

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on March 30, 2005
at 9:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella, Chairman (D)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Duane Grimes (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)
Sen. Jon Tester (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Annie Glover, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 628, 3/25/2005
Executive Action: HB 628, HB 418

00:00:00

HEARING ON HB 628

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. PAUL CLARK (D), HD 13, opened the hearing on **HB 628**, Registration and board requirements for certain alternative schools and programs.

EXHIBIT(bus67a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:04 **REP. JEANNE WINDHAM, HD 12, POLSON**

EXHIBIT(bus67a02)

00:12:34 **Ms. Carol Santa, Montana Academy**
00:16:34 **Ms. Rachel Romano, Spring Creek Lodge Student**
00:19:47 **Ms. Gita Romano, Mother**
00:25:13 **Ms. Mary Alexine, Co-founder, Chrysalis School**
00:29:23 **Ms. Meg Gochnauer, Chrysalis Student**
00:31:46 **Ms. Shelly Lovell, School Counselor**

EXHIBIT(bus67a03)

00:36:21 **Mr. John Mercer, Mission Mountain School**
00:42:47 **SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, SD 7, TROUT CREEK**

EXHIBIT(bus67a04)

00:48:40 **Mr. Bud Williams, Deputy Superintendent, Office Of
Public Instruction**
00:51:09 **Mr. Patrick McKenna, Monarch School**

EXHIBIT(bus67a05)

00:56:13 **Ms. Marylis Filipovich, Three Rivers Montana**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:58:02 **Ms. Jeannie Worsech, Department of Labor and
Industry**
00:58:25 **Ms. Mary Dalton, Department of Health and Human
Services**

00:58:58

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Mr. Gary Spaeth, Spring Creek Lodge School

01:34:14

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. ELLIOTT will carry HB 628 on the Senate Floor.

01:37:39 Break.

01:44:55 Resume.

01:45:05

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 628

Motion: SEN. TROPILA moved that HB 628 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

Vote: Motion carried 10-1 by voice vote with SEN. BALYEAT voting no. SEN. SQUIRES and SEN. TESTER voted aye by proxy.

01:59:46

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 418

Motion: SEN. GRIMES moved that HB 418 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion: SEN. GRIMES moved that HB 418 BE AMENDED WITH HB041805.APM PARAGRAPH 1.

Discussion:

EXHIBIT(bus67a06)

Mr. Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association

Mr. Randy Morris, Department of Administration

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion: SEN. GRIMES moved that HB 418 BE AMENDED BY STRIKING THE "INSERT" LINES ON PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 4 ON HB041804.APM.

Discussion:

Vote: Motion failed 5-6 by voice vote with SEN. BALYEAT, SEN. GRIMES, SEN. LEWIS, SEN. STEINBEISSER, and SEN. TASH voting aye. SEN. SQUIRES and SEN. TESTER voted no by proxy.

Motion/Vote: SEN. GRIMES moved that HB 418 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. SQUIRES and SEN. TESTER voted aye by proxy.

02:26:27

DISCUSSION ON HB 732

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00 A.M.

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([bus67aad0.PDF](#))