

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DON RYAN**, on February 19, 2007 at 3:45 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. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Excused: None.

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: SB 456, SB 457, SB 458, 2/12/2007;
SB 488, 2/15/2007

Executive Action: SB 458

00:00:00 Opening comments by Chairman Ryan. Chairman Ryan informed the Committee that Rep. Ward was in the hospital so the Committee would not be hearing HB 363 this day.

00:00:51 Sen. Black

00:01:12 Chairman Ryan withdrew SB 456 from consideration.

00:04:12 Sen. Kitzenberg assumed the chair so that Sen. Ryan could present SB 458

HEARING ON SB 458

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:43 **SEN. DON RYAN (D), SD 10**, opened the hearing on **SB 458**, Revise requirements of county superintendent of schools.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:02 None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:20:31 Steve White, Bozeman

[EXHIBIT \(eds37a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(eds37a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(eds37a03\)](#)

00:26:46 John Barbagello, Helena

[EXHIBIT \(eds37a04\)](#)

00:28:20 Scott Wagner, Kalispell

[EXHIBIT \(eds37a05\)](#)

00:30:25 Dorothy Furr, Great Falls

[EXHIBIT \(eds37a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(eds37a07\)](#)

00:31:25 Donald G. Nutter-Watkins

EXHIBIT (eds37a08)

00:33:14 Sue Hegg, Great Falls

EXHIBIT (eds37a09)

Informational Testimony:

00:36:21 Marsha Davis, County Superintendent, Lewis and Clark
County

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:59 Sen. Hawks to Steve White

00:43:15 Sen. Peterson to Marsha Davis

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:26 Sen. Ryan

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 458

00:52:39 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. MCGEE moved that SB 458 BE TABLED.
Motion carried 8-1 by roll call vote with SEN. RYAN
voting no with SEN. ELLIOTT voting aye by proxy.

00:54:39 Break

00:54:58 Vice-Chairman Kitzenberg resumed the hearings.

HEARING ON SB 457

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:55:31 SEN. DON RYAN (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 457,
Board of public education approval of extra-curricular
cost increases.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:03:57 None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:04:25 Mark Beckman, Executive Director, Montana High School Association

EXHIBIT (eds37a10)

01:11:27 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association

01:13:41 Dave Shreaves, Superintendent of Forsyth Schools

01:16:27 Kathy Bramer, Office of Public Instruction

Informational Testimony:

01:18:26 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:18:37 Sen. Story to Lance Melton

Closing by Sponsor:

01:23:28 Sen. Ryan

HEARING ON SB 488

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:27:23 **SEN. DON RYAN (D), SD 10**, opened the hearing on **SB 488**, Define state share of basic system of quality schools.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:32:31 None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:32:43 Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction

EXHIBIT (eds37a11)

01:37:15 Pete Carparelli, Executive Director, Montana Quality Education Coalition

EXHIBIT (eds37a12)

01:40:33 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association

01:43:27 Erik Burke, MEA/MFT

Informational Testimony:

01:44:25 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:44:36 Sen. Story to Madalyn Quinlan

01:46:10 Sen. Story to Lance Melton

01:52:24 Sen. Hawks to Lance Melton

01:54:24 Sen. McGee to Sen. Ryan

02:01:07 Sen. Story to Madalyn Quinlan

Closing by Sponsor:

02:03:09 Sen. Ryan

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:50 P.M.

SEN. DON RYAN, Chairman

MARIGAIL SCHREINER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([eds37aad.pdf](#))