

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
50TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The twenty-ninth meeting of the Education and Cultural Resources Committee was called to order by Chairman Jack Sands, on April 13, 1987, at 1:15 P.M., in Room 312-D of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members were present except Reps. Harrington, Keenan and Phillips who were absent, and Reps. Mercer, Swysgood, Thomas and Williams who were excused.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 54:

REP. DOROTHY BRADLEY, House District No. 79, sponsor of the resolution stated she was proposing the study to set up some kind of a system that would be modeled after IRA's so that there is encouragement for people to plan ahead for education for retraining or vo-tech or whatever it may be to encourage people to set aside savings and make it tax deductible.

PROPOSERS:

BOB STOCKTON, representing OPI, stated the superintendent wishes the committee to know that he very strongly supports the bill.

JAMIE ZINK, representing the Associated Students at Montana State University, stated she whole heartedly supports the concept. Over the past biennium, the university system has had to take a lot of steps that have narrowed or restricted access to higher education; they will implement admission standards, go to the semester system, do away with programs and talking about closure of schools. Every step that is taken to save money is a step that closes doors for prospective students. We see this bill as an opportunity to open some doors and we strongly urge you to accept it.

MATT THIEL, representing Associated Students of the University of Montana stated he strongly supported the bill as well.

OPPOSERS: None

QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE:

REP. LORY asked REP. BRADLEY if since people can have savings anywhere if the advantage of this was to have the tax exemption. REP. BRADLEY replied that was correct, that the system would be comparable to an IRA, where you get a substantial deduction or credit for setting aside a certain amount

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up to a certain level per year. REP. LORY asked if that was with no taxes. REP. BRADLEY said yes.

REP. BRADLEY simply stated she closed.

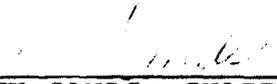
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ACTION ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 54:

REP. LORY moved that HJR # 54 DO PASS, the motion CARRIED unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

  
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REP. JACK SANDS, CHAIRMAN

DAILY ROLL CALL

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
REP. JACK SANDS, CHAIRMAN	X		
REP. RICHARD NELSON, VICE CHRMN.	X		
REP. FRITZ DAILY	X		
REP. RALPH EUDAILY	X		
REP. WILLIAM GLASER	X		
REP. DAN HARRINGTON		X	
REP. NANCY KEENAN		X	
REP. ROLAND KENNERLY		X	
REP. EARL LORY	X		
REP. JOHN MERCER			X
REP. GERALD NISBET	X		
REP. JOHN PHILLIPS		X	
REP. TED SCHYE	X		
REP. BARRY STANG	X		
REP. TONIA STRATFORD	X		
REP. CHARLES SWYSGOOD			X
REP. FRED THOMAS			X
REP. MEL WILLIAMS			X

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