

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN ALVIN A. ELLIS, JR.**, on January 20, 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. 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:** Rep. Sam Kitzenberg

**Members Absent:** None.

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

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 183 (1/17/97); HB 263  
(1/15/97); HB 246 (1/14/97);  
HB 221 (1/14/97)  
Executive Action: None.

**HEARING ON HB 183**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** REP. GAY ANN MASOLO, H.D. 40  
introduced the bill.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .07; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Paul Spengler, Montana Emergency Disaster Association. EXHIBIT 1.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 2.4; Comments: None.}

Bruce Lenner, Montana Fire Marshall.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 2.4; Comments: None.}

Roberta Spangler, East Helena Eastgate School. EXHIBIT 2.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.3; Comments: None.}

Tim Bergstrom, Montana State Fireman's Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.1; Comments: None.}

Jim Greene, Department of Military Affairs.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.5; Comments: None.}

Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 8.8; Comments: None.}

Dennis Parman, Legislative Committee, School Administrators Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 9.5; Comments: None.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 10.0; Comments: None.}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 10.3; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. MASOLO closes on the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.4; Comments: None.}

HEARING ON HB 263

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. TIM DOWELL, H.D. 78 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 17.2; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Dan Lybeck, School District 15. EXHIBIT 3.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 18.9; Comments: None.}

Ron de Young, Kalispell School District.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 20.6; Comments: None.}

Paul Jenkins, Kalispell School District.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 25.9; Comments: None.}

**Mark Leatzow, Smith Valley School District.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 36.8; Comments: None.}

**Loren Frazier, School Administrators Association. EXHIBIT 4.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 28.8; Comments: Mr. Frazier submitted testimony from Donald R. Waldron.}

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

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 30.0; Comments: None.}

**Erik Feaver, Montana Education Association.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 30.2; Comments: None.}

**Dori Nielson, Office of Public Instruction.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 30.4; Comments: None.}

**Terry Minnow, Montana Teachers Association.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 30.9; Comments: None.}

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 31.5; Comments: None.}

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions From Committee Members and Responses:**

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

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

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 33.2; Comments: None.}

#### **HEARING ON HB 246**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** REP. RICHARD SIMPKINS, H.D. 49 introduces the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 34.9; Comments: None.}

**Proponents' Testimony:** None.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 37.0; Comments: None.}

**Opponents' Testimony:**

**Dori Nielson, Office of Public Instruction.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 37.4; Comments: None.}

**Informational Testimony:**

**Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association. EXHIBIT 5.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 39.2; Comments: None.}

**Loren Frazier, Montana School Administrators Association.**

**EXHIBIT 6.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 41.2; Comments: None.}

**Questions From Committee Members and Responses:**

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 42.0; Comments: None.}

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

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 42.0; Comments: None.}

**HEARING ON HB 221****Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. RICK JORE, H.D. 73 introduces the bill. EXHIBIT 7A through 7B.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 8.1; Comments: Rep. Jore also supplied informational testimony from Jack Murphy.}

**Proponents' Testimony:****Roger Koopman, Career Concepts. EXHIBIT 8.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 23.5; Comments: None.}

**Steve White, Bozeman resident.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 28.2; Comments: None.}

**Laurie Kootnik, Christian Coalition.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 33.1; Comments: None.}

**Arlette Randash, Helena resident. EXHIBIT 9.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 38.2; Comments: None.}

**Opponents' Testimony:****Erik Feaver, Montana Education Association.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 38.9; Comments: None.}

**Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association. EXHIBIT 10.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 43.1; Comments: Also provided testimony from David Fern.}

**Terry Minnow, Montana Federation of Teachers.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 37.1; Comments: None.}

**Dennis Parmen, Superintendent, Shelby School District.**

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

**Loren Frazier, School Administrators Association. EXHIBIT 11.**

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.5; Comments: None.}

**Dori Nielson, Office of Public Instruction.**

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 9.2; Comments: None.}

**Informational Testimony: None.****Questions From Committee Members and Responses:**

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 11.2; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. JORE closes on the bill.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 8.9; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:30 P.M.

  
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REP. ALVIN A. ELLIS, Jr., Chairman

  
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ALBERTA STRACHAN, Secretary

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