

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ALVIN A. ELLIS, JR.**, January 13, 1997, at 3:00 P.M., in Room 312-1.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alvin A. Ellis, Jr., Chairman (R)
Rep. Peggy Arnott, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)
Rep. Dan W. Harrington, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)
Rep. Paul Bankhead (R)
Rep. Matt Denny (R)
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)
Rep. Antoinette R. Hagener (D)
Rep. George Heavy Runner (D)
Rep. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)
Rep. Linda McCulloch (D)
Rep. Norm Mills (R)
Rep. William Rehbein, Jr. (R)
Rep. John "Sam" Rose (R)
Rep. Richard D. Simpkins (R)
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)
Rep. Allan Walters (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Connie Erickson, Legislative Services Division
Alberta Strachan, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 104 (1/8/97); HB 25
1/6/97); HB 77 (1/8/97)
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON HB 104

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. TONI HAGENER, H.D. 90
introduced the bill.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .02; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Robert Runkel, Office of Public Instruction.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.0; Comments: None.}

Mary A. Akers, Department of Health & Human Services.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 8.2; Comments: None.}

Mike Ferriter, Department of Corrections.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 9.1; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 11.1; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. HAGENER closes.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 20.8; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 25

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. DAVID EWER, H.D. 53

introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 1.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 21.7; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association also provided testimony for Alan Olson, Board Chairman, School Districts 55 and 55H. EXHIBIT 2.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 31.4; Comments: None.}

Ric Floren, Havre School District.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 31.4; Comments: None.}

Linda Vaughey, Havre Public Schools.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 2.3; Comments: None.}

Don Waldon, Montana Rural Education Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 2.0; Comments: None.}

Clifford Roessner, Montana Association of School Board Officials.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 5.0; Comments: None.}

Loren Frazier, Montana School Board Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 5.5; Comments: None.}

Bill Adamo, Montana School Board Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 5.9; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 7.2; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. EWER closes.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 9.4; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 77

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. RICHARD D. SIMPKINS, H.D. 79 introduced the bill, EXHIBIT 3 (2 PAGES).

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 10.6; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Don Waldron, Montana Rural Education Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 16.8; Comments: None.}

Arlette Vandash, Eagle Forum, EXHIBIT 4.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 18.5; Comments: None.}

Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 20.1; Comments: None.}

Laurie Kootnik, Christian Coalition.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 21.1; Comments: None.}

Loren Frazier, Montana School Board Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 24.6; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Bill M. Whitney, Seventh Day Adventist Church.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 25.0; Comments: None.}

Mary Sheehy-Moe

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 29.3; Comments: None.}

Scott Creighton, American Civil Liberties Union, EXHIBIT 5.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 4.5; Comments: None.}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 11.1; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. SIMPKINS closes.

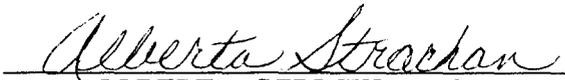
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.



REP. ALVIN A. ELLIS, Jr., Chairman



ALBERTA STRACHAN, Secretary

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