

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan Zinke, on April 8, 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. Jeff Essmann (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:**

None

##### **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 425, 4/5/2011

**HEARING ON SB 425**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:58 Sen. Jeff Essmann (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 425, Revise education funding to add element for remote high schools.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:10:23 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA); Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:15:06 Joan Anderson, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:15:26 Sen. Brown  
00:16:16 Sen. Essmann  
00:17:30 Sen. Brown  
00:18:17 Bob Vogel, MTSBA; MREA  
00:20:31 Sen. Brown  
00:20:43 Sen. Facey  
00:22:10 Sen. Hawks  
00:23:13 Sen. Essmann  
00:24:39 Sen. Ripley  
00:25:24 Sen. Essmann  
00:26:36 Chairman Zinke  
00:28:21 Sen. Essmann

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:30:16 Sen. Essmann  
00:30:56 Chairman Zinke

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:53 P.M.

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Gilda Clancy, Secretary

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