

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Rick Ripley, on February 6, 2009 at 3:05 P.M., in Room 405 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. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

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.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 248, 1/28/2009; SB 279,
1/28/2009

Executive Action: None.

00:00:20 Chairman Laible left the hearing.

HEARING ON SB 248

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:43 Sen. John Brueggeman (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 248, Resident benefits for nonresident members of Montana National Guard.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:07 Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard Association (MTNGA)
00:05:23 Sen. Hawks entered the hearing.
00:06:02 Sen. McGee entered the hearing.
00:06:06 Cary Monbarren, Montana Army National Guard Recruiting and The University of Montana
00:06:43 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy entered the hearing.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:08:37 Mick Robinson, Montana University System

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:45 Sen. Brown
00:08:59 Cary Monbarren
00:09:17 Sen. Brown
00:09:36 Cary Monbarren
00:10:34 Sen. Brown
00:10:42 Cary Monbarren
00:10:55 Sen. Brown
00:11:18 Cary Monbarren
00:11:30 Sen. Brown
00:11:41 Cary Monbarren
00:12:05 Sen. Brown
00:12:07 Cary Monbarren
00:12:15 Sen. Brown
00:12:17 Sen. Brueggeman
00:12:33 Sen. Brown
00:12:44 Sen. Brueggeman
00:14:33 Sen. Hamlett
00:14:49 Mick Robinson
00:15:05 Sen. Hamlett
00:15:20 Mick Robinson
00:15:35 Sen. Hawks
00:15:52 Mick Robinson

00:16:29 Sen. Hawks
00:16:36 Mick Robinson
00:17:23 Sen. Hamlett
00:17:50 Mick Robinson
00:20:13 Sen. Brueggeman

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:02 Sen. Brueggeman

00:23:09 Recess
00:26:06 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 279

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:26:22 Sen. Roy Brown (R), SD 25, opened the hearing on SB
279, Teacher signing bonuses.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:17 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)
00:35:08 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association
00:37:03 Lucas Hamilton, Associated Students of the University
of Montana (ASUM)
00:38:14 Maureen Weiland, Associated Students of Montana State
University (ASMSU)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:39:04 Eric Feaver, MEA/MFT
00:48:15 Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
00:51:32 Bruce Messinger, Helena Public Schools and Montana
Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:30 Sen. Hawks
00:58:04 Sen. Roy Brown
00:58:45 Sen. McGee
00:59:00 Sen. Roy Brown
00:59:18 Sen. McGee
00:59:33 Sen. Roy Brown
00:59:54 Sen. McGee
01:00:03 Sen. Roy Brown
01:00:12 Sen. McGee

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01:01:03 Sen. Taylor Brown
01:02:28 Sen. Roy Brown
01:02:56 Sen. Taylor Brown
01:03:06 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:03:30 Eric Feaver
01:06:15 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:06:22 Sen. Zinke
01:06:44 Eric Feaver
01:07:44 Sen. Zinke
01:08:56 Eric Feaver
01:11:11 Sen. Zinke
01:11:28 Eric Feaver
01:11:49 Sen. Branae
01:12:20 Dave Puyear
01:14:46 Sen. Brown
01:15:09 Sen. Hamlett
01:15:43 Eric Feaver
01:16:19 Sen. Hamlett
01:16:35 Eric Feaver
01:16:57 Sen. Ripley
01:17:04 Maureen Weiland
01:17:17 Sen. Hawks
01:17:39 Sen. Zinke
01:17:54 Maureen Weiland
01:17:57 Sen. Zinke
01:18:01 Maureen Weiland
01:18:26 Sen. Taylor Brown
01:18:53 Sen. Hawks
01:19:20 Sen. Taylor Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:37 Sen. Roy Brown

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT (eds28a01) Pertaining to an informal meeting on 2/5/2009.

EXHIBIT (eds28a02) Pertaining to SJ 4.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:28 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([eds28aad.pdf](#))