MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Rick Jore, on March 7, 2007 at 3:01 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. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent:
Rep. John Ward (R)
Rep. Michael Lange (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)

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

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Committee Business Summary:
Hearing & Date Posted: SB 12, SB 16, 2/28/2007
Executive Action: HB 479, HB 691

PRESENTATION ON MONTANA SMALL SCHOOLS ALLIANCE

00:01:57 Claudette Morton, Montana Small Schools Alliance

HEARING ON SB 12

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:00 Sen. Carol Williams (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SB 12, Revise community college funding.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:20 Sen. Rick Laible, SD 44, Darby
00:08:22 Jane Karas, Flathead Valley Community College
00:09:47 Stephanie Hicswa, Miles Community College
00:10:08 Jim Cargill, Dawson Community College
00:10:35 Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education
00:11:38 Carl Schweitzer, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce
00:12:04 Terri Minnow, MEA-MFT

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:07 Sen. Williams

HEARING ON SB 16

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:12 Sen. Bob Hawks (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 16, 6-mill levy for university system referendum.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:18 Ms. Stearns
00:19:05 Bud Williams, Office of Public Instruction
00:20:18 Ms. Karas
00:20:39 Cathy Conover, Montana University System
00:21:11 Ms. Minnow
00:21:47 Denver Henderson, Students of the University of Montana
00:24:01 Scott Martin, Students of Montana State University
00:25:51 Jessica LaRoche, Students of MSU-Bozeman

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:55 Rep. Wilmer
00:27:19 Mr. Williams
00:28:06 Rep. Wilmer
00:28:10 Mr. Williams

Closing by Sponsor:

00:28:47 Sen. Hawks

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 479

00:33:28 **Motion**: Rep. Raser moved that **HB 479 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:33:41 Rep. Jore
00:33:44 Rep. Raser
00:35:07 Rep. Jore
00:35:45 Rep. Raser
00:36:26 Rep. Cordier
00:37:20 Rep. Raser
00:37:33 Rep. Wilmer
00:38:02 Rep. Lake
00:40:34 Rep. Raser
00:44:23 Rep. Butcher
00:48:09 Rep. Jore
00:49:47 Rep. Grinde
00:50:06 Rep. Everett
00:51:10 Rep. Raser
00:54:52 Rep. Butcher
00:55:06 Rep. Raser
00:55:26 Rep. Butcher
00:56:11 Rep. Wilmer

00:57:22 **Vote**: The motion failed 7-8 by roll call vote with Reps. Raser, Wilmer, Cordier, O'Hara, Grinde, Hamilton, and Bixby voting aye. Reps. Ward, Lange and Bixby voted by proxy.

00:58:21 **Motion/ Vote**: Rep. Butcher moved that the **VOTE BE REVERSED AND THE BILL TABLED.** The motion carried 7-5 by voice vote with Reps. Grinde, Hamilton, Wilmer, Cordier, and Raser voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 691

00:59:06 **Motion**: Rep. Raser moved that **HB 691 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:59:26 Rep. Lake
01:01:22 Rep. Jore
01:01:31 Rep. Hamilton
01:02:19 Rep. Jore
01:02:29 Rep. Lake
01:03:52 Rep. Butcher
01:04:09 Rep. Lake
01:04:40 Rep. Jore
01:05:51 Rep. Lake
01:06:21 Rep. Butcher

01:09:18 **Vote**: The motion failed 5-10 by roll call vote with Reps. Raser, Lake, Grinde, Hamilton and Bixby voting aye. Reps. Ward, Lange and Bixby voted by proxy.

01:10:22 **Motion/Vote**: Rep. Butcher moved that the **VOTE BE REVERSED AND THE BILL TABLED**. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

01:10:43 Adjournment: 4:12 P.M.

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REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

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DONCI BARDASH, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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