging

CONCLUSION OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY


{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 15.0; Comments: Exhibit
#15, Legislative Fiscal Division Reduction Targets.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:50 a.m.



REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN, Chairman



ELLEN GARRITY, Secretary

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