

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan Zinke, on March 28, 2011 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 335 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)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

**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 & Date Posted: SB 428, 3/25/2011  
Executive Action: SB 428, Do Not Pass As Amended (Adverse Committee Report)  
Comments: SB 425, 3/25/2011 was withdrawn by the sponsor, Sen. Essmann

00:00:55 Chairman Zinke

**HEARING ON SB 428**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:23 Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 428, Provide for a state equalized mill for K-12 education.

**[EXHIBIT\(eds69a01\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:12:10 Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:13:44 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent, Helena Public Schools

00:16:16 Molly Severtson, Executive Director, The Policy Institute

**[EXHIBIT\(eds69a02\)](#)**

00:18:09 Diane Fladmo, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:19:05 Dave Galt, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

00:20:06 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)

00:20:42 Kevin Nelson, representing self

**[EXHIBIT\(eds69a03\)](#)**

00:22:00 Sen. Moore left the committee hearing.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:28:11 Jim Standaert, Senior Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**[EXHIBIT\(eds69a04\)](#)**

**[EXHIBIT\(eds69a05\)](#)**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:32:43 Sen. Hawks

00:33:01 Jim Standaert, LFD

00:33:59 Sen. Lake

00:34:56 Sen. Kaufmann

00:35:55 Joan Anderson, OPI, without objection

00:36:51 Sen. Lake

00:37:07 Joan Anderson

00:37:17 Sen. Facey

00:37:53 Dave Galt, MPA

00:38:15 Sen. Facey

00:38:48 Joan Anderson

00:39:03 Dave Galt

00:39:14 Jim Standaert

00:39:21 Sen. Ripley  
00:39:59 Sen. Kaufmann  
00:40:26 Sen. Ripley  
00:41:17 Jim Standaert  
00:41:45 Sen. Ripley  
00:41:50 Jim Standaert

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:42:30 Sen. Kaufmann  
00:45:50 Sen. Facey left the committee hearing.  
00:45:59 **Motion:** Sen. Zinke moved that **SB 428 DO NOT PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:46:01 Chairman Zinke  
00:46:42 **Motion:** Sen. Hawks moved that **SB 428 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(eds69a06\)](#)

**Discussion:**

00:47:08 Casey Barrs, LSD  
00:47:30 Chairman Zinke  
00:47:39 Casey Barrs  
00:48:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Essmann, Sen. Facey, Sen. Moore and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.  
00:48:48 Sen. Brown  
00:49:11 Chairman Zinke  
00:50:08 Sen. Brown  
00:50:45 Casey Barrs  
00:51:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Essmann, Sen. Facey, Sen. Moore and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.  
00:52:30 Sen. Lake

**Additional Exhibits:**

[EXHIBIT\(eds69a07\)](#)

No Hearing at Sponsor's Request Form by Senator Essmann relating to SB 425.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 8:55 A.M.

---

Gilda Clancy, Secretary

gc

Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([eds69aad.pdf](#))**