

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan Zinke, on January 19, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ryan Zinke, Chair (R)  
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Gary Branae (D)  
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)  
Sen. Bob Lake (R)  
Sen. Frederick "Eric" Moore (R)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch  
Gilda Clancy, 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 and Date Posted: SB 80, 1/12/2011; SJ 8; 1/12/2011  
Executive Action: SB 44

**Committee Business:**

00:00:50 Chairman Zinke

**HEARING ON SB 80**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:46 Casey Barrs, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:02:37 Sen. Anders Blewett (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 80, Revise student loan and scholarship laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:44 Dan Villa, Education Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:09:13 Jim Stipcich, President, Student Assistance Foundation (SAF)

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**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:15:06 Sen. Lake

00:16:23 Dan Villa, Office of the Governor

00:20:23 Sen. Lake

00:21:25 Dan Villa

00:23:15 Sen. Ripley

00:23:42 Jim Stipcich, SAF

00:25:57 Sen. Ripley

00:26:11 Jim Stipcich

00:26:46 Sen. Brown

00:27:23 Dan Villa

00:30:05 Sen. Brown

00:30:17 Dan Villa

00:31:20 Sen. Hawks

00:31:46 Dan Villa

00:32:02 Sen. Hawks

00:32:15 Dan Villa

00:32:31 Chairman Zinke

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:32:56 Sen. Blewett

**HEARING ON SJ 8**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:34:13 Casey Barrs, LSD

00:34:48 Sen. Bob Hawks (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SJ 8, Resolution on urban-rural divide study by U-system.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:38:39 Doug Steele, Montana State University, (MSU)

00:42:43 Sylvia Moore, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:44:24 Sen. Brown

00:45:27 Doug Steele

00:48:26 Sen. Brown

00:49:57 Doug Steele

00:51:28 Sen. Ripley

00:53:21 Doug Steele

00:55:37 Sen. Facey

00:56:31 Sylvia Moore

00:57:14 Sen. Facey

00:57:35 Sylvia Moore

00:58:20 Sen. Moore

00:59:07 Sen. Hawks

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:00:32 Sen. Hawks

**Committee Business:**

1:03:54 Chairman Zinke

1:05:55 Sen. Branae

1:06:12 Chairman Zinke

1:07:00 Sen. Branae

1:07:20 Sen. Lake

1:08:10 Chairman Zinke

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 44**

**Motion:**

01:08:37 Sen. Branae moved that **SB 44 AS AMENDED BE RECONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE.**

**Discussion:**

01:09:26 Sen. Ripley  
01:10:01 Sen. Hawks  
01:11:14 Sen. Lake  
01:12:15 Sen. Brown  
01:13:30 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
01:16:08 Sen. Lake  
01:16:39 Sen. Branae

**Vote:**

01:17:18 Motion failed 5-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Hawks, Sen. Branae, Sen. Brown, Sen. Stewart-Peregoy, and Sen. Facey voting aye. Sen. Essmann voted by proxy.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:20 P.M.

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Gilda Clancy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([eds14aad.pdf](#))