

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & AGING

Call to Order: By Chairman Betty Lou Kasten, on February 3, 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)
Sen. Mignon Waterman (D)

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

Committee Business Summary:

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Tape No. 1A

Motion: Rep. Cobb moved amendment #1 (Exhibit #1), Reduce general fund base \$3 million each year; Department of Public Health and Human Services.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .9; Comments: Subcommittee and staff discussed impact of this motion. Exhibit #2, Revised DPHHS Medicaid Benefits, Executive Budget Recommendation.}

Vote: Rep. Cobb's motion passed 5-1.

Motion: Rep. Cobb moved to accept amendment #2 (a), Medicaid growth caps at 5.25% & 3.0%.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.8; Comments: Subcommittee and staff discussed this motion.}

Vote: Rep. Cobb's motion passed 4-2.

Motion: Rep. Cobb moved to accept amendment #3 (b), TANF Block Grant at 100% MOE and restore PS adjustment.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 32.0; Comments: Exhibit #3, Impact of Subcommittee Action on TANF Budget.}

Vote: Rep. Cobb's motion failed 3-3.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept amendment #6, Child and Family Services - Restore Per Svcs PL adjustment (net of TANF adjustment IN #3). Rep. Cobb's motion passed unanimously.

Tape 1B

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept amendment #7, Restore TEAMS processing. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Rep. Cobb moved to accept amendment #8, Deer Lodge public assistance.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 23.1; Comments: Subcommittee and staff discussion.}

Substitute Motion/Vote: Chairman Kasten made a substitute motion to reduce amendment #8 to \$50,000 per year. The substitute motion failed 3-3.

Vote: Rep. Cobb original motion to accept amendment #8, Deer Lodge public assistance passed 5-1.

Motion/Vote: Sen. Waterman moved to reconsider child care block grant. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Sen. Waterman moved to add Child Care Block Grant funds in '99 biennium, reduce general fund \$19,238, and increase federal Child Care Block Grant \$584,781 (biennial amounts).

{Tape: 2A; Side: 5.7; Approx. Time Count: 4.7; Comment: subcommittee discussion on motion.}

Vote: Sen. Waterman's motion on Child Care Block Grant funds passed 5-1.

Motion/Vote: Sen. Waterman moved to reconsider Head Start. The motion failed 4-2.

BUDGET HEARING ON DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION, DPHHS

Tape 2A, 26.0

Joe Matthews, Administrator, Disability Services Division, DPHHS

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26.0; Comments: Exhibit #4, Developmental Disabilities Program, Community Services; Exhibit #5, Vocational Rehabilitation Program; Exhibit #6, VR Clients Served 1994-1996; Exhibit #7, Total Cases Served.}

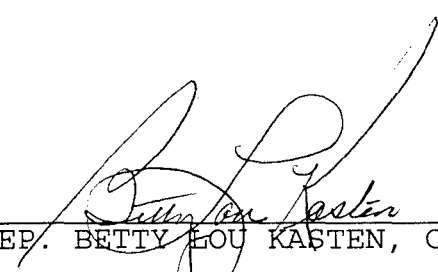
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.3; Comments: discussed waiting list for services.}

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 34.1; Comments: Vocational Rehabilitation Program.}

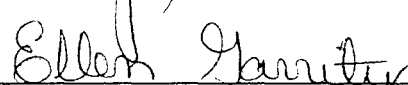
{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 32.0; Comments: disability determination.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12 noon



REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN, Chairman



ELLEN GARRITY, Secretary

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