

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Daniel Salomon-R, on February 06, 2023 at 2:59 PM, in 422

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Daniel Salomon, Chair (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Daniel Emrich (R)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Andrea Olsen (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)

Staff Present: Pad McCracken, Research Analyst
Lynnette Sena, 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 235 02/01/2023

Executive Action:

SB 212 TO TABLE

15:00:32 Sen. O'Brien has arrived

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 212 - Revise education requirements for state jobs

15:00:34 **Motion:** Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **SB 212 DO PASS.**

15:00:56 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Andrea Olsen moved that **SB 212 TO TABLE.**

15:00:56 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 8 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Emrich, Sen. Fuller, Sen. Regier, voting no.

HEARING ON SB 235 - Establish requirements for science instruction in public schools

Opening Statement:

15:02:49 Sen. Daniel Emrich (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 235, Establish requirements for science instruction in public schools.

Proponent Testimony:

15:10:00 Patrick Gould, self

Opponent Testimony:

15:18:51 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe

[EXHIBIT\(230206EDSa1\)](#)

15:21:31 Rob Watson, Coalition of Advocates of Montana Public Schools

15:25:09 Becky Dockter, self

15:29:04 Greysen Jakes, self

15:30:40 McCall Flynn, Executive Director, Board of Public Education (BPE)

15:33:01 Daniel Farr, North-South East Rural Schools (NSERS)

15:37:18 Mia Taylor, self

15:40:16 Conner Bushnell, Capital High Student Body Vice President, Capital High School Students

15:43:54 Lynsey Read, self

15:48:46 Amanda Curtis, President, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)(MFPE)

15:49:50 Jenny Murnane-Butcher, Deputy Director, Montanans Organized For Education (MOFE)

15:52:24 David Nielsen, self

15:54:07 Sen. Keith Regier left the meeting.

15:55:27 Jocelyn Leroux, Program Director, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

15:56:24 Braden Burkholder, self

16:00:03 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

16:03:30 Erik Somerfeld, self

16:08:04 Kimberly Popham, self

16:11:32 Kathleen Kennedy, self

16:17:06 Laurie Franklin, self

16:19:27 Rob Jensen, self

16:21:45 Linda Rost, self

16:24:41 Jessica Henze, President, Montana Science Teachers Association

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:26:57 Elsie Arntzen, Montana State Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

[EXHIBIT\(230206EDSa2\)](#)

16:30:22 Chris Noel, Senior Manager of Teaching and Learning, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

16:31:10 Sharon Patton-Griffin, self

Questions from Committee:

16:34:15 Sen. John Fuller

16:34:49 McCall Flynn, BPE

16:35:06 Sen. John Fuller

16:35:14 McCall Flynn, BPE

16:35:24 Sen. Susan Webber
16:35:53 Chris Noel, OPI
16:36:50 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty
16:39:53 Chris Noel, OPI
16:40:22 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty
16:41:03 Sen. Daniel Emrich
16:43:14 Sen. Andrea Olsen
16:43:42 Sen. Daniel Emrich
16:43:48 Sen. Andrea Olsen
16:44:05 Pad McCracken
16:44:19 Sen. Andrea Olsen
16:44:31 Sen. Daniel Salomon
16:44:36 Sen. Andrea Olsen

Closing Statement:

16:44:53 Sen. Daniel Emrich (R), SD 11, closed the hearing on SB 235.

Discussion:

15:00:32 Sen. O'Brien has arrived

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:52:48

Lynnette Sena, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230206EDSaad\)](#)