

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & AGING

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Kasten, on March 5, 1997, at 7 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 Garritty, Committee Secretary

**Committee Business Summary:**

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Tape 1A

#### RBRVS

**Motion:** Rep. Cobb moved that in the first year of RBRVS no code can decrease more than 15% or increase more than 40%.

**Substitute Motion:** Sen. Waterman made a substitute motion to phase in RBRVS with \$100,000 pool for Medicaid. No code decreased more than 25% or increased more than 50% in the first year. The motion failed 3-3.

**Substitute Motion:** Rep. Barnhart made a substitute motion to phase in RBRVS. In the 1st year no code to decrease more than 15% or increase more than 40%. In the 2nd year, no code to decrease more than 25% or increase more than 50%. The third year, fully implement RBRVS unless otherwise instructed by the legislature. The motion failed 2-4.

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

#### Head Start

**Motion:** Sen. Swysgood moved to authorize spending authority (line item) for \$100,000 federal funds for FY 98 for Head Start

collaboration, FY 99 funding contingent on the Department not adding more foster care dollars to the foster care budget than is already appropriated in HB 2.

The Subcommittee discussed the motion with Hank Hudson, Administrator, Child and Family Services Division.

**Vote:** Sen. Swysgood's motion passed 5-1.

Eastmont

Tape 1B

Joe Matthews, Administrator, Disability Services Division, explained *Exhibit #1, Increased Community Service Opportunities for Residents of Eastmont Human Services Center and Montana Developmental Center.*

**Motion:** Chairman Kasten moved to appropriate \$492,486 (general fund) and matching funds the first year and \$485,677 (general fund) the second year with matching funds. This money is to move 20 people from Eastmont and MDC into the community using the lowest cost alternatives available. The legislature recommends that any savings go to the DD program. The motion passed unanimously.

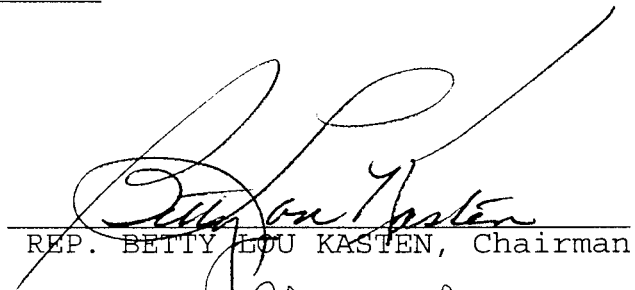
*Exhibit #2, Notice of concern from the Human Services and Aging Joint Appropriations Subcommittee to the Department.* Subcommittee briefly discussed putting this language in HB 2.


Caring Program

**Motion/Vote:** Sen. Swysgood moved to reinsert the language from last session as it related to the Caring Program. The motion passed 5-1.

ADJOURNMENT

**Adjournment:** 8:00 a.m.

  
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REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN, Chairman

  
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ELLEN GARRITY, Secretary

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