MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN LOREN SOFT**, on January 11, 1999 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:
Rep. Loren Soft, Chairman (R)
Rep. Roy Brown, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Chris Ahner (R)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Tom Dell (D)
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)
Rep. Chase Hibbard (R)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Ralph Lenhart (D)
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)
Rep. Bruce Simon (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)
Rep. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: David Niss, Legislative Branch
Jaelene Racicot, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:
Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 44 & HB 85
Executive Action: None

{The hearing was recorded on a Sony B1-85 recorder.}

HEARING ON HB 44

Sponsor: REP. ROYAL JOHNSON, HD 10, introduced HB 44. *{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 10 - 71}*

Proponents: Jerry Hoover, Health Facility Authority for the Dept. of Commerce **EXHIBIT**(huh07a01)*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 71 - 140}*

Jim Ahrens, Montana Hospital Assn. *{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 140 - 150}*

Informational Testimony: Verner Bertelsen, AARP *{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 150 - 173}*

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 173 - 515}* questions continued through to *{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 515 - 539}*

Closing by Sponsor: REP. JOHNSON closed. *{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 539 - 553}*

HEARING ON HB 85

Sponsor: REP. BRUCE SIMON, HD 18, introduced HB 85. *{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 553 - 652}*

Proponents:
Mike Simmons, O.D. - Missoula, EXHIBIT(huh07a02) *{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 652 - 750}*

Kevin McBride, O.D. - Billings, EXHIBIT(huh07a03) *{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 750 - 838}*

Laura Polster, O.D. - Billings and Colstrip, EXHIBIT(huh07a04) *{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 838 - 883}*

Ron Benner, O.D. - Laurel, EXHIBIT(huh07a05) *{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 883 - 989}* Dr. Benner handed intestimony by **Scott McKim, O.D., EXHIBIT**(huh07a06). Dr. Benner referred to charts in committee. He provided illustrations of the charts. See **EXHIBIT**(huh07a07), **EXHIBIT**(huh07a08), & **EXHIBIT**(huh07a09).

Doug McBride, O.D. - Billings, EXHIBIT(huh07a10) *{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 989 - 999}*

Tom Rasmussen, O.D. - Helena, referred to a letter written by **Linda Grief.** See **EXHIBIT**(huh07a11) *{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 0 - 79}*

Opponents: **Gloria Hermanson, Executive Director of the Montana Academy of Ophthalmology. EXHIBIT**(huh07a12). Ms. Hermanson handed in additional testimony see **EXHIBIT**(huh07a13), **EXHIBIT**(huh07a14), & **EXHIBIT**(huh07a15).*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 79 - 253}*

Paul Overland, M.D., Missoula handed in written testimony. See **EXHIBIT**(huh07a16) & **EXHIBIT**(huh07a17). *{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 253 - 435}*

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Committee members questioned the opponents and proponents. *{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 435 - 515}* Questioning continued. *{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 0 - 950}* Questioning continued. *{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 0 - 316}*

Closing by Sponsor: REP. SIMON closed. *{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 316 - 515}*

CHAIRMAN SOFT commented on the hearing. *{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 0 - 54}*

Testimony was handed in at the end of the hearing pertaining to HB 85. See exhibit 5,6,7,8.

MOTION: REP. KRENZLER MOVED TO ADJOURN.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:43 P.M.

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REP. LOREN SOFT, Chairman

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JAELENE RACICOT, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (huh07aad)