

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SELECT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION FUNDING

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN MONICA LINDEEN**, on February 1, 2005
at 3:12 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Monica Lindeen, Chairman (D)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Holly Raser (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju (R)
Rep. Pat Wagman (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Dave Gallik (D)

Staff Present: Connie Erickson, Legislative Branch
Kim Leighton, Committee Secretary
Eddy McClure, Legislative Branch
Jim Standaert, Legislative Branch

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 63, 1/28/2005
Executive Action:

CHAIRMAN MONICA LINDEEN opened the hearing and introduced the sponsor.

HEARING ON HB 63

Sponsor: REP. DAN VILLA, HD 86, ANACONDA

Opening Statement By Sponsor:

REP. VILLA touched on specific sections of this bill, and emphasized their importance. He also offered a possible technical amendment on Page 6, Line 3.

Proponents' Testimony:

Joan Anderson, Office of Public Instruction(OPI), offered her support of HB 63.

Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association(MTSBA), stated that he doesn't see anything wrong with this bill and, therefore, supports it.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Witness: None

Questions From The Committee:

REP. BOB LAKE asked **REP. VILLA** what the sources of the funds are. **REP. VILLA** stated that they are federal monies. **REP. LAKE** inquired if this is done utilizing the proper usages. **REP. VILLA** commented that they are used within the proper range.

REP. LAKE asked to redirect the question to Ms. Anderson. He then asked the same question to her.

Ms. Anderson reiterated that was correct.

Closing Statement By Sponsor:

REP. VILLA closed the hearing on HB 63.

REP. LINDEEN closed the meeting with general housekeeping issues.

REP. BILL GLASER petitioned that the committee keep this bill open for awhile; or, if they take action, he asked that they hold onto the essence of the bill.

Eddye McClure, Legislative Services Division, added that a technical amendment to this bill is being passed around.

EXHIBIT (esh25a01)

REP. LINDEEN touched on the issue of the Yellow School Bus Tour being headed by OPI.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:20 P.M.

REP. MONICA LINDEEN, Chairman

KIM LEIGHTON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([esh25aad0.PDF](#))