

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ALVIN A. ELLIS, JR.**, on January 22, 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 259 (1/15/97); HB 245
(1/14/97); HB 258 (1/15/97)
Executive Action: HB 258

HEARING ON HB 259

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. SONNY HANSON, H.D. 9
introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 1A through 1B.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .2.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Wayne Buchanan, Montana Board of Public Education.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 10.3.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Richard Cross, Commissioner of Higher Education.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.1.}

Dori Nielson, Office of Public Instruction.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 33.8.}

Erik Feaver, Montana Association of Teachers and the Montana Education Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 36.6.}

Informational Testimony: None.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 41.6.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 41.9.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. HANSON closed on the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 12; Approx. Time Count: 25.6.}

HEARING ON HB 245

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

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 29.9.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Steve White, Bozeman resident.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 34.0.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 36.9.}

Erik Feaver, Montana Federation of Teachers and the Montana Education Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 38.1.}

Loren Frazier, Montana School Administrators Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 42.1.}

Dori Nielson, Office of Public Instruction.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .2.}

Don Waldron, Montnaa Rural Education Association.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 29.0.}

Loren Frazier, Montana School Administrators Association.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 29.9.}

Informational Testimony: None.

Wayne Buchanan, Montana Board of Education.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 32.8.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 32.8.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. SIMPKINS closed on the bill.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 2.7.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 258

Motion: REP. SIMPKINS MOVED HB 258 DO PASS.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 6.8.}

Motion: REP SIMPKINS moved to adopt the Simpkins amendment.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 7.3.}

Vote: Motion carried to adopt the Simpkins amendment unanimously with a vote of 18-0.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 7.8.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 8.3.}

Motion: REP. SIMPKINS moved to adopt the second Simpkins amendment.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 9.9.}

Motion: REP. MASOLO moved to adopt the Masolo amendment.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 10.9.}

Vote: Motion carried to adopt the second Simpkins amendment and the Masolo amendment unanimously 18-0.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 12.4.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 13.4.}

Motion/Vote: REP. SIMPKINS MOVED HB 258 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion failed on a roll call vote.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 21.2.}

MOTION/VOTE: REP. ROSE MOVED HB 258 BE TABLED. MOTION CARRIED 11-6.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 23.0.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:40 P.M.



REP. ALVIN A. ELLIS, Jr., Chairman



ALBERTA STRACHAN, Secretary

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