MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Rick Jore, on January 24, 2007 at 3:03 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. Wanda Grinde (D)
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. George Everett (R)

Members Absent: None.

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

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Committee Business Summary:
Hearing & Date Posted: HB 224, 1/12/2007; HB 347, 1/12/2007
Executive Action: HB 194

00:00:40 Rep. Jore

HEARING ON HB 224

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:38 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 224, Require seat belts in new school buses.
EXHIBIT(edh16a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:05 Andrea Olsen, Montana Trial Lawyers' Association
00:10:16 Lt. Col. Mike Tooley, Montana Highway Patrol
00:12:15 Jani McCall, Montana Children's Initiative

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:54 Bob Gilbert, Montana School Bus Contractors Association
00:14:37 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Educators Association
00:19:18 Jim Huffman, Laidlaw Education Services
00:22:03 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association
00:24:40 Larry Woodring, B&L Transfer

Informational Testimony:

00:26:24 Bud Williams, Office of Public Instruction
EXHIBIT(edh16a02)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:14 Rep. Butcher
00:30:45 Rep. Cohenour
00:31:48 Rep. Butcher
00:33:13 Rep. Cohenour
00:34:51 Rep. Butcher
00:35:11 Rep. Cohenour
00:35:59 Rep. Butcher
00:36:33 Mr. Woodring
00:36:53 Roger Lunde, Harlow's Bus Sales
00:38:28 Rep. Grinde
00:38:59 Mr. Williams
00:39:56 Rep. Grinde
00:40:01 Mr. Williams
00:40:16 Rep. Raser
00:41:18 Mr. Tooley
00:41:55 Rep. Raser
00:42:09 Mr. Tooley
00:43:04 Rep. Raser

00:43:47 Mr. Huffman
00:44:23 Rep. Raser
00:45:18 Mr. Huffman
00:45:37 Rep. Raser
00:45:42 Mr. Huffman
00:45:50 Rep. Raser
00:46:15 Mr. Huffman
00:46:38 Rep. Raser
00:46:45 Mr. Huffman
00:47:04 Rep. Koopman
00:47:44 Rep. Cohenour
00:47:50 Rep. Koopman
00:48:09 Rep. Cohenour
00:48:23 Rep. Koopman
00:48:45 Rep. Cohenour
00:49:08 Rep. Koopman
00:49:40 Rep. Cohenour
00:50:39 Mr. Lunde

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:40 Rep. Cohenour

HEARING ON HB 347

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:55:22 Rep. Scott Boggio (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 347, Revise law on school trustee letting contracts and bids.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:57:36 Mr. Vogel
01:03:02 Mr. Puyear

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:48 Rep. Boggio

01:05:07 Rep. Lange arrives

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 194

01:07:05 **Motion**: Rep. Lange moved that **HB 194 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:07:28 Rep. Raser
01:07:42 Rep. Lange
01:08:06 Rep. Lake
01:09:06 Rep. Lange
01:10:02 Rep. Jore
01:10:07 Rep. Lange
01:10:41 Rep. Jore
01:10:56 Rep. Lange
01:11:04 Rep. Jore
01:11:17 Rep. Lange
01:11:50 Rep. Jore

01:12:04 **Motion**: Rep. Lange moved that **HB 194 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(edh16a03)

Discussion:

01:12:28 Rep. Jore

01:12:46 **Motion/Vote**: Rep. Butcher **CALLED THE QUESTION ON AMENDMENT.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:13:08 **Motion**: Rep. Ward moved that **HB 194 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:13:15 Rep. Cordier
01:14:20 Rep. Lange
01:15:59 Rep. Grinde
01:16:24 Rep. Lange
01:17:02 Rep. Raser
01:17:20 Rep. Lange
01:18:41 Rep. Raser
01:18:53 Rep. Lange
01:19:04 Rep. Raser
01:19:10 Rep. Lange
01:19:23 Rep. Wilmer
01:20:38 Rep. Lange
01:22:17 Rep. Raser
01:24:41 Rep. Ward
01:25:13 Rep. Raser
01:26:07 Rep. Lake

01:27:45 Rep. Butcher
01:31:34 Rep. Lange
01:31:56 Rep. Raser
01:32:05 Rep. Lange
01:33:29 Rep. Raser
01:34:21 Rep. Wilmer
01:35:07 Rep. Everett arrives
01:36:00 Rep. Jore
01:36:15 Rep. Lange
01:36:31 Rep. Grinde
01:37:03 Rep. Ward
01:37:26 Rep. Koopman

01:37:45 **Motion/Vote**: Rep. Butcher **CALLED THE QUESTION ON HB 194**. Motion carried 9-6 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Grinde, Hamilton, Jore, Raser, and Wilmer voting no.

01:38:55 Rep. Jore

ADJOURNMENT

01:39:13 Adjournment: 4:40 P.M.

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REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

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DONCI BARDASH, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT(edh16aad.pdf)