

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**Call to Order:** by Chairman Rick Jore, on April 25, 2007 at  
3:00 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. Jesse O'Hara (R)  
Rep. John Ward (R)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Bob Lake  
Rep. Michael Lange

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Dee Barfknecht, 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: SJR 28  
Executive Action: SJR 28

**HEARING ON SJR 28**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:13 Sen. Bob Hawks (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SJR 28, study education funding and education reform.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:16 Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education

00:07:56 Lois Fitzpatrick, Carroll College

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:47 Rep. Ward

00:09:06 Sen. Hawks

00:09:47 Rep. Koopman

00:10:45 Sen. Hawks

00:11:45 Rep. Koopman

00:13:21 Sen. Hawks

00:14:42 Rep. Butcher

00:17:06 Sen. Hawks

00:19:06 Chairman Jore

00:19:41 Sen. Hawks

00:19:46 Susan Fox, Legislative Branch

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:20:09 Sen. Hawks

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 28**

00:20:59 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **SJR 28 BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

00:21:19 Rep. Hamilton

00:21:57 Rep. O'Hara

00:22:37 Rep. Bixby

00:24:35 Rep. Butcher

00:29:26 Chairman Jore

00:29:31 Rep. Butcher

00:29:36 Rep. Raser

00:32:51 Rep. Koopman

00:36:44 **Vote:** Motion that **SJR 28 BE ADOPTED** carried 8-5 by roll call vote, present and voting. Reps. Koopman, Blasdel, Everett, Butcher and Jore voted no.

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:38:51 Adjournment

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REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

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DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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