

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Rick Jore, on February 19, 2007 at 3:20 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. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Michael Lange (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent:

Rep. John Ward (R)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)

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 404, 2/15/2007; HB 477, 2/15/2007; HB 672, 2/15/2007; HB 691, 2/15/2007
Executive Action:	HB 651, HB 454, HB 609, HB 478, HJ 22, HB 525

HEARING ON HB 477

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:45 Rep. Holly Raser (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 477, Revise law on transfer of information to schools from certain entities.

Proponents: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:04:46 Rep. Raser

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 477

00:04:55 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Grinde moved that **HB 477 BE TABLED**.
The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

HEARING ON HB 404

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:06:17 Rep. Rick Jore (C), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 404, Eliminate compulsory attendance laws.

EXHIBIT (edh37a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:54 John Taylor Gatto, New York teacher

00:42:47 Robyn Miller, Billings parent

EXHIBIT (edh37a02)

EXHIBIT (edh37a03)

00:46:07 Joellen Barbagello, parent

00:46:34 Andy Jamieson, self

00:46:50 Rachel Jamieson, self

00:47:12 Curtis Oliverson, self

00:47:45 Becky Stockton, self

EXHIBIT (edh37a04)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:48:47 Steve Meloy, Montana Board of Education
00:54:34 Bud Williams, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
00:59:52 Annie Glover, MEA-MFT
01:04:33 Darrell Rud, School Administrators of Montana
01:10:39 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association
01:14:04 Bruce Messinger, Helena Public Schools
01:17:56 Neil Haight, self

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:18:50 Rep. Wilmer
01:20:50 Mr. Williams
01:21:35 Rep. Wilmer
01:22:14 Rep. Jore
01:22:28 Mr. Gatto
01:24:11 Rep. Raser
01:25:19 Mr. Meloy
01:26:26 Rep. Hamilton
01:27:28 Mr. Williams
01:28:30 Rep. Koopman
01:33:28 Mr. Williams
01:33:41 Rep. Koopman
01:33:58 Mr. Gatto

Closing by Sponsor:

01:40:53 Rep. Jore

01:45:27 Break
01:58:44 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 672

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:00:07 Rep. Bill Glaser (R), HD 44, opened the hearing on
HB 672, Revise school bond laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:05:21 Mr. Vogel
02:07:26 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association
02:09:24 Mr. Williams
02:10:12 Mr. Rud
02:10:35 Ms. Glover

02:10:55 Pete Carparelli, Montana Quality Education Coalition
[EXHIBIT](#)(edh37a05)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

02:11:27 Rep. Glaser

HEARING ON HB 691

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:16:25 Rep. Dan Villa (D), HD 86, opened the hearing on
HB 691, Create Montana Film Arts Program.
[EXHIBIT](#)(edh37a06)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:18:49 Susan Latimer, Media Arts in Public Schools (MAPS)
[EXHIBIT](#)(edh37a07)
02:24:32 Danielle Corona, MAPS student
02:26:19 Mr. Williams
02:28:41 Rep. Bob Lake, HD 88, Hamilton

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

02:31:48 Rep. Villa

HEARING ON HB 651

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:33:32 Rep. Douglas Cordier (D), HD 3, opened the hearing on
HB 651, Increase age of compulsory school attendance
to 17.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

02:34:16 Rep. Cordier

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 651

02:34:25 **Motion/ Vote:** Rep. Butcher moved that **HB 651 BE TABLED**.
The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 454

02:37:41 **Motion:** Rep. Everett moved that **HB 454 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

02:38:13 Rep. Lake

02:38:16 Rep. Cordier

02:38:21 Rep. Koopman

02:38:48 Rep. Lake

02:39:47 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Grinde move that **HB 454 BE TABLED**.
The motion carried 10-5 by roll call vote with
Reps. Koopman, Ward, Butcher, Lange, and Jore voting
no. Reps. Ward, Wilmer, Lange and Jore voted by
proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 609

02:41:17 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **HB 609 DO PASS**.

02:41:27 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **HB 609 BE AMENDED**.
EXHIBIT(edh37a08)

Discussion:

02:42:11 Rep. Hamilton

02:42:32 **Vote:** The vote carried unanimously by voice vote with
Reps. Lange, Ward, Jore, Lake and Wilmer voting by
proxy.

