

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN FELAND, on February 14, 1997, at 8:06
A.M., in Room 405.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gary Feland, Chairman (R)
Sen. Arnie A. Mohl, Vice-Chairman (R)
Sen. B.F. "Chris" Christiaens (D)
Rep. William T. "Red" Menahan (D)
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)
Rep. Steve Vick (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Skip Culver, Legislative Fiscal Division
Hope Spriggs, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
2/14/97; 2/6/97

-ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT
SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
BOARD OF PARDONS

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Sally Johnson, Administrator, Professional Services Division,
Department of Corrections (DOC)

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.6; Comments:
Presentation: Health Care program.}

EXHIBITS 1,2

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.8; Comments: Ms. Johnson continued.}

Jason J. Roan, DDS, Correctional Dentist, Montana State Prison (MSP)

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 5.4; Comments: Presentation of MSP Dental Clinic.}

EXHIBIT 3

SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked Dr. Roan on the dental service capacity of the clinic.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 9.5;.}

Dave Ohler, Legal Counsel, DOC, addressed SEN. MOHL'S question on cost of lawsuits prior to 1995.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 12.6;.}

Norma Jean Boles, Health Services Manager, DOC

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 15.0; Comments: Presentation and request: DOC Infirmaries and health care.}

SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked Ms. Boles about medical needs for the Swan River facility and at what point terminally ill are medically discharged.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 36.7;.}

Rick Day, Director, DOC, addressed REP. MENAHAN'S question about the DOC going to trial over inmate lawsuits.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 39.3;.}

Mr. Ohler also addressed REP. MENAHAN'S question.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.0;.}

Janie Wunderwald, Manager, Contracts and Managed Care Policy, DOC

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.6; Comments: Presentation: Managed Care.}

EXHIBIT 4

REP. MENAHAN asked Ms. Wunderwald about the cost for civilians to purchase similar health care.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.3;.}

Trish Bloom, Provider Relations, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.8; Comments; Blue Cross and Blue Shield health care plans between institutions.}

SEN. MOHL asked Ms. Wunderwald and Joe Williams (Fiscal Bureau Chief, DOC) where the cost per inmate fits into the budget and if the cost of health professionals is included.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 29.5;.}

Ms. Wunderwald and Ms. Johnson answered COMMITTEE questions on the health care program and \$400 million health care contract.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 32.3;.}

Ms. Johnson

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 38.4; Comments: Conclusion of Health Care.}

EXHIBITS 5, 6

Winnie Orr, Staff Development and Training Manager, DOC

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.2; Comments: Presentation; Training Division, DOC.}

SEN. TAYLOR and SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked Ms. Orr about history of training before locating at the Montana Law Enforcement Academy, when new employees are trained, and who else is eligible for the training.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 12.0;.}

Rick Day addressed REP. MENAHAN'S concern over training county jail staff.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 18.3;.}

Joe Williams answered SEN. CHRISTIAENS questions on clarification of funding for county training and Ms. Johnson addressed the FTE request. The senator also asked about the turnover rate at MSP and the total number of correctional officers.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 20.1;.}

HEARING ON BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLE

Craig Thomas, Executive Director, Board of Pardons and Parole
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 31.2; Comments:
Presentation of Board of Pardons and Parole.}

EXHIBIT 7

Presentation with questions followed

REP. VICK asked **Mr. Thomas** about the parole/discharge system.
{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.8;.}

Jeff Walter, Administrative Officer, answered **SEN. MOHL'S**
question on the definition of a life sentence and the criteria
for the parole board.
{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.4;.}

EXHIBIT 8

SEN. CHRISTIAENS asked **Mr. Thomas** to address the waiver policy,
and the possibility of more sex offenders being released if a sex
offender prerelease center existed.
{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.1;.}

EXHIBIT 9

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:43 A.M.



REP. GARY FELAND, Chairman



HOPE SPRIGGS, Secretary

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These minutes were recorded on three 90 minute audio-cassette tapes.