

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Rick Jore, on January 17, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Rick Jore, Chairman (C)
Rep. Roger Koopman, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Holly Raser, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Michael Lange (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. John Ward (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Donci Bardash, Committee Secretary
Susan Fox, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 164, 1/12/2007; HB 194,
1/12/2007; HB 195, 1/12/2007;
HB 230, 1/12/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:10 Rep. Jore
00:00:15 Reps. Cordier and Butcher arrive

HEARING ON HB 194

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:55 Rep. Michael Lange (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on
HB 194, Tuition reductions for resident students.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:27 Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education
00:07:14 Denver Henderson, Association of Students at the
University of Montana
00:08:33 Jessica LaRoche, Students of Montana State
University-Bozeman
00:10:18 Scott Martin, Students of Montana State
University-Billings

[EXHIBIT \(edh11a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:14:41 Tom Burnett, self

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:24 Rep. Lake
00:16:48 Rep. Lange
00:17:11 Rep. Everett
00:17:37 Ms. Stearns
00:18:17 Rep. Everett
00:18:38 Ms. Stearns
00:19:28 Rep. Everett
00:19:45 Ms. LaRoche
00:19:54 Rep. Everett
00:20:07 Ms. LaRoche
00:21:33 Ms. Stearns
00:22:31 Rep. Hamilton
00:23:13 Ms. Stearns
00:23:58 Rep. Koopman
00:24:52 Ms. Stearns
00:26:41 Rep. Raser
00:27:11 Ms. Stearns
00:31:21 Rep. Raser
00:31:31 Ms. Stearns
00:32:24 Rep. Raser

00:33:07 Rep. Lange
00:34:14 Rep. Raser
00:35:08 Rep. Lange
00:36:53 Rep. Lake
00:37:26 Ms. Stearns
00:38:26 Rep. Lake
00:39:01 Ms. Stearns
00:39:16 Rep. Jore
00:39:44 Mr. Burnett
00:40:43 Rep. Jore
00:40:58 Mr. Burnett
00:41:21 Rep. Raser
00:41:58 Mr. Martin
00:43:27 Rep. Butcher
00:45:00 Ms. Stearns
00:46:53 Rep. Butcher
00:47:07 Ms. Stearns
00:47:46 Rep. Butcher
00:48:45 Ms. Stearns
00:49:51 Rep. Butcher
00:50:20 Ms. Stearns
00:51:23 Rep. Butcher
00:51:48 Rep. Wilmer arrives
00:52:41 Ms. Stearns
00:52:51 Rep. Butcher
00:53:00 Ms. Stearns
00:53:38 Rep. Butcher
00:55:02 Ms. Stearns

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:50 Rep. Lange

HEARING ON HB 195

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:00:52 Rep. Michael Lange (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on
HB 195, Revise developmental disabilities services.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:03 Rep. Lange

01:04:22 Break

01:16:33 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 164

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:16:51 Rep. Roger Koopman (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 164, School collective bargaining agreement may not prohibit volunteers.

[EXHIBIT \(edh11a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(edh11a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(edh11a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:28:01 Lauren Bough, self

01:29:57 Becky Stockton, self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:33:16 Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190

01:39:56 Erik Burke, Montana Education Association/ Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

01:43:21 Rep. Grinde arrives

Informational Testimony:

01:45:10 Larry Sullivan, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:45:24 Rep. Lange

01:45:49 Rep. Koopman

01:46:29 Rep. Lange

01:47:40 Rep. Koopman

01:48:57 Rep. Lange

01:49:41 Mr. Burke

01:50:58 Rep. Raser

01:52:57 Mr. Sullivan

01:53:33 Rep. Raser

01:53:57 Mr. Sullivan

01:54:06 Rep. Raser

01:54:49 Mr. Sullivan

01:55:07 Rep. Hamilton

01:56:19 Rep. Koopman
01:57:04 Rep. Hamilton
01:57:15 Rep. Koopman
01:58:01 Rep. Wilmer
01:58:18 Rep. Koopman
01:58:56 Rep. Wilmer
01:59:10 Rep. Koopman
01:59:54 Rep. Jore
02:00:35 Rep. Koopman
02:00:52 Rep. Raser
02:01:41 Mr. Burke
02:02:52 Rep. Raser
02:03:26 Mr. Burke

Closing by Sponsor:

02:03:43 Rep. Koopman

HEARING ON HB 230

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:07:48 Rep. Roger Koopman (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on
HB 230, Alternative teacher certification.

[EXHIBIT \(edh11a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(edh11a06\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:14:04 Rep. Butcher, HD 29, Winifred

Opponents' Testimony:

02:18:38 Bud Williams, Office of Public Instruction

02:22:12 Dan Villa, self

02:24:48 Steve Meloy, Montana Board of Public Education

[EXHIBIT \(edh11a07\)](#)

02:27:40 Erik Burke, MEA-MFT

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:32:36 Rep. Everett
02:34:01 Mr. Williams
02:34:40 Rep. Lake
02:35:09 Mr. Williams
02:35:13 Rep. Lake
02:35:53 Mr. Williams
02:36:03 Rep. Lake

02:36:37 Mr. Williams
02:37:28 Rep. Lake
02:39:02 Mr. Williams
02:39:46 Rep. Jore
02:41:32 Mr. Molloy
02:44:00 Rep. Jore
02:44:48 Mr. Molloy
02:45:39 Rep. Jore
02:45:58 Mr. Molloy

Closing by Sponsor:

02:46:51 Rep. Koopman

ADJOURNMENT

02:53:19 Adjournment: 5:53 P.M.

REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

DONCI BARDASH, Secretary

RJ/db

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([edh11aad.pdf](#))