

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Rick Jore, on February 5, 2007 at 3:02 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. 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. Norma Bixby (D)
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 417, 2/1/2007
Executive Action: HB 354, HB 297, HB 164, HB 230

HEARING ON HB 417

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:08 Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D), HD 81, opened the hearing
on HB 417, Revise school finance laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:51 Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction
00:05:43 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association
00:06:23 Larry Nielson, MEA-MFT

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:18 Rep. Hollenbaugh

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 354

00:08:36 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 354 DO PASS.**

00:09:30 **Motion:** Rep. Lake moved that **HB 354 BE AMENDED.**

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(edh25a01)

Discussion:

00:10:16 Rep. Lake
00:11:43 Rep. Wilmer
00:12:02 Rep. Lake
00:12:24 Rep. Caferro
00:14:18 Rep. Lake
00:14:51 Steve Gettel, Montana School for the Deaf and Blind
00:17:31 Rep. Wilmer
00:17:45 Mr. Gettel
00:17:54 Rep. Raser
00:18:10 Mr. Gettel
00:19:21 Rep. Butcher
00:20:31 Mr. Gettel
00:22:15 Rep. Koopman
00:23:14 Rep. Lake
00:23:59 Rep. Caferro
00:25:00 Rep. Wilmer
00:25:47 Rep. Raser

00:27:02 Rep. Lake
00:28:12 Rep. Raser
00:28:37 Rep. Butcher

00:29:57 **Vote:** The motion carried 14-1 by voice vote with Rep. Grinde voting no. Reps. Lange and Bixby voted by proxy.

00:30:28 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 354 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:30:43 Ms. Fox

00:31:07 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 354 BE AMENDED.** The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Reps. Lange and Bixby voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT (edh25a02)

00:31:54 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved **HB 354 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:32:23 Rep. Koopman
00:37:05 Rep. Raser
00:38:09 Rep. Hamilton
00:39:14 Rep. Lake

00:40:36 **Vote:** The motion carried 14-1 by voice vote with Rep. Jore voting no. Reps. Lange and Bixby voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT (edh25a03)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 297

00:41:19 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **HB 297 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:41:41 Rep. Hamilton
00:42:14 Rep. Jore
00:42:32 Rep. Raser
00:43:15 Rep. Lake
00:44:11 Rep. O'Hara

00:44:46 **Vote:** The motion failed 5-10 with Reps. Raser, Cordier, Grinde, Hamilton, and Bixby voting aye. Reps. Lange and Bixby voted by proxy.

00:45:55 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Butcher moved that **HB 297 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 164

00:46:51 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Koopman moved that **HB 164 DO PASS.**

00:47:39 **Motion:** Rep. Koopman moved that **HB 164 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(edh25a04)

Discussion:

00:48:05 Rep. Koopman
00:50:52 Rep. Raser
00:51:12 Rep. Koopman

00:52:11 **Vote:** The motion carried 12-3 with Reps. Raser, Cordier and Bixby voting no. Reps. Lange and Bixby voted by proxy.

00:52:48 **Motion:** Rep. Koopman moved that **HB 164 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:53:07 Rep. Koopman
EXHIBIT(edh25a05)
00:55:28 Rep. Wilmer
00:56:15 Rep. Ward
00:56:51 Rep. Butcher
00:59:15 Rep. Grinde
00:59:48 Rep. Koopman

01:02:30 **Vote:** The motion failed 7-8 with Reps. Lake, Everett, Jore, Koopman, Blasdel and Lange voting aye. Rep. Lange voted by proxy.

01:03:46 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 164 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** The motion carried 14-1 with Rep. Jore voting no. Rep. Lange voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 230

01:04:10 **Motion:** Rep. Koopman moved that **HB 230 DO PASS.**

01:05:04 **Motion:** Rep. Koopman moved that **HB 230 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(edh25a06)

Discussion:

01:05:21 Rep. Koopman

01:10:06 **Vote:** The motion carried 12-3 with Reps. Grinde, Wilmer and Raser voting no. Rep. Lange voted by proxy.

01:10:25 **Motion:** Rep. Koopman moved that **HB 230 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:10:34 Rep. Koopman

01:14:40 Rep. Everett

01:16:07 Rep. Butcher

01:22:46 Rep. Raser

EXHIBIT (edh25a07)

01:26:28 Rep. Wilmer

01:29:14 Rep. Hamilton

01:30:35 **Vote:** The motion carried 9-6 with Reps. Raser, Bixby, Cordier, Hamilton, Grinde, and Wilmer voting no. Rep. Lange voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

01:32:15 Adjournment: 4:34 P.M.

REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

DONCI BARDASH, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([edh25aad.pdf](#))