02:42:53 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **HB 609 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:43:00 Rep. Hamilton
02:43:59 Rep. Lake
02:44:36 Rep. Butcher
02:45:31 Rep. Hamilton
02:46:26 Rep. Butcher
02:46:55 Rep. Hamilton
02:47:58 Rep. O'Hara
02:48:18 Rep. Lake
02:48:58 Rep. Raser
02:50:01 Rep. Butcher

02:50:47 **Vote:** The motion carried 11-4 by roll call vote with Reps. Koopman, Everett, Butcher and Jore voting no. Reps. Ward, Lake, Lange and Jore voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 478

02:51:50 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 478 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:52:22 Rep. Raser
02:53:52 Ms. Fox
02:54:03 Rep. Raser
02:54:16 Ms. Fox
02:54:40 Rep. Wilmer
02:54:49 Rep. Raser

03:01:38 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 478 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (edh37a09)

Discussion:

03:01:56 Rep. Raser

03:03:27 **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously by voice. Reps. Jore, Lange, Lake, and Ward voted by proxy.

03:03:41 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HB 478 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

03:03:46 Rep. Everett
03:04:12 Rep. Raser
03:06:56 Rep. Everett
03:07:30 Rep. Wilmer
03:07:58 Rep. Raser
03:08:37 Rep. Everett
03:08:54 Rep. Raser
03:09:49 Rep. Butcher
03:10:13 Rep. Raser
03:11:25 Rep. Hamilton
03:11:48 Rep. Raser
03:12:02 Rep. Koopman
03:12:26 Rep. Raser
03:14:36 Rep. Koopman
03:14:47 Rep. Raser

03:15:32 **Vote:** The motion carried 8-7 by roll call vote with Reps. Koopman, Blasdel, Ward, Everett, Butcher, Lange and Jore voting no. Reps. Ward, Lake, Jore and Lange voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 22

03:17:01 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved that **HJ 22 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

03:17:35 Rep. Hamilton
03:18:00 Rep. Butcher
03:22:34 Rep. O'Hara
03:23:03 Rep. Cordier
03:23:30 Rep. Butcher

03:24:49 **Vote:** The motion carried 12-3 with Reps. Jore, Koopman and Everett voting no. Reps. Lange, Jore, Ward and Lake voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 525

03:26:02 **Motion:** Rep. Everett moved that **HB 525 DO PASS.**

03:26:57 **Motion:** Rep. Everett moved that **HB 525 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (edh37a10)

Discussion:

03:27:21 Rep. Koopman
03:31:28 Rep. O'Hara
03:31:41 Rep. Koopman

03:32:47 **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Reps. Lange, Jore, Ward and Lake voted by proxy.

03:33:10 **Motion:** Rep. Everett moved that **HB 525 DO PASS AS
AMENDED.**

Discussion:

03:33:28 Rep. Cordier
03:33:55 Rep. Koopman

EXHIBIT (edh37a11)

03:39:45 Rep. Butcher
03:43:24 Rep. Cordier
03:48:04 Rep. Raser

EXHIBIT (edh37a12)

03:50:03 Rep. Raser
03:51:10 Rep. O'Hara
03:52:32 Rep. Koopman
03:52:39 Rep. Bixby
03:57:40 Rep. Grinde
03:58:40 Rep. Everett
04:00:26 Rep. Raser
04:00:34 Rep. Everett
04:00:39 Rep. Raser
04:01:08 Rep. Butcher
04:01:59 Rep. Koopman
04:03:25 Rep. Hamilton
04:04:36 Rep. Wilmer
04:10:10 Rep. Raser

04:10:43 Caucus

04:12:42 Reconvene

04:12:53 Rep. Koopman

04:18:50 **Vote:** The motion carried 9-6 by roll call vote with
Reps. Raser, Wilmer, Cordier, Grinde, Hamilton, and
Bixby voting no. Reps. Ward, Lake, Jore and Lange
voted by proxy.

Additional Exhibits:

This document relates to HB 479 and was distributed to committee members prior to the meeting.

EXHIBIT (edh37a13)

This document relates to HB 525 and was distributed to committee members prior to the meeting.

EXHIBIT (edh37a14)

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EXHIBIT (edh37a15)

This document relates to HB 454 and was distributed to committee members prior to the meeting.

EXHIBIT (edh37a16)

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EXHIBIT (edh37a17)

ADJOURNMENT

04:20:00 Adjournment: 7:40 P.M.

REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

DONCI BARDASH, Secretary

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