

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GAY ANN MASOLO**, on January 22, 1999
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 312 - 1 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gay Ann Masolo, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Lawson, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Linda McCulloch, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)
Rep. Kathleen Galvin-Halcro (D)
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)
Rep. John L. Holden (R)
Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Mark Noennig (R)
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)
Rep. Sam Rose (R)
Rep. Allan Walters (R)
Rep. Diana Wyatt (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Connie Erickson, Legislative Branch
Linda Scott, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing Dated: HB 304, 1/23/1999; HB 301,
1/23/1999; SJ 56, 1/23/1999; SJ 79,
1/23/1999; SJ 80, 1/23/1999
Executive Action: None taken

HEARING ON SB 56

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Bea McCarthy
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 6 - 19}

Proponents' Testimony:

Dick Crofts, Commissioner, O.C.H.E.
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Richard Roehm, Regents
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 47 - 61}

Rep. Roy Brown
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 63 - 99}

Wayne Buchanan, B.P.E.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 100 - 112}

Kelley Hubbard, M.S.C.A.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 114 - 128}

Don Judge, A.F.L./C.I.O.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 130 - 161}

Don Waldron, M.R.E.A.
EXHIBIT(edh17a01)
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 163 - 173}

Joe Kerwin, Deputy Sec. of State
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 175 - 184}

Eric Feaver, M.E.A./M.F.T.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 186 - 194}

Ben Darrow, Representing students of U of M, Mt. Tech, W.M.C.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 196 - 213}
EXHIBIT(edh17a02)

Jeremy Fritz, M.S.U.- Bozeman students
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 215 - 224}

Bill Cooper, O.P.I.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 226 - 233}

Bob Stevens, Mt. Grain Growers, Mt. Farmer's Union, Mt. Farm
Bureaus.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 235 - 241}

Cathy Conover, M.S.U.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 261 - 273}

Webb Brown, Mt. Chamber of Commerce

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 275 - 285}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members: None

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 295 - 311}

HEARING ON SB 79

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Chuck Swysgood

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 316 - 387}

Proponents' Testimony:

Dick Crofts, Commissioner, O.C.H.E.

Richard Roehm, Regents

Rep. Roy Brown

Wayne Buchanan, B.P.E.

Kelley Hubbard, M.S.C.A.

Don Judge, A.F.L./C.I.O.

Don Waldron, M.R.E.A.

Joe Kerwin, Deputy Sec. of State

Eric Feaver, M.E.A./M.F.T.

Ben Darrow, UM, MtTech, WMC

Jeremy Fritz, M.S.U. students

Bill Cooper, O.P.I.

Bob Stevens, Mt. Grain Growers, Farmer's Union, Farm Bureaus

Cathy Conover, M.S.U.

Webb Brown, Mt. Chamber of Commerce

Lance Melton, M.S.B.A.

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 396 - 399; Comments :
Chairman Masolo wanted proponents from SB 56 listed, but they did
not testify}*

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members: None

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 402 - 404}

Closing by the Sponsor:

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 405 - 417}

HEARING ON SB 80

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Chuck Swzsgood

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 422 - 450}

Proponents' Testimony:

Dick Crofts, Commissioner, O.C.H.E.

Richard Roehm, Regents

Rep. Roy Brown

Wayne Buchanan, B.P.E.

Kelley Hubbard, M.S.C.A.

Don Judge, A.F.L./C.I.O.

Don Waldron, M.R.E.A.

Joe Kerwin, Deputy Sec. of State

Eric Feaver, M.E.A./M.F.T.

Ben Darrow, U.of M., Mt.Tech., W.M.C.

Jeremy Fritz, M.S.U.

Bill Cooper, O.P.I.

Bob Stevens, Mt. Grain Growers, Farmer's Union, & Farm Bureaus

Cathy Conover, M.S.U.

Webb Brown, Mt. Chamber of Commerce

Lance Melton, M.S.B.A.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 451 - 458; Comments :
Chairman Masolo requested that all proponents from HB 56 and 79
be noted herein, but without testifying}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members: None

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 459 - 461}

Closing Statement by Sponsor:

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 462 - 473}

HEARING ON HB. 301

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Matt McCann

{Tape : 1; Side : A & B; Approx. Tape Counter : 486 - 522}

Proponents' Testimony:

Lance Melton, M.S.B.A.

EXHIBIT(edh17a03)

EXHIBIT(edh17a04)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 524 - 560}

Dick Cameron, Harlem Schools

EXHIBIT(edh17a05)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 600 - 653}

Bill Parker, Superintendent, Malta Schools

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 655 - 769}

Bill Cooper, O.P.I.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 772 - 779}

Don Waldron, M.R.E.A.

EXHIBIT(edh17a06)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 785 - 807}

Wayne Buchanan, B.P.E.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 808 - 832}

Dick Slonaker, Director of Special Education, Bear Paw Coop,
Chinook, Mt.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 835 - 917}

Judith Gosnell Lamb, Big Sky Special Needs Coop, Conrad, Mt.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 920 - 976}

Archie Neal, Great Divide Coop, Deer Lodge, Mt.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 1 - 9}

Eric Feaver, M.E.A./M.F.T.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 11 - 56}

Linda Solem, Mt. Licensing Board for Speech Pathology/Audiology

EXHIBIT(edh17a07)

EXHIBIT(edh17a08)

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 58 - 224}

Opponents' Testimony:

Diedre Turner, Montana Speech/Lang. and Hearing Assoc. (M.S.H.A)

EXHIBIT (edh17a09)

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 230 - 407}

Sandy Meech, Lic. Speech/Lang. Pathologist

{Tape : 2; Side : A & B; Approx. Tape Counter : 410 - 531}

Mary Ann Molineaux, M.S.H.A.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 534 - 560}

Jim Smith, M.S.H.A.

EXHIBIT (edh17a10)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 562 - 622}

Russell Meech, Montana taxpayer

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 628 - 649}

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members:

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Closing by Sponsor:

EXHIBIT (edh17a11)

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 1 - 37}

HEARING ON HB 304

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 54 - 76}

Proponents' Testimony:

Lance Melton, M.S.B.A.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 78 - 107}

EXHIBIT (edh17a12)

Bill Cooper, O.P.I., Deputy Director

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 109 - 138} **EXHIBIT** (edh17a13)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 140 - 144}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:45 P.M.

REP. GAY ANN MASOLO, Chairman

LINDA SCOTT, Secretary

GM/LS

EXHIBIT (edh17aad)