

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN ROYAL C. JOHNSON, on January 31, 1997, at 8:06 AM, in room 312-2 at the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Royal C. Johnson, Chairman (R)
Sen. Daryl Toews, Vice-Chairman (R)
Rep. Don Holland (R)
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)
Sen. Ken Miller (R)
Rep. Ray Peck (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sandy Whitney, Legislative Fiscal Division
Connie Jacobs, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: Family Residency, Distance Learning and Commissioner of Higher Education, 1/30/97.
Executive Action: Office of Public Instruction, Distribution to Public Schools.

HEARING ON FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Commissioner Dick Crofts and Montana State University President Michael Malone provide opening remarks about the costs involved with administering the family practice residency program. Dr. Frank Michels, Program Manager of Family Practice Residency Program, presented an overview of the program and stated the need for maintaining accreditation.

EXHIBIT 1

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Ms. Kristianne Wilson, Billings Deaconess Medical Center, Mr. Doug McMillan, Glasgow Deaconess Medical Center, discussed the current shortage of physicians in small and rural communities.
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Dr. Susan Arvik, Dr. Kirk Crews and Ms. JoAnn Dotson, Health Systems Specialist, Primary Care Office, spoke on behalf of the Family Practice Program physicians in Montana and the need to train physicians within small communities in the state.

EXHIBIT 2

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Mr. John Chioutsis, CEO - Rosebud Health Care Center, and Mr. Kip Smith, spoke of medically under-served areas within the state. Mr. Jim Erins, President of Montana Hospital Association, concurred.

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Questions from the committee.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

CHAIRMAN JOHNSON mentioned the need to readjust the numbers of the state aid which were voted on previously. Mr. Curtis Nichols, Office of Budget Program Planning, presented new figures which replaced the numbers for items 4 and 5 (K-12 and retirement GTB) in the table on Office of Public Instruction, Distribution to Public Schools, on page E-14.

Motion: REP. RAY PECK MOVED TO RECONSIDER THE PREVIOUS MOTION REGARDING PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS - OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, DISTRIBUTION TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON PAGE E-14, AND TO CONSIDER THE CHANGES PRESENTED BY Mr. Nichols ON EXHIBIT 3, FOR STATE AID AND GTB.

EXHIBIT 3 (Mr. Nichols)

Vote: THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Motion: REP. DON HOLLAND MOVED TO REPLACE THE FIGURES IN ITEM NUMBER FOUR (K-12) FROM 8,052,755 TO 7,783,755 AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT 3.

Vote: THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion: SEN. DARYL TOEWS MOVED TO RECONSIDER THE PREVIOUS MOTION ON ITEM NUMBER 5 (RETIREMENT GTB), PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS - OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, DISTRIBUTION TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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Vote: THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion: REP. PECK MOVED TO REPLACE THE NUMBERS IN ITEM 5 (RETIREMENT GTB) FROM 1,374,728 TO 1,473,261; AND FROM 2,099,728 TO 2,203,261 AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT 3.

Vote: THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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HEARING ON DISTANCE LEARNING

Ms. Kim Obbink, Montana State University (MSU), discussed the distance learning initiative, and the "3:00 am basement rule". Dr. Lynn Churchill Director of Information Technology Research Center (MSU), provided a demonstration of remote computer use.
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Questions from the committee.

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Questions, continued.

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HEARING ON THE WICHE/WAMI PROGRAMS

Mr. J.D. Vukonich provided an overview of the WICHE program. Mr. Dennis Phillip, Mr. Jason Noyes, and Mr. Justin Roscoe, all currently in the WICHE program, spoke about the need to continue funding for Montana students who must go out-of-state to receive their veterinary degree. Dr. Rebecca Mattix, DVM, spoke about the need to continue funding the program, and the difficulty Montana communities have in obtaining veterinary doctors.

EXHIBIT 4
EXHIBIT 4a

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Questions from the committee.

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EXHIBIT 5

EXHIBIT 6

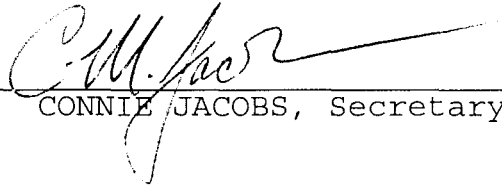
EXHIBIT 7 (Mr. Crofts, from previous community college
testimony.)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: This meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.



REP. ROYAL C. JOHNSON, Chairman



CONNIE JACOBS, Secretary

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Note: This meeting was recorded on two (2) 90 minute tapes.