

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

CONFERENCE

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN SENATOR KEN MILLER**, on April 15, 1999
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Ken Miller, Chairman (R)
Sen. Mike Halligan (D)
Sen. Al Bishop (R)
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)
Rep. Dan McGee (R)
Rep. Jeff Mangan

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Legal Staffer David Ness

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

Committee Business Summary:

Conference Committee: HB 269, 4/18/1999

Opening remarks by Sen. Miller, then turns meeting over to **Sen. Halligan** to explain Senate side of this bill.

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Rep. Molnar responds, explaining definition of 'advocate'.

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Discussion, questions and answers, and suggestions.

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Chuck Hunter, Dept. of Family Services, is called upon by Rep. Molnar. He sees this bill as enhancing their service, but trying to stay neutral.

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Discussion, questions, and answers and suggestions, between Rep. McGee and Mr. Hunter.

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Comments by Sen. Halligan.

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Rep. Molnar clarifies.

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Chuck Hunter clarifies that even if this bill fails, D.F.S. will adopt this measures.

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Rep. Molnar speaks to bills value.

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Exchange of ideas between Sen. Miller and Mr. Hunter and Sen. Halligan.

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Rep. Molnar questions Sen. Halligan.

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Questions and responses between Rep. Molnar and Sen. Bishop.

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Rep. Mangan comments on his objections.

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Discussion between Sen. Halligan and Mr. Hunter.

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Sen. Miller asks Committee where do we go now?

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Rep. Molnar clarifies his bill's position again.

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Rep. Molnar discusses the voting scene in the room and the need to move into another Conference Committee.

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Rep. Molnar will ask Speaker Mercier for Free Conference Committee and new Tape and place.

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Rep. Mangan speaks to supporting the bill with changes.

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Rep. McGee thanks Mr. Hunter, speaks to Sen. Bishop's ideas.

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Discussion between Sen. Bishop and Sen. Halligan.

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Sen. Miller and Sen. Bishop discuss and meeting is wrapped up.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:00 A.M.

REP. BRAD MOLNAR, Chairman

LINDA L. SCOTT, Secretary

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