

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN RICK LAIBLE, on January 14, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Rick Laible, Chairman (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

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. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Edith McClafferty (D)
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Edward Butcher (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch
Nadine Spencer, 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.

Joint Committee Business Summary:

Presentation by Various Agencies

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 165, 1/8/2009

Executive Action: None

JOINT MEETING OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEES

00:00:01 Chairman Laible
00:04:11 Chairwoman Grinde
00:04:25 Barb Riley, Montana School Boards Association

EXHIBIT(eds08a01)

00:05:45 Chairman Laible
00:06:25 Steve Meloy, Montana Board of Public Education (BPE)
00:33:21 Chairman Laible
00:33:44 Chairwoman Grinde
00:33:58 Denise Juneau, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
00:44:08 Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

EXHIBIT(eds08a02)

01:03:41 Chairwoman Grinde
01:04:05 Sen. Brown
01:04:21 Madalyn Quinlan (OPI)
01:04:40 Chairwoman Grinde
01:05:05 Chairman Laible
01:05:40 Chairwoman Grinde ended the joint meeting of the House
and Senate Education Committees. House Education
Committee was adjourned.

01:05:51 Recess
01:12:56 Reconvene

01:13:27 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT

EXHIBIT(eds08a03)

01:20:22 Chairman Laible
01:20:32 Eric Feaver
01:21:19 Chairman Laible
01:21:28 Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education

EXHIBIT(eds08a04)

01:25:58 Mary Sheehy Moe, Office of the Commissioner of Higher
Education
01:28:46 Chairman Laible
01:29:03 Mitch Jessen, Student Member of the Board of Regents
01:29:29 Chairman Laible

HEARING ON SB 165

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:30:07 SEN. DAVE LEWIS (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 165, Revise school budget timelines.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:31:11 Rachel Vielleux, Missoula County Superintendent of Schools

01:32:17 Lynda Brannon, Montana Association of School Business Officials MASBO)

[EXHIBIT](#)(eds08a05)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:34:16 Denise Ulberg, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

[EXHIBIT](#)(eds08a06)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:37:45 Sen. Zinke

01:37:58 Sen. Lewis

01:38:10 Sen. Zinke

01:38:18 Sen. Lewis

01:39:04 Sen. Hawks

01:39:24 Sen. Lewis

01:39:41 Sen McGee

01:40:19 Sen. Lewis

01:40:38 Sen. Hamlett

01:41:07 Sen. Lewis

01:41:53 Rachel Vielleux

01:42:14 Sen. Ripley

01:42:45 Sen. Lewis

01:43:03 Chairman Laible

01:43:10 Denise Ulberg

01:43:29 Chairman Laible

01:43:41 Sen. Lewis

Closing by Sponsor:

01:44:37 Sen. Lewis

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:47 P.M.

NADINE SPENCER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([eds08aad.pdf](#))