

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 30, 1997, at 8 a.m., in room 325.

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)
Sen. Mignon Waterman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. John Cobb (R)

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

Committee Business Summary:

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chad Smith, representing Shodair Children's Hospital in Helena
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.4; Comments: Exhibit #1.
Mr. Smith spoke in support of Medical Genetics Appropriation in
HB 2.}

Jack Casey, Administrator of Shodair Children's Hospital

Dr. Jim Reynolds, Shodair Children's Hospital
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.9; Comments Exhibit
#2.}

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

Tape No. 1

The following persons testified in support of funding for Senior and Long Term Care Division:

Lori Brengle, Glendive, Area IV on Aging, supporting Home/Health Care

Connie Bremner, Blackfeet Tribe

Dorothy Monroe, Browning, Personal Care Attendant, supporting home and community-based services

Toni Gervais, Blackfeet Tribe, Personal Care Attendant,
supporting personal care attendants

Polly Nikolaisen, Kalispell, Governor's Council on Aging
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.0; Comments: Exhibit
#3.}

Judy Graham, Montana Association of Home/Health Care Agencies
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.2; Comments: Exhibit
#4.}

Verner Bertelsen, Helena, Montana Senior Citizens Association,
Legacy Legislature, supporting transfer of senior protective
services to Senior and Long Term Care Division

Ken Brown, Director of Opportunity Resources in Missoula
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.5; Comments: Exhibit
#5.}

Bill Jones, Accessible Space, Inc.
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 43.2; Comments: Exhibit
#6.}

Bonnie McGowan, Northern Rocky Mountain Easter Seal

Tyler Curtis, Choteau, supporting Home/Health Care

Debra Kenyear, Easter Seal

Mindy Vaughn, Easter Seal, supporting Medicaid waiver program

Dave Stewart, Medicaid Wavier, ASI, supporting Medicaid waiver
program

Greg Stewart, supporting Medicaid waiver

Tony Krohner

Allen MacPhyme, Medicaid Waiver, ASI, supporting Medicaid waiver
program

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 61.9; Comments: Exhibit #7
from WestMont.}

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 62.8; Comments: Exhibit #8
from Montana Independent Living Project.}

Jan Majerus, Northern Rocky Mountain Easter Seal

Fern Prather, Governor's Council on Aging, supporting Medicaid
waiver program

Lauri Morrow, Helena, supporting Medicaid waiver program

Gail Porro, Great Falls, supporting expansion of Home and
Community Based Services
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 64.0; Comments: Exhibit
#8B.}

Charles Briggs, Montana Area Agencies on Aging

Tom Osborn, Executive Director of North Central Independent
Living Project

Barbara Larson, Montana Technology Project, supporting Home and
Community-Based Services

Tape 1B

Dr. James Cremins, Community Bridges, Missoula, supporting
Medicaid waiver program
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1.1; Comments: Exhibit
#8A.}

Alve Thomas, AARP, Helena
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 5.7; Comments: Exhibit
#9.}

Stan McEntire, Bozeman, supporting personal care attendants

Ernie Pepis, Bozeman, supporting personal care attendants

Dave Stewart, Medicaid Waiver, ASI, supporting personal care
attendants

Kathy , Great Falls, supporting independent-living apartments

Chet Kinsey, Montana Low Income Coalition

Jennifer Walton, personal care attendant

Thomas , Missoula, supporting independent-living apartments

Paul Stanley
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 38.1; Comments: Exhibit
#9A.}

Pam Nelson
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 39.3; Comments: Exhibit
#9B.}

John Wallace, Leisure Care, Inc.
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 40.3; Comments: Exhibit
#10.}

Tape 2A

Rose Hughes, Executive Director of the Montana Health Care Association, supported rate increase for nursing homes
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.2; Comments: Exhibit #10A.}

Bob Olson, Montana Hospital Association
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.9; Comments: Exhibit #11.}

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.0; Comments: Exhibit #12 from Barbara Walten for Home and Community Based Services.}

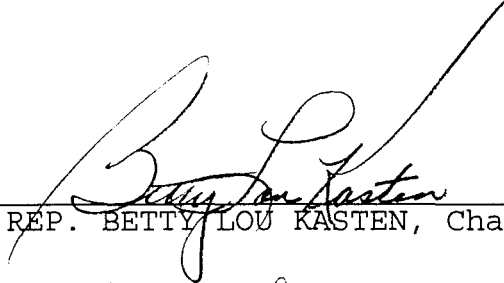
Melissa Case, United Health Care Workers' Union, supporting higher wages for nursing home staff.

Linda Cuchine, Helena, supporting Community-Based Services
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.0; Comments: Exhibit #13.}

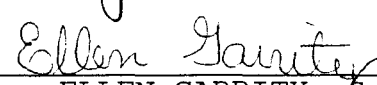
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26.1; Comments: Exhibit #14 from Lorry Atkins in support of adult day care.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:10 a.m.



REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN, Chairman



ELLEN GARRITY, Secretary

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