

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

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Daniel Salomon-R, on February 24, 2023 at 3:51 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)

Members Excused: Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Sen. Susan Webber (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 389 02/20/2023

SB 390 02/20/2023

Executive Action:

SB 306 TO TABLE

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 306 - Revise education laws related to extracurricular activities

15:52:53 **Motion:** Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel moved that **SB 306 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:53:00 Sen. Daniel Salomon

15:53:59 Sen. John Fuller

15:54:30 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty moved that **SB 306 TO TABLE.**

15:54:30 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 9 - 2 by voice vote with Sen. Emrich, Sen. Regier, voting no.

HEARING ON SB 389 - Revising education laws to add a definition of "civics"

Opening Statement:

15:55:48 Sen. Daniel Emrich (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 389, Revising education laws to add a definition of "civics".

Proponent Testimony:

15:57:40 Elsie Arntzen, State Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

[EXHIBIT\(230224EDSa1\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230224EDSa2\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230224EDSa3\)](#)

Opponent Testimony:

16:01:54 McCall Flynn, Executive Director, Board of Public Education (BPE)

16:06:13 Amanda Curtis, President, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:07:39 Sen. John Fuller

16:08:01 Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, OPI

16:09:44 Sen. John Fuller
16:10:39 Amanda Curtis, MFPE
16:11:19 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty
16:13:57 Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, OPI
16:15:51 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel
16:16:16 McCall Flynn, BPE
16:17:26 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel
16:17:45 Sen. Daniel Emrich
16:18:31 Sen. Daniel Salomon
16:18:49 McCall Flynn, BPE

Closing Statement:

16:19:54 Sen. Daniel Emrich (R), SD 11, closed the hearing on SB 389.

HEARING ON SB 390 - Provide freedom in school choice

Opening Statement:

16:22:56 Sen. Daniel Emrich (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 390, Provide freedom in school choice.

[EXHIBIT\(230224EDSa4\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230224EDSa5\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

16:33:34 Henry Kriegel, Americans For Prosperity (AFP)

16:35:32 Dan Skattum, self

16:36:14 John Thomas, self

[EXHIBIT\(230224EDSa6\)](#)

16:40:21 Jolene Crum, self

16:41:44 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation

16:44:19 Rebecca Schwartz, self

Opponent Testimony:

16:46:21 Debra Silk, Associate Executive Director and General Counsel, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA), Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public Schools (CAMP)

16:53:31 Jenny Murnane Butcher, Deputy Director, Montanans Organized for Education (MOFE)

16:57:21 Amanda Curtis, President, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

16:58:16 Jessie Browning, self/proponent with amendment

17:00:00 Pam Lucashu, self

17:03:07 Steve White, Legislative Liaison, Montana Coalition of Home Educators/proponent with amendments

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

17:07:32 Sen. John Fuller

17:12:03 Debra Silk, MTSBA, CAMP

17:12:29 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty

17:15:25 Sen. Daniel Emrich

17:16:27 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty

17:18:05 Debra Silk, MTSBA, CAMP

17:18:46 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel

17:19:20 Debra Silk, MTSBA, CAMP

17:20:55 Sen. Daniel Salomon

17:22:19 Debra Silk, MTSBA, CAMP

17:23:13 Sen. Daniel Salomon

17:28:34 Sen. Daniel Emrich

17:30:06 Sen. Keith Regier

17:30:34 Sen. Daniel Emrich

Closing Statement:

17:32:24 Sen. Daniel Emrich (R), SD 11, closed the hearing on SB 390.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:39:25

Lynnette Sena, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230224EDSaad\)](#)