

## **MINUTES**

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

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Rick Laible, on March 9, 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. Bob Hawks (D)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Taylor Brown (R)  
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Sen. Dan McGee (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.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 332, 3/4/2009; HB 432, 3/4/2009;  
HJ 27, 3/4/2009

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 432**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:07 Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 432, Authorize school trustee election by acclamation.

00:02:25 Sen. Hamlett entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:17 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

00:05:04 Sen. Brown entered the hearing.

00:06:21 Lisa Kimmet, Office of the Secretary of State

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:07:22 Rep. Mehlhoff

**HEARING ON HB 332**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:07:59 Rep. Dennis Getz (D), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 332, Address conflict between open meeting and student participation issues.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:11:25 Bob Vogel

00:16:20 Sen. McGee entered the hearing.

00:16:41 Sen. Ripley left the hearing.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:18:11 Sen. Brown

00:18:47 Bob Vogel  
00:20:10 Sen. Brown  
00:20:22 Bob Vogel

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:20:46 Rep. Getz

**HEARING ON HJ 27**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:21:48 Rep. Franke Wilmer (D), HD 64, opened the hearing on HJ 27, Urge learning and use of first nations names in their own language.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:26:47 Rep. Calf Boss Ribs  
00:28:15 Joyce Silverthorne, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)  
[EXHIBIT \(eds52a01\)](#)

00:29:10 Jennifer Perez Cole, Governor's Office  
00:29:36 Pam Bucy, Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribe

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:31:02 Sen. Hawks  
00:31:34 Rep. Wilmer  
00:31:38 Chairman Laible  
00:31:44 Rep. Wilmer  
00:33:20 Joyce Silverthorne  
00:33:23 Rep. Wilmer  
00:34:08 Sen. Hawks  
00:34:17 Sen. Brown  
00:34:58 Joyce Silverthorne  
00:35:18 Sen. Brown  
00:35:51 Sen. McGee

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:36:20 Rep. Wilmer

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:40 P.M.

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Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([eds52aad.pdf](#))**