

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** By **VICE-CHAIRMAN PEGGY ARNOTT**, on January 27, 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: HJR 8 (1/23/97); HB 198  
(1/13/97); HB 49 (1/8/97)  
Executive Action: None.

**HEARING ON HJR 8**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** REP. MATT BRAINARD, H.D. 62  
introduced the bill.

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Proponents' Testimony:

Bob Frazier, University of Montana.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 4.1.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.2.}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.5.}

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

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.4.}

HEARING ON HB 198

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. ALVIN ELLIS, H.D. 23 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 9.7.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Cathy Swift, Montana Rural Education Association. EXHIBIT 1.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 13.6.}

Susan Barrow, School District No. 2.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 20.4.}

Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association. EXHIBIT 2,3,4.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 24.2.}

Loren Frazier, Montana School Board Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 29.8.}

James Kimmert, School District No. 2.

Mr. Kimmert came before the Committee as an Information Witness and VICE-CHAIRMAN ARNOTT requested he be entered into the minutes as a Proponent.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.3.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Erik Feaver, Montana Education Association. EXHIBIT 5.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 30.3.}

Informational Testimony: None.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.3.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.7.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. ELLIS closed on the bill.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 32.0.}

HEARING ON HB 49

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. JOHN COBB, H.D. 50 introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 6,7,8.  
{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .5.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Michael Dahlem, Attorney at Law, Helena. EXHIBIT 9A through 9B.  
{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.5.}

Robert Smith, Hays/Lodge Pole School District. EXHIBIT 10.  
{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 33.4. Comments: Mr. Smith also provided testimony from Bertha Other Bull, Lame Deer Public School}

Ray Phipps, Lame Deer School District.  
{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 35.5.}

Robert Fox, Hays/Lodge Pole School District. EXHIBIT 11.  
{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 38.4.}

Erik Feaver, Montana Education Association. EXHIBIT 12, 13.  
{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 39.1, Comments: Mr. Feaver also provided testimony from Terry Quintus.}

Terry Minow, Montana Federation of Teachers.  
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 5.4.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Don Waldron, Montana Rural Education Association.  
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 8.3.}

Cathy Swift, Montana Rural Education Association.  
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 8.4.}

Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association. EXHIBIT 14.  
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 22.4.}

Loren Frazier, Montana School Administrators Association.  
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 26.5.}

Phil Reinemer, Circle resident.  
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 31.0.}

Informational Testimony: None.  
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 34.4.}

**Questions From Committee Members and Responses:**

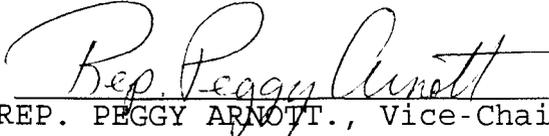
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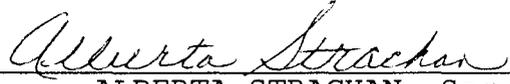
**Closing by Sponsor: REP. COBB closed on the bill.**

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:30 P.M.

  
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REP. PEGGY ARNOTT., Vice-Chairman

  
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ALBERTA STRACHAN, Secretary

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