

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GAY ANN MASOLO**, on February 15, 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. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)
Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Mark Noennig (R)
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)
Rep. Allan Walters (R)
Rep. Diana Wyatt (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Sam Rose (R)

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 589, 2/15/1999; HB 599,
2/15/1999; HB 584, 2/15/1999;
HB 590, 2/15/1999
Executive Action: HB 584

HEARING ON HB 589

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Linda McCulloch
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 18 - 52}

Proponents' Testimony:

Don Waldron, Montana School Bus Contractors

EXHIBIT(edh37a01)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 54 - 121}

EXHIBIT(edh37a02)

Opponents' Testimony:

Lance Melton, M.S.B.A.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 123 - 150}

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 155 - 365}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 367 - 387}

HEARING ON HB 599

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Lila Taylor
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 395 - 467}

Proponents' Testimony:

R.C. Parker, self

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 474 - 617}

EXHIBIT(edh37a03)

Keith Edgerton, M.S.U., Billings

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 620 - 690}

Tom N.Thayer, Montana Speak Inc.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 694 - 722}

Mike Mulleieny, Absarokee

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 725 - 832}

Nate Warner, M.S.U., Billings

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 835 - 911}

Erik Burke, Office of the Governor

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 914 - 959}

David Oberly, Billings Schools, Curriculum

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 23 - 97}

EXHIBIT (edh37a04)

Opponents' Testimony:

Lance Melton, M.S.B.A.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 99 - 136}

Wayne Buchanan, B.P.E.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 138 - 210}

EXHIBIT (edh37a05)

Hal Stearns, Education Curriculum, Dillon, Mt.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 214 - 260}

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

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 265 - 280}

Bob Vogel, M.S.B.A./Helena Dist. #1

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 283 - 297}

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 301 - 512}

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 513 - 571}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 573 - 595}

HEARING ON HB 584

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Carol Juneau

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 612 - 641}

Proponents' Testimony:

Mike Cooney, Secretary of State

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 646 - 681}

EXHIBIT (edh37a06)

Lance Melton, M.S.B.A.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 682 - 687}

Joe Lamson, O.P.I.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 690 - 694}

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

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 695 - 696}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 704 - 757}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 759 - 772}

HEARING ON HB 590

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Bob Lawson

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 3 - 20}

Proponents' Testimony:

Lance Melton, M.S.B.A.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 24 - 117}

EXHIBIT (edh37a07)

Peter Donovan, C.S.P.A.C.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 119 - 166}

EXHIBIT (edh37a08)

Larry Fasbender, Dept. of Justice

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 168 - 260}

Bob Vogel, Chairman, Helena School Board, President of Montana
School Board Association

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 257 - 273}

Janice Doggett, O.P.I.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 275 - 300}

Don Waldron, M.R.E.A.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 302 - 308}

Wayne Buchanan, O.P.E.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 311 - 313}

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

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 314 - 499}
EXHIBIT (edh37a09)

Opponents' Testimony:

Scott Creighton, Montana Civil Liberties Union

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 502 - 611}

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 616 - 997}

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 1 - 90}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 91 - 113}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 584

Motion: REP. FACEY moved that HB 584 BE ADOPTED.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 125 - 127}

Discussion:

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 128 - 131}

Motion/Vote: REP. LINDEEN moved that HB 584 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 132 - 148}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:30 P.M.

REP. GAY ANN MASOLO, Chairman

LINDA SCOTT, Secretary

GM/LS

EXHIBIT (edh37aad)