

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Rick Jore, on January 29, 2007 at 3:12 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. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. John Ward (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent:

Rep. Michael Lange (R)

Staff Present:

Donci Bardash, Committee Secretary
Susan Fox, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 357, 1/23/2007; HB 363,
1/23/2007
Executive Action: HB 267, HB 182, HB 260, HB 211,
HB 224

HEARING ON HB 357

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:37 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on
HB 357, Revise blind vender and blind person preference
laws.

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh19a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:42 Carl Schweitzer, Montana Association for the Blind

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh19a02)

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh19a03)

00:07:27 Bob Maffit, self

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:11:22 Elaine Taylor, Montana Beverage Association

00:12:09 Beverly Berg, Department of Public Health and Human
Service(DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:46 Rep. Jore

00:13:25 Rep. Cohenour

00:13:42 Mr. Maffit

00:19:20 Rep. Butcher

00:20:11 Rep. Jore

00:20:36 Rep. Cohenour

00:21:32 Rep. Butcher

00:22:51 Rep. Cohenour

00:23:29 Ms. Berg

00:24:09 Rep. Everett

00:24:44 Rep. Cohenour

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:52 Rep. Cohenour

HEARING ON HB 363

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:25:46 Rep. John Ward (R), HD 84, opened the hearing on
HB 363, Revise school budget laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:04 Madalyn Quinlan, OPI

EXHIBIT(edh19a04)

00:33:20 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association

EXHIBIT(edh19a05)

00:35:22 Pete Carparelli, Montana Quality Education Coalition

EXHIBIT(edh19a06)

00:37:57 Dave Shreeve, Forsyth Schools

00:41:57 Larry Nielson, MEA-MFT

00:43:21 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association

00:44:29 Rep. Dan Villa, HD 86, Anaconda

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:28 Rep. Lake

00:55:16 Ms. Quinlan

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:27 Rep. Ward

00:57:05 Break

01:08:53 Reconvene

01:09:23 Rep. Jore

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 267

01:12:31 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 267 BE TABLED.**
The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 182

01:14:58 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 182 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:15:38 Rep. Lake

01:16:58 Rep. Wilmer

01:17:24 Rep. Lake

01:19:01 Rep. Ward

01:20:25 Rep. Jore

01:21:42 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lake moved a substitute motion **TO TABLE**. The substitute motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Rep. Lange voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 260

01:23:44 Rep. Jore

01:23:51 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 260 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:24:02 Ms. Fox

01:25:17 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 260 BE AMENDED**.
EXHIBIT(edh19a07)

Discussion:

01:26:05 Rep. Raser

01:26:45 **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Rep. Lange voted by proxy.

01:27:13 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 260 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

01:27:29 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 260 BE AMENDED**.
EXHIBIT(edh19a08)

Discussion:

01:28:02 Rep. Jore

01:28:19 Rep. Raser

01:28:48 Rep. Lake

01:29:11 Ms. Fox

01:29:35 Rep. Lake

01:29:50 Ms. Fox

01:30:08 Rep. Lake

01:30:16 Rep. Fox

01:30:35 **Vote:** The motion carried with a voice vote of 14-1 with Rep. Koopman voting no. Rep. Lange voted by proxy.

01:31:03 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 260 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

01:31:58 Rep. Ward

01:32:37 **Vote:** The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
Rep. Lange voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 211

01:33:16 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 211 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:33:52 Rep. Bixby
01:34:54 Rep. Jore
01:35:12 Rep. Raser
01:35:21 Bud Williams, OPI
01:36:36 Rep. Jore
01:36:46 Rep. Butcher
01:38:20 Mr. Williams
01:38:27 Rep. Raser
01:39:04 Rep. Hamilton
01:39:27 Rep. Everett
01:39:53 Rep. Raser
01:40:08 Rep. Butcher
01:40:24 Rep. Lake

01:40:41 **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Lange voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 224

01:42:10 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 224 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:42:33 Rep. Ward
01:42:54 Rep. Bixby
01:45:57 Rep. O'Hara
01:46:42 Rep. Butcher
01:50:00 Rep. Cordier
01:51:20 Rep. Raser
01:54:01 Rep. Wilmer
01:55:33 Rep. Hamilton
01:56:09 Rep. Koopman

01:57:27 **Vote:** The motion failed 5-10 by roll call vote with
Reps. Raser, Bixby, Wilmer, Grinde, and Hamilton voting
aye.

01:58:26 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Butcher Butcher moved to **REVERSE THE VOTE AND TABLE THE BILL.** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

01:59:12 Adjournment: 5:12 P.M.

REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

DONCI BARDASH, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([edh19aad.pdf](#))