

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Rick Jore, on January 26, 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. George Everett (R)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Michael Lange (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. John Ward (R)

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 352, 1/19/2007; HB 354,
1/19/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:49 Mr. Jore

HEARING ON HB 354

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:40 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 80, opened the hearing on
HB 354, Expand services for deaf children in schools.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:22 Teresa Henry, self

00:11:56 Cleo Klepzik, self

EXHIBIT (edh18a01)

00:13:45 Rep. Grinde arrives

00:20:34 Darrel Rud, School Administrators of Montana

00:21:54 Wendy Williams, parent

00:25:36 Jace Williams, student

00:26:09 Rep. Lange arrives

00:26:41 Witt Williams, student

00:27:40 Tim McMahan, self

00:31:16 Jim Marks, University of Montana Disability Services

00:34:19 Dr. Susan Kalarchik, audiologist

00:37:32 Connie Phelps, self

EXHIBIT (edh18a02)

EXHIBIT (edh18a03)

00:40:21 Lori Ruffier, self

EXHIBIT (edh18a04)

00:43:19 June Hermanson, Montana Youth Leadership Forum/self

00:45:04 Mary Morrison, deaf educator/self

00:52:12 Amanda Haley, Helena College of Technology student

00:54:37 Denise May, interpreter

00:56:14 Patti Blaskovich, interpreter

00:58:38 Beth Brenneman, Montana Advocacy Program

Opponents' Testimony: None.

01:00:24 Break

01:07:24 Reconvene

Informational Testimony:

01:07:52 Bob Runkel, OPI

01:12:09 Sarah Eyer, outreach coordinator

EXHIBIT (edh18a05)

EXHIBIT (edh18a06)

01:16:52 Steve Gettel, Montana School for Deaf and Blind

EXHIBIT (edh18a07)

EXHIBIT (edh18a08)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:25:27 Rep. Lake
01:26:13 Mr. Runkel
01:26:51 Rep. Lake
01:27:24 Mr. Runkel
01:28:10 Rep. Lake
01:29:43 Ms. Eyer
01:31:04 Rep. Lake
01:31:39 Ms. Eyer
01:32:26 Rep. Hamilton
01:33:03 Ms. Morrison
01:34:28 Rep. Hamilton
01:34:38 Ms. Morrison
01:37:29 Rep. Butcher
01:39:01 Mr. Gettel
01:41:24 Rep. Butcher
01:41:57 Mr. Gettel
01:42:36 Rep. Bixby
01:43:06 Rep. Caferro
01:44:05 Rep. Lange
01:45:18 Mr. Runkel
01:46:05 Rep. Lange
01:47:54 Mr. Runkel
01:49:27 Rep. Raser
01:50:00 Mr. Runkel
01:51:18 Rep. Raser
01:52:29 Mr. Runkel
01:53:20 Rep. Butcher
01:55:00 Mr. Runkel
01:57:32 Rep. Butcher
01:59:46 Mr. Runkel
02:01:32 Rep. Raser
02:02:11 Steve Meloy, Board of Public Education
02:02:26 Rep. Raser
02:02:49 Mr. Molloy
02:03:27 Rep. Raser
02:04:04 Mr. Molloy
02:04:34 Rep. Koopman
02:06:16 Ms. Eyer
02:06:29 Ms. Morrison
02:09:06 Rep. Koopman
02:09:58 Ms. Morrison
02:11:48 Rep. Koopman
02:13:18 Ms. Morrison
02:14:49 Rep. Koopman

Closing by Sponsor:

02:15:16 Rep. Caferro

02:16:57 Rep. Jore

HEARING ON HB 352

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:18:08 Rep. Debby Barrett (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on
HB 352, Protect students from threats by other
students.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:20:35 Jodi Wolfe, parent

02:22:19 Mike Barrett, self

[EXHIBIT \(edh18a09\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

02:29:12 Mr. Meloy

02:31:55 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

[EXHIBIT \(edh18a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(edh18a11\)](#)

02:38:49 Mr. Rud

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:43:02 Rep. Butcher

02:45:25 Mr. Rud

02:46:44 Rep. Butcher

02:47:45 Mr. Rud

02:49:04 Rep. Lange

02:51:29 Mr. Meloy

02:52:15 Rep. Lange

02:54:28 Mr. Meloy

02:56:45 Rep. Cordier

02:57:17 Rep. Barrett

02:57:46 Rep. Cordier

02:57:58 Rep. Barrett

02:58:19 Rep. Cordier

02:58:40 Rep. Barrett

02:58:45 Rep. Raser

03:01:27 Mr. Vogel

03:03:17 Rep. Raser

03:03:53 Mr. Vogel
03:04:16 Rep. Raser
03:04:24 Rep. Lange
03:08:34 Mr. Vogel
03:12:05 Rep. Butcher
03:12:51 Mr. Vogel
03:14:21 Rep. Raser
03:15:44 Rep. Barrett
03:16:11 Rep. Jore
03:16:43 Ms. Wolfe
03:17:23 Rep. Vogel
03:17:28 Ms. Wolfe

Closing by Sponsor:

03:17:56 Rep. Barrett
[EXHIBIT \(edh18a12\)](#)
[EXHIBIT \(edh18a13\)](#)
03:18:43 Ms. Fox
03:19:31 Ms. Barrett
[EXHIBIT \(edh18a14\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

03:24:08 Adjournment: 6:27 P.M.

REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

DONCI BARDASH, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([edh18aad.pdf](#))