

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DON RYAN**, on February 14, 2007 at 3:23 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Don Ryan, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)  
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)  
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)  
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)  
Sen. Dan McGee (R)  
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Jim Peterson (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch  
Marigail Schreiner, Committee Secretary

**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: None.  
Executive Action: SB 299, SB 38

00:00:41 Opening comments by Chairman Ryan

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 297**

00:02:02 **Motion:** SEN. RYAN moved that SB 297 DO PASS.

[EXHIBIT \(eds33a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(eds33a02\)](#)

00:03:30 **Motion:** SEN. RYAN moved that SB 297 BE AMENDED.

**Discussion:**

00:03:40 Chairman Ryan

00:06:00 Sen. Story

00:07:20 Sen. Hawks to chairman Ryan

00:07:50 Connie Welsh, Administrator, Healthcare and Benefits  
Division, Department of Administration

00:08:53 Chairman Ryan

00:09:43 Chairman Ryan to Connie Welsh

00:14:13 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-4 by voice vote with SEN.  
BLACK, SEN. MCGEE, SEN. PETERSON, and SEN. STORY voting  
no. SEN. PETERSON voted no by proxy.

00:15:19 **Motion:** SEN. RYAN moved that SB 297 BE AMENDED.

**Discussion:**

00:16:13 Sen. Story to Chairman Ryan

00:18:53 Sen. Hawks to Chairman Ryan

00:20:34 Connie Welsh

00:21:08 Sen. Hawks

00:21:52 Sen. Story

00:22:50 Chairman Ryan

00:23:56 Sen. Story

00:25:01 Connie Welsh

00:26:32 Chairman Ryan

00:27:42 Sen. Hawks to Chairman Ryan

00:28:26 Sen. McGee to Chairman Ryan

00:30:33 **Vote: Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with SEN. MCGEE voting no. SEN. PETERSON voted aye by proxy.**

00:31:06 **Motion: SEN. RYAN moved that SB 297 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:31:13 Sen. Story

00:33:18 Sen. Story to Connie Welsh

00:36:13 Sen. Hawks to Connie Welsh

00:37:27 Sen. Story to Connie Welsh

00:37:43 Sen. Kitzenberg to Connie Welsh

00:39:18 Chairman Ryan

00:39:59 Sen. Story to Chairman Ryan

00:41:20 Connie Welsh

00:42:05 Sen. Story to Connie Welsh

00:42:56 Sen. McGee to Chairman Ryan

00:46:12 Sen. Story

00:49:47 Chairman Ryan

00:52:08 **Vote: Motion failed 4-5 by voice vote with SEN. HAWKS, SEN. JUNEAU, SEN. KITZENBERG, and SEN. RYAN voting aye. SEN. PETERSON voted no by proxy.**

00:52:53 **Motion/Vote: SEN. STORY moved that SB 297 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with SEN. RYAN voting no. SEN. PETERSON voted aye by proxy.**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 38**

00:55:30 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. MCGEE moved to RECONSIDER THE MOTION on SB 38. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:56:14 **Motion:** SEN. MCGEE moved to strip amendment SB 003801.acb for SB 38. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:56:58 **Motion:** SEN. RYAN moved that SB 38 BE AMENDED.

**EXHIBIT** (eds33a03)

**Discussion:**

00:59:42 Sen. Ryan to Madalyn Quinlan. Ms. Quinlan referred to Joan Anderson, Office of Public Instruction.

01:02:41 Sen. Story to Joan Anderson

01:03:10 Sen. Juneau left  
Sen. Elliott left

01:13:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-2 by voice vote with SEN. MCGEE and SEN. STORY voting no. SEN. ELLIOTT, SEN. JUNEAU and SEN. PETERSON voted aye by proxy.

01:13:46 **Motion:** SEN. RYAN moved that SB 38 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED.

**Discussion:**

01:13:54 Chairman Ryan

01:14:27 **Motion:** SEN. RYAN moved that SB 38 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

**Discussion:**

01:14:35 Sen. Ryan

01:16:22 Sen. McGee to Sen. Ryan

01:18:31 Sen. Story

01:21:07 Chairman Ryan

01:23:37 Sen. McGee

01:24:28 Sen. Hawks to Chairman Ryan

01:27:16 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-4 by roll call vote with SEN. BLACK, SEN. MCGEE, SEN. PETERSON, and SEN. STORY voting no. SEN. ELLIOTT and SEN. JUNEAU voted aye by proxy. SEN. PETERSON voted no by proxy.

01:28:00 Comments by Chairman Ryan

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:49 P.M.

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SEN. DON RYAN, Chairman

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MARIGAIL SCHREINER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([eds33aad.pdf](#))**