

HOUSE BILL NO. 217

Introduced: 01/13/83

Referred to Committee on appropriations: 01/13/83

Report: 03/28/83, Do Not Pass

Bill Killed: 03/29/83

1 *House* BILL NO. *217*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Walton Berg & Jacobson*
 3 *Hayington Conover* BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR *Hayington*
 4 *Do Berghne* *Quigley* *M. Hart* *Metzger*
 5 *Kachon Nihel* *Ally* *Jarvis* *abrams* *Carls*
 6 *Land* A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO RESTORE LOW INCOME
 7 HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE BLOCK GRANT MONEY TO NEEDY MONTANANS;
 8 AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."
 9 WHEREAS, the 47th Legislature enacted House Bill 500 to
 10 appropriate money to various state agencies for the biennium
 11 ending June 30, 1983; and
 12 WHEREAS, in the 1981 Special Session of the 47th
 13 Legislature, House Bill 2 was enacted to amend House Bill
 14 500; and
 15 WHEREAS, House Bill 2 of the 1981 Special Session of
 16 the 47th Legislature provided in part that: "For the 1983
 17 biennium SRS shall transfer 10% of the amount received from
 18 the low income home energy assistance block grant not to
 19 exceed \$1,668,724 to the social services block grant"; and
 20 WHEREAS, there have been and continue to be increasing
 21 energy costs placed upon the citizens of Montana; and
 22 WHEREAS, federal funding for the energy assistance
 23 program has not kept up with the increasing energy costs;
 24 and
 25 WHEREAS, there has been overwhelming public support to

1 broaden the scope of the program and increase benefit awards
 2 in order to keep pace with increasing energy costs.
 3 THEREFORE, it is the intent of this bill to restore to
 4 the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program an amount of
 5 money equivalent to that which was transferred to the social
 6 services block grant.
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 8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
 9 Section 1. Appropriation. The following money is
 10 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of
 11 Social and Rehabilitation Services to increase funding for
 12 the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program:
 13 Fiscal year ending June 30, 1983 . . . \$1,668,724
 14 Section 2. Effective date. This act is effective on
 15 passage and approval.

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INTRODUCED BILL