

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on February 20, 2019 at 2:48 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel R. Salomon, Chair (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Keith Regier, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Carlie Boland (D)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch

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 33, 2/15/2019; HB 158, 2/15/2019; HB 247, 2/15/2019
Executive Action: SB 218, Do Pass; SB 212, Do Pass; HB 153, Be Concurred In

14:48:39 Chair Salomon

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 218

14:49:18 **Motion:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **SB 218 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

14:49:40 Sen. Boland

14:50:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 212

14:51:16 **Motion:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **SB 212 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

14:51:26 Sen. Webber

14:51:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 153

14:52:20 **Motion:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **HB 153 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

14:52:45 Sen. McClafferty

14:52:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel voted by proxy. Sen. McClafferty will carry the bill.

14:53:50 Brief Recess

14:57:19 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 247

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:57:53 Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 247, Provide greater flexibility for school districts in financing major maintenance.

14:59:09 Sen. Blasdel entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:00:36 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

15:04:54 Rick Duncan, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

15:07:08 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:08:35 Sen. Boland
15:09:17 Mr. Melton, MTSBA
15:14:24 Sen. Regier
15:14:53 Mr. Duncan, SAM
15:15:48 Chair Salomon
15:17:16 Mr. Melton

Closing by Sponsor:

15:19:02 Rep. Grubbs

HEARING ON HB 158

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:20:57 Rep. Rae Peppers (D), HD 41, opened the hearing on HB 158, Revise and fund purple heart scholarship, include higher medals.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:24:01 Roger Hagan, The American Legion of Montana; Montana National Guard Officer and Enlisted Associations (MTNG)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:26:08 Sen. Regier
15:27:38 Rep. Peppers
15:27:54 Sen. McClafferty
15:28:31 Rep. Peppers
15:28:37 Sen. Webber
15:29:22 Rep. Peppers
15:29:27 Chair Salomon
15:30:04 Rep. Peppers
15:30:15 Sen. Regier
15:30:27 Mr. Hagan, American Legion, MTNG
15:31:50 Sen. Bogner
15:33:07 Mr. Hagan

Closing by Sponsor:

15:33:23 Rep. Peppers

15:34:39 Chair Salomon

HEARING ON HB 33

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:35:07 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 33, Extend the Montana Indian Language Preservation Program.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:36:03 Jason Smith, Governor's Office
15:36:24 Garrett Lankford, Montana Human Rights Network
15:36:40 Heather Sobrepena, Department of Commerce (COM)
15:37:02 Myrna DuMontier, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:48:31 Sen. Blasdel
15:48:53 Rep. Windy Boy
15:49:19 Sen. Regier
15:50:38 Ms. DuMontier, CSKT
15:50:54 Sen. Webber
15:51:34 Ms. DuMontier
15:51:48 Chair Salomon
15:55:04 Rep. Windy Boy
15:55:41 Sen. Webber
15:56:18 Sen. Tempel
16:03:32 Rep. Windy Boy
16:04:24 Sen. Regier
16:08:57 Rep. Windy Boy
16:10:09 Sen. McClafferty
16:10:31 Rep. Windy Boy
16:11:30 Sen. McClafferty
16:11:45 Ms. Sobrepena, COM
16:14:18 Sen. Webber
16:18:23 Ms. DuMontier

Closing by Sponsor:

16:19:35 Rep. Windy Boy

16:23:05 Chair Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:24 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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