

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By Chairman Ron Stoker, on February 19, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ron Stoker, Chairman (R)
Rep. Arlene Becker, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Tom McGillvray, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)
Rep. Julie French (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. William J. Jones (R)
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 734, 2/16/2007; HB 713,
2/14/2007; HB 687, 2/13/2007; HJ
33, 2/8/2007
Executive Action: HB 713, HB 687

HEARING ON HJ 33

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:32 Rep. Bill Thomas (D), HD 26, opened the hearing on HJ 33, Study polio.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:11 Ann Tuss, Coordinator of Polio Survivors of Montana, Great Falls,

EXHIBIT (huh37a01)

00:05:37 Walt Tuss, Great Falls, Montana

00:05:55 Anita Tschedder

00:06:18 Bert Tschedder

00:06:28 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:07:32 Jane Smiley, Department of Public Health and Human Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:16 Rep. Reinhart

00:08:29 Ms. Smiley

00:09:00 Rep. McGillvray

00:09:19 Ms. Smiley

00:09:36 Rep. Ingraham

00:10:17 Rep. Thomas

00:11:18 Rep. Ingraham

00:11:43 Rep. Thomas

00:11:53 Ms. Smiley

00:12:19 Rep. Ingraham

00:12:32 Ms. Smiley

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:52 Rep. Thomas

HEARING ON HB 713

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:08 Rep. Tom McGillvray (R), HD 50, opened the hearing on
HB 713, Revise post-adoption services.

EXHIBIT (huh37a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:57 Moe Wosepka, Executive Director, Montana Catholic
Conference

EXHIBIT (huh37a03)

00:30:56 Rosemary Miller, Executive Director, Catholic Social
Services of Montana

00:32:32 Bill Driscoll, Attorney, Catholic Social Services of
Montana

EXHIBIT (huh37a04)

EXHIBIT (huh37a05)

00:37:58 Olivia Ruitta, Working for Equity and Economic
Liberation (WEEL)

00:38:58 Rachel Roberts, Montana Family Association, Focus of
the Family

Opponents' Testimony:

00:39:38 Kimberly Kradolfer, Member of Adoption Task Force

00:46:00 Tina Rabbitt, Lutheran Social Services of Montana

Informational Testimony:

00:49:10 Shirley Brown, Division Administrator, Child and Family
Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:49:56 Rep. Reinhart

00:50:29 Mr. Driscoll

00:50:44 Rep. Reinhart

00:50:51 Mr. Driscoll

00:51:33 Rep. Reinhart

00:51:48 Ms. Kradolfer

00:53:09 Rep. Reinhart

00:53:50 Rep. French

00:54:10 Ms. Miller

00:54:31 Rep. French

00:54:52 Ms. Miller
00:56:40 Rep. French
00:57:11 Rep. McGillvray
00:57:34 Rep. Caferro
00:57:57 Ms. Brown
00:58:07 Rep. Caferro
00:58:19 Ms. Brown
00:59:49 Rep. Caferro
01:00:53 Mr. Wosepka
01:03:14 Rep. Stoker
01:03:29 Ms. Brown
01:04:20 Rep. Stoker
01:04:36 Ms. Brown
01:05:19 Rep. Stoker
01:06:38 Ms. Kradolfer

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:49 Rep. McGillvray
[EXHIBIT\(huh37a06\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(huh37a07\)](#)

HEARING ON HB 687

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:14:12 Rep. William Jones (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB
687, Extend age for well child care coverage.
[EXHIBIT\(huh37a08\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:24:01 JoAnn Dotson, State Health Department
[EXHIBIT\(huh37a09\)](#)
01:26:44 Rep. Theresa Henry, Teacher, Community Health
01:27:29 Joy Bruck, Volunteer Advocate, American Association of
Retired Persons of Montana
01:28:33 Mary Dalton, Health Resources Division, Department of
Health and Human Services
01:29:31 Olivia Ruitta, WHEEL, Statewide Non-profit Organization

Opponents' Testimony:

01:31:56 Mark Burzynski, Vice President, Blue Cross and Blue
Shield of Montana
01:36:11 Susan Witte, Vice President and General Counsel,
Allegiance Health Plan
01:38:38 Angela Huschka, New West Health Services

01:39:45 Frank Cote, America's Health Insurance Plans

Informational Testimony:

