

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Wanda Grinde, on March 20, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Wanda Grinde, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Russell Bean (R)  
Rep. Paul Beck (D)  
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)  
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. Ted Washburn (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

**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: None

Executive Action: SJ 3, SB 80, SB 81, SB 485, SB 248

00:01:40 Chairman Grinde

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 248**

00:02:05 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **SB 248 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:02:23 **Motion:** Rep. Blasdel moved that **SB 248 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT** (edh62a01)

**Discussion:**

00:02:39 Jeremy Gersovitz, Legislative Services Division

00:03:18 Rep. Bean

00:03:38 Mr. Gersovitz

00:04:26 Rep. Washburn

00:04:52 Rep. Brown

00:05:12 Mr. Gersovitz

00:05:37 Rep. Bean

00:06:02 Mr. Gersovitz

00:06:28 Rep. Bean

00:06:53 Chairman Grinde

00:07:08 Rep. Butcher

00:07:58 Rep. Brown

00:08:26 Chairman Grinde

00:08:41 Mr. Gersovitz

00:09:33 Chairman Grinde

00:09:46 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-12 by voice vote with Reps.  
Wilmer, Malek, Beck and Boss Ribs voting aye. Reps.  
Wilmer, Wagner and McClafferty voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

00:10:45 Rep. Brown

00:11:50 Rep. Butcher

00:13:04 Rep. Boniek

00:13:46 Rep. Lake

00:14:23 Rep. Malek

00:15:30 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-8 by roll call vote with Reps.  
Hamilton, Wilmer, Fleming, Malek, McClafferty, Beck,  
Boss Ribs and Grinde voting aye. Reps. Wilmer, Wagner  
and McClafferty voted by proxy.

00:16:38 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Washburn moved **THAT SB 248 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 10-6 by voice vote with Reps. Wilmer, McClafferty, Hamilton, Fleming, Malek and Grinde voting no. Reps. Wilmer, Wagner and McClafferty voted by proxy.

00:18:54 Rep. Beck

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 3**

00:19:30 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **SJ 3 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:19:40 Rep. Lake

00:21:14 Rep. Malek

00:21:52 Rep. Brown

00:23:20 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-4 by roll call vote with Reps. Hamilton, Boniek, Boss Ribs and Grinde voting no. Reps. Wilmer, Wagner and McClafferty voted by proxy. Rep. Lake will carry the bill on the floor.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 485**

00:23:29 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **SB 485 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:23:59 Rep. Boniek

00:24:45 Rep. Fleming

00:25:23 Rep. Bean

00:26:06 Rep. Malek

00:27:59 Rep. Washburn

00:29:06 Rep. Brown

00:30:02 Rep. Butcher

00:32:37 Rep. Lake

00:33:44 Rep. Beck

00:34:38 Rep. Hamilton

00:34:56 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-8 by roll call vote with Reps. Hamilton, Wilmer, Fleming, Malek, McClafferty, Beck, Boss Ribs and Grinde voting aye. Reps. Wilmer, Wagner and McClafferty voted by proxy.

00:35:49 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brown moved **THAT SB 485 BE TABLED.** Motion failed 8-8 by roll call vote with Reps. Blasdel, Boniek, Brown, Bean, Lake, Butcher, Wagner, and

Washburn voting aye. Reps. Wilmer, Wagner and  
McClafferty voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 80**

00:36:01 **Motion:** Rep. Brown moved that **SB 80 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:37:09 Rep. Malek  
00:37:55 Rep. Butcher  
00:40:18 Rep. Boniek

00:40:30 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-8 by roll call vote with Reps.  
Blasdel, Boniek, Brown, Bean, Lake, Butcher, Wagner and  
Washburn voting aye. Reps. Wilmer, Wagner and  
McClafferty voted by proxy.

00:41:14 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Malek moved that **SB 80 BE TABLED.**  
Motion failed 8-8 by roll call vote with Reps.  
Hamilton, Wilmer, Fleming, Malek, McClafferty, Beck,  
Boss Ribs and Grinde voting aye. Reps. Wilmer, Wagner  
and McClafferty voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 81**

00:42:32 **Motion:** Rep. Brown moved that **SB 81 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:42:45 Rep. Brown  
00:43:42 Rep. Malek  
00:44:54 Rep. Boniek

00:45:56 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-8 by roll call vote with Reps.  
Blasdel, Boniek, Brown, Bean, Lake, Butcher, Wagner and  
Washburn voting aye. Reps. Wilmer, Wagner and  
McClafferty voted by proxy.

00:47:50 Chairman Grinde

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:56:23 Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

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Debbie Carlson, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([edh62aad.pdf](#))**