

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chairman Rick Laible, on March 30, 2009 at 3:40 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. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused: 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 459, 3/27/2009; HB 577,
3/27/2009; HB 611, 3/27/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 577

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:15 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 80, opened the hearing on HB 577, Clarifying parents as scholars program.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:03:26 Amy Carlson, Governor's Office

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:19 Sen. Ripley
00:04:46 Rep. Caferro
00:05:44 Sen. Ripley
00:06:05 Sen. Brown
00:06:26 Rep. Caferro
00:06:53 Sen. Brown
00:07:16 Rep. Caferro
00:08:18 Sen. Zinke
00:09:01 Rep. Caferro
00:09:09 Sen. Zinke
00:09:19 Rep. Caferro
00:09:47 Sen. Zinke
00:10:05 Rep. Caferro
00:10:23 Sen. Zinke
00:11:16 Rep. Caferro

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:23 Rep. Caferro

HEARING ON HB 459

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:35 Rep. Wanda Grinde (D), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 459, Create and fund K-12 distance learning network.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:58 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT
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00:21:28 Larry Nielsen, MEA-MFT
00:25:11 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
00:27:00 Bob Runkel, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
00:29:53 Bruce Messinger, Helena Public Schools
00:36:23 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:40:10 Jan Lombardi, Governor's Office

Informational Testimony:

00:42:17 Tyler Trevor, Montana University System

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:42 Sen. Zinke
00:43:07 Marco Ferro
00:43:18 Sen. Zinke
00:43:25 Marco Ferro
00:43:28 Sen. Zinke
00:44:03 Rep. Grinde
00:44:31 Sen. Zinke
00:45:02 Marco Ferro
00:45:30 Sen. Zinke
00:45:37 Marco Ferro
00:45:52 Sen. Zinke
00:47:04 Marco Ferro
00:48:19 Sen. Zinke
00:48:29 Marco Ferro
00:48:38 Sen. Zinke
00:48:59 Rep. Grinde
00:49:31 Sen. Zinke
00:49:48 Rep. Grinde
00:50:18 Sen. Zinke
00:50:30 Rep. Grinde
00:50:33 Sen. Zinke
00:50:46 Rep. Grinde
00:51:11 Sen. Zinke
00:51:28 Sen. McGee entered the hearing.
00:51:53 Rep. Grinde
00:52:27 Sen. Ripley
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00:53:40 Sen. Ripley
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00:54:34 Sen. Ripley
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00:55:41 Chairman Laible
00:55:56 Casey Barrs

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 00:58:13 Sen. Hawks
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01:16:24 Dave Puyear
01:16:38 Chairman Laible

Closing by Sponsor:

01:16:57 Rep. Grinde

HEARING ON HB 611

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:17:45 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 611, Revise deposit of school interest and income money.

01:18:00 Sen. Hawks entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:22:20 Bob Vogel
01:23:49 Marco Ferro
01:24:05 Dave Puyear

Opponents' Testimony:

01:24:24 Amy Carlson, Governor's Office

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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01:25:43 Rep. Jones
01:26:31 Chairman Laible
01:27:00 Rep. Jones
01:27:40 Chairman Laible
01:27:49 Sen. Brown
01:28:03 Rep. Jones
01:28:25 Sen. Brown
01:28:33 Rep. Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

01:29:11 Rep. Jones

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:10 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([eds70aad.pdf](#))