

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DON RYAN**, on March 14, 2007 at 2:44 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: HB 678, 3/10/2007
Executive Action: HB 347

00:00:03 Opening comments by Chairman Ryan

HEARING ON HB 678

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:52 **REP. MICHAEL LANGE (R), HD 55**, opened the hearing on **HB 678**, Revise school funding and tax laws.

[EXHIBIT \(eds54a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(eds54a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(eds54a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:11 John Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:22 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards' Association

00:16:40 Tom Bilodeau, MEA/MFT

00:18:05 David Ewer, Budget Director for Governor Schweitzer

00:19:25 Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public Instruction

00:21:00 Dan Bucks, Director of Revenue for the Citizens of Montana

[EXHIBIT \(eds54a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(eds54a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(eds54a06\)](#)

00:33:14 Pete Carparelli, Executive Director, Montana Quality Education Coalition

Informational Testimony:

00:37:09 Jim Standard, Legislative Fiscal Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:36 Sen. Story to Director Bucks

00:52:40 Chairman Ryan to Rep. Lang
00:57:16 Sen. Elliott to Rep. Lang
00:58:10 Sen. Elliott to Sen. Story
01:02:31 Sen. Elliott to Director Bucks
01:07:32 Chairman Ryan
01:07:48 Sen. Story to Madalyn Quinlan
01:09:31 Sen. Story to Rep. Lang
01:10:26 Sen. Story to Jim Standard
01:12:14 Chairman Ryan to Jim Standard
01:16:10 Chairman Ryan to Lance Melton
01:16:46 Sen. Kitzenberg to Rep. Lang
01:17:14 Sen. Story to Jim Standard
01:18:03 Sen. Peterson to Tom Bilodeau
01:23:36 Sen. Hawks to Rep. Lang
01:27:35 Sen. Juneau to Rep. Lang
01:30:30 Chairman Ryan to Lance Melton
01:31:49 Sen. Juneau left the meeting.
01:33:23 Chairman Ryan to Pete Carparelli
01:35:37 Chairman Ryan to Lance Melton
01:37:06 Sen. Story to Lance Melton
01:38:16 Sen. Story to David Ewer
01:52:08 Sen. Elliott left

Closing by Sponsor:

01:42:21 Rep. Lang

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 347

01:56:27 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. MCGEE moved that HB 347 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously. SEN. KITZENBERG will carry HB 347 on the Senate Floor.

01:57:07 Closing comments by Chairman Ryan

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:42 P.M.

SEN. DON RYAN, Chairman

MARIGAIL SCHREINER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([eds54aad.pdf](#))