01:42:30 Connie Welsh, Department of Administration

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:43:01 Rep. Caferro
01:43:21 Mr. Burzynski
01:43:39 Rep. Caferro
01:44:00 Mr. Burzynski
01:45:35 Rep. Stoker
01:45:58 Rep. Caferro
01:46:11 Mr. Burzynski
01:47:09 Rep. Caferro
01:47:39 Rep. Stoker
01:47:58 Mr. Burzynski
01:48:30 Rep. McAlpin
01:48:52 Rep. Jones
01:49:15 Rep. McAlpin
01:49:25 Ms. Welsh
01:50:51 Rep. Caferro
01:51:30 Ms. Huschka
01:52:11 Rep. Stoker
01:52:27 Ms. Witte
01:52:37 Rep. Dutton
01:53:58 Mr. Cote

Closing by Sponsor:

01:56:52 Rep. Jones

HEARING ON HB 734

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:01:37 Rep. Dave McAlpin (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 734, Critical funding for community mental health.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:03:53 Thomas Peluso, Bozeman, Montana

EXHIBIT(huh37a10)

02:11:54 Mike McLaughlin, Director, Center for Mental Health
02:16:10 Tracy Vasquez, Mental Health Services Providers
02:18:24 Dr. Gary Mihelish,

02:19:28 Anita Roessman, Montana Advocacy Program

[EXHIBIT\(huh37a11\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh37a12\)](#)

02:25:18 Kathy McGowan, Montana County Attorney's Association,
Montana Sheriff's and Peace Officer's Association

02:28:53 Mr. Peluso

02:29:21 Curt Chisolm, National Alliance Of State Mental Health
Institution

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

02:31:58 Lou Thompson, Chief of Mental Health Bureau

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:32:26 Rep. Reinhart

02:32:57 Ms. Roessman

02:35:37 Rep. Ingraham

02:36:10 Ms. Roessman

02:38:49 Rep. Reinhart

02:38:55 Ms. Thompson

02:42:34 Rep. French

02:43:05 Ms. Roessman

02:43:30 Rep. French

02:43:43 Ms. Roessman

02:45:31 Rep. Milburn

02:45:58 Ms. Roessman

02:49:52 Rep. Stoker

02:50:42 Ms. Roessman

02:50:51 Rep. Stoker

02:50:56 Ms. Roessman

02:54:08 Rep. French

Closing by Sponsor:

02:54:36 Rep. McAlpin

02:55:25 Rep. Stoker

02:58:05 Sue O'Connell

02:58:34 Rep Stoker

03:00:21 Rep. Sands

03:00:46 BREAK

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 713

03:09:24 **Motion:** Rep. McGillvray moved that HB 713 **DO PASS**.

Discussion:

03:09:46 Rep. Peterson

03:10:39 Rep. Sands

03:11:34 Rep. Dutton

03:13:14 Rep. Reinhart

03:13:19 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Dutton moved **TO AMEND** HB 713 with a conceptual amendment. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

03:14:09 Rep. McAlpin

03:14:14 Rep. French

03:15:26 Rep. Reinhart

03:17:36 Rep. Peterson

03:17:57 Ms. O'Connell

03:18:13 Rep. French

03:18:51 Rep. McGillvray

03:20:04 Rep. Reinhart

03:20:16 Rep. Sands

03:22:00 **Vote:** Motion HB 713 **DO PASS AS AMENDED** carried 13-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Peterson voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 687

03:23:33 **Motion:** Rep. Jones moved that HB 687 **DO PASS**.

03:23:38 Rep. McAlpin

03:24:07 **Motion:** Rep. Jones moved **TO AMEND** HB 687.

Discussion:

03:25:10 Ms. O'Connell

03:25:59 Rep. Dutton

03:26:08 Ms. O'Connell

03:26:29 Rep. Stoker

03:26:54 Ms. O'Connell

03:27:19 Rep. Stoker

03:28:02 Rep. Reinhart

03:28:20 Ms. O'Connell

03:28:54 **Vote:** Motion on amendment carried with Rep. McGillvray and Rep. Stoker voting no.

03:29:29 **Motion:** Rep. McGillvray moved HB 687 **DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

03:30:11 Rep. Peterson

03:30:47 Rep. Jones

03:32:13 Rep. Milburn

03:33:47 Rep. Reinhart

03:34:37 **Vote:** Motion on HB 687 failed 7-7 by roll call vote with Reps. Becker, French, Sands, Caferro, Jones, Reinhart and McAlpin voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 7:00 P.M.

REP. RON STOKER, Chairman

DEBBIE CARLSON, Secretary

RS/dc

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([huh37aad.pdf](#))