

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN ALVIN A. ELLIS, JR.**, on January 17, 1997, at 3: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. Matt Denny (R)  
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)  
Rep. George Heavy Runner (D)  
Rep. Sam Kitzenberg (R)  
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)  
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)  
Rep. Norm Mills (R)  
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)  
Rep. Allan Walters (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Dan W. Harrington  
Rep. Paul Bankhead  
Rep. Antoinette R. Hagener  
Rep. Linda McCulloch  
Rep. William Rehbein, Jr.  
Rep. John "Sam" Rose  
Rep. Richard D. Simpkins

**Members Absent:** None.

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

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 206 (1/13/97)  
Executive Action: HB 52; HB 192

**HEARING ON HB 206**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** REP. MATT MCCANN, HB 92 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .06; Comments: None.}

**Proponents' Testimony:**

**Maxine Schochenmaier, Hays-Lodgepole School District.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.5; Comments: None.}

**Jerome Main, Hays-Lodgepole School District.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.6; Comments: None.}

**Robert Smith, Hays-Lodgepole School District.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 8.6; Comments: None.}

**Michael Dahlen, Hays-Lodgepole School District. EXHIBIT 1.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 11.0; Comments: None.}

**Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 12.9; Comments: None.}

**Linda Brannon, Indian Impact Schools.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 13.5; Comments: None.}

**Don Waldron, Montana Rural Education Association and also spoke for Loren Frazier.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 14.7; Comments: None.}

**Opponents' Testimony: None.**

**Informational Testimony: None.**

**Questions From Committee Members and Responses:**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.7; Comments: None.}

**Closing by Sponsor: REP. MCCANN closes on the bill.**

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

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 52**

**Motion: REP. KITZENBERG MOVED HB 52 DO PASS.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 19.9; Comments: None.}

**Motion: REP. KITZENBERG moved to adopt the Kitzenberg amendments. REP. KITZENBERG withdrew the Kitzenberg amendment.**

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

**Discussion:**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 21.9; Comments: None.}

**Motion/Vote: REP. KITZENBERG moved to adopt a conceptual amendment. Motion carried unanimously.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 26.7; Comments: None.}

**Motion/Vote:** REP. KITZENBERG MOVED HB 52 DO PASS AS AMENDED.  
Motion carried unanimously with REPS. HAGENER, HARRINGTON, HEAVY  
RUNNER, MCCULLOCH, BANKHEAD, ROSE and REHBEIN voting by proxy.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 30.7; Comments: None.}

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 192**

**Motion:** REP. TROPILA MOVED HB 192 DO PASS.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 31.5; Comments: None.}

**Discussion:**  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 32.0; Comments: None.}

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously with REPS. HAGENER, HARRINGTON,  
HEAVY RUNNER, MCCULLOCH, BANKHEAD, ROSE and REHBEIN voting by  
proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:40 P.M.

  
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REP. ALVIN A. ELLIS, Jr., Chairman

  
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ALBERTA STRACHAN, Secretary

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