

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Robin Hamilton, on March 11, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Robin Hamilton, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Russell Bean (R)
Rep. Paul Beck (D)
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Dee Brown (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Wanda Grinde, Chairman (D)
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)

Staff Present: Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary
Jeremy Gersovitz, 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 & Date Posted: SB 248, 3/6/2009; SB 273, 3/6/2009

Executive Action: HB 629, SB 173, SB 273, SJ 9, SJ 25

00:04:43 Vice Chairman Hamilton

HEARING ON SB 273

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:02 Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 273, Revise school trustee laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:52 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:28 Rep. Lake
00:10:49 Sen. Laslovich
00:10:59 Rep. Bean
00:11:11 Rep. Washburn
00:11:54 Sen. Laslovich
00:13:07 Rep. Washburn
00:13:31 Sen. Laslovich
00:13:51 Mr. Vogel
00:14:41 Rep. Butcher
00:15:50 Sen. Laslovich
00:16:48 Rep. Butcher
00:17:20 Sen. Laslovich

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:40 Sen. Laslovich

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 629

00:22:33 **Motion:** Rep. Brown moved that **HB 629 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:22:46 Rep. Blasdel
00:23:49 Rep. Wilmer
00:24:04 Rep. Brown
00:24:52 Rep. Bean
00:25:20 Rep. Malek
00:26:06 Rep. Fleming
00:26:44 Rep. Brown
00:26:45 Rep. Beck left the room.

00:27:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Malek voting no. Reps. Boniek, Wagner, Beck and Grinde voted by proxy.

00:27:32 Rep. Beck returned to the committee.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 173

00:27:41 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bean moved that **SB 173 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Boniek, Wagner and Grinde voted by proxy. Rep. Mendenhall will carry the bill on the floor.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 9

00:30:01 **Motion:** Rep. Malek moved that **SJR 9 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

00:30:28 Rep. Wilmer

00:30:57 **Motion:** Rep. Beck moved that **SJR 9 BE AMENDED**. **EXHIBIT (edh54a01)**

Discussion:

00:31:28 Jeremy Gersovitz

00:32:48 Rep. Beck

00:33:16 Vice Chairman Hamilton

00:33:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Boniek, Wagner and Grinde voted by proxy.

00:33:46 **Motion:** Rep. Beck moved that **SJ 9 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

00:34:01 Rep. Brown

00:35:26 Rep. Butcher

00:36:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Boniek, Wagner and Grinde voted by proxy. Rep. Hamilton will carry the bill on the floor.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 25

00:36:56 **Motion:** Rep. Lake moved **SJR 25 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

00:38:02 Rep. Butcher

00:39:35 Rep. Wilmer

00:41:07 Rep. Blasdel
00:41:43 Rep. Washburn
00:42:11 Rep. Fleming
00:43:23 Vice Chairman Hamilton

00:43:41 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-10 by roll call vote with Reps. Fleming, Malek, Lake, Beck, Calf Boss Ribs voting aye. Reps. Boniek, Wagner and Grinde voted by proxy.

00:44:53 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Butcher moved **TO TABLE SJR 25**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Boniek, Wagner and Grinde voted by proxy.

HEARING ON SB 248

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:31 Sen. John Brueggeman (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 248, Resident benefits for nonresident members of Montana National Guard.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:48:46 Tyler Trevor, Montana University System

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:49:09 Rep. Washburn
00:50:30 Sen. Brueggeman
00:51:33 Rep. Brown
00:52:05 Sen. Brueggeman
00:52:27 Rep. Brown
00:53:05 Sen. Brueggeman
00:53:18 Rep. Brown
00:53:41 Mr. Trevor

Proponents' Testimony:

00:54:19 Roger Hagen, Montana National Guard

Additional Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:01 Rep. Malek
00:56:47 Sen. Brueggeman
00:57:08 Rep. Butcher
00:57:34 Mr. Hagen
00:58:36 Rep. Butcher

00:58:55 Mr. Hagen
00:59:41 Rep. Butcher
01:01:00 Mr. Hagen
01:02:44 Rep. Wilmer
01:03:20 Mr. Hagen
01:03:47 Rep. Wilmer
01:04:15 Mr. Hagen
01:05:03 Rep. Wilmer
01:05:15 Mr. Hagen
01:05:43 Rep. Wilmer
01:05:50 Mr. Hagen
01:06:02 Rep. Brown
01:06:31 Mr. Hagen
01:07:14 Rep. Brown
01:07:28 Mr. Hagen

Closing by Sponsor:

01:08:10 Sen. Brueggeman

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 273

01:09:43 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lake moved that **SB 273 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Boniek, Wagner and Grinde voted by proxy. Rep. Butcher will carry the bill on the floor.

01:10:23 Vice Chairman Hamilton

ADJOURNMENT

01:10:26 Adjournment: 4:20 P.M.

Debbie Carlson, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([edh54aad.pdf](#))