

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chairman Rick Laible, on March 11, 2009 at 3:00
P.M., in Room 317-A 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. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (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 363, 3/5/2009; HB 488, 3/5/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 488

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:28 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 488, Revise territory transfer laws relating to K-12 school districts.

[EXHIBIT \(eds54a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(eds54a02\)](#)

00:01:53 Sen. Hamlett entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:37 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

00:09:50 Janice Farkell, Brady

[EXHIBIT \(eds54a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(eds54a04\)](#)

00:13:31 Tammie Fagan, Conrad

[EXHIBIT \(eds54a05\)](#)

00:15:05 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy entered the hearing.

00:15:58 Earl Cunningham, Brady

[EXHIBIT \(eds54a06\)](#)

00:19:05 Brian Fladstol, Conrad

[EXHIBIT \(eds54a07\)](#)

00:21:45 Lynn Utterback, Conrad Schools

00:25:34 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACO)

[EXHIBIT \(eds54a08\)](#)

00:26:21 John Bergstrom, Brady

[EXHIBIT \(eds54a09\)](#)

00:26:57 Howard Bergstrom, Brady

[EXHIBIT \(eds54a10\)](#)

00:27:14 Earl Cunningham

Opponents' Testimony:

00:30:19 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

[EXHIBIT \(eds54a11\)](#)

00:36:20 Reid Michel, Dutton/Brady School Board

00:40:45 Eric Doheny, Dutton/Brady School District

00:45:13 Tim Tharp, Dutton/Brady School District
[EXHIBIT\(eds54a12\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:52:42 Sen. McGee
 00:52:55 Tim Tharp
 00:53:08 Sen. McGee
 00:53:21 Tim Tharp
 00:53:31 Sen. McGee
 00:53:46 Tim Tharp
 00:54:44 Sen. McGee
 00:54:46 Tim Tharp
 00:54:47 Sen. McGee
 00:55:07 Rep. Jones
 00:55:12 Sen. McGee
 00:55:13 Rep. Jones
 00:55:23 Sen. McGee
 00:56:28 Rep. Jones
 00:58:18 Sen. McGee
 00:59:24 Rep. Jones
 00:59:50 Sen. McGee
 00:59:57 Rep. Jones
 01:00:51 Sen. McGee
 01:01:17 Rep. Jones
 01:01:26 Sen. McGee
 01:01:54 Tim Tharp
 01:02:42 Sen. McGee
 01:03:04 Tim Tharp
 01:04:39 Sen. McGee
 01:04:48 Sen. Brown
 01:05:10 Lynn Utterback
 01:07:49 Sen. Brown
 01:08:07 Lynn Utterback
 01:10:34 Sen. Ripley
 01:11:37 Lynn Utterback
 01:12:46 Sen. Ripley
 01:13:25 Lynn Utterback
 01:14:55 Sen. Ripley
 01:15:07 Lynn Utterback
 01:15:25 Sen. Hamlett
 01:15:48 Rep. Jones
 01:16:52 Sen. McGee
 01:17:11 Rep. Jones
 01:18:00 Sen. McGee
 01:18:08 Rep. Jones
 01:18:25 Sen. Branae
 01:18:43 Lance Melton

01:20:24 Chairman Laible
01:20:46 Dave Puyear
01:21:17 Chairman Laible

Closing by Sponsor:

01:21:37 Rep. Jones

HEARING ON HB 363

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:26:36 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 363, Use retired teachers/administrators to fill vacancies without applicants.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:31:13 David Senn, Montana Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)
01:33:11 Dave Puyear
01:35:20 Darrell Rud, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
01:36:21 Tom Bilodeau, MEA-MFT

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:40:45 Sen. Brown
01:41:22 David Senn
01:42:22 Sen. Brown
01:42:29 David Senn
01:42:32 Sen. Brown
01:42:43 David Senn
01:42:45 Sen. Brown
01:42:55 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:43:27 Tom Bilodeau
01:45:48 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:45:58 Sen. McGee
01:46:46 Rep. Jones
01:47:09 Sen. McGee
01:47:23 David Senn
01:47:39 Sen. McGee
01:47:44 David Senn
01:47:51 Sen. Brown
01:48:01 Rep. Jones
01:48:28 Sen. Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

01:48:39 Rep. Jones

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([eds54aad.pdf](#))