

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ALVIN A. ELLIS, JR.**, on January 31, 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. Kim Gillan (D)
Rep. Antoinette R. Hagener (D)
Rep. George Heavy Runner (D)
Rep. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Rep. Bob Lawson (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. Matt Denny
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo

Members Absent: None.

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 10 (1/22/97; HB 347
(1/27/97); SB 38 (1/28/97).
Executive Action: HB 347; HB 314; SB 10; SB 38.

HEARING ON SB 10

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. DON HARGROVE, H.D. 16
introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 1.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .8; Comments: Sen.
Hargrove provided testimony from Richard A. Crofts, Interim
Commissioner, Montana University System.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Roger Hagen, Officer and Enlisted Associations of the Montana National Guard. EXHIBIT 2.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.1.}

Gary Hindoién, Department of Military Affairs. EXHIBIT 3.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.7.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 8.1.}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 8.5.}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. HARGROVE closed on the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 14.8.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 10

Motion/Vote: REP. ROSE MOVED SB 10 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously on SB 10 to be concurred in with REP. DENNY voting by proxy.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.6; Comments: Rep. Rose to carry this bill on the House floor.}

HEARING ON HB 347

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. BOB LAWSON, H.D. 80 introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 4.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 17.8, Comments: Rep. Lawson provided proposed amendments.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 26.2.}

David Fern, School District 44, Whitefish. EXHIBIT 5, 6.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 29.0; Comments: Mr. Fern also provided testimony from Kenneth A. Miller, Kalispell.}

Don Waldron, Montana Rural Education Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 34.6.}

Loren Frazier, Montana School Administrators Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 35.4.}

Erik Feaver, Montana Education Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 35.6.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 36.2.}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 36.4.}

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

HEARING ON SB 38

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. J.D. LYNCH, H.D. 19
introduced the bill.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: .1.}

Proponents' Testimony: None.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: .7.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: .8.}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: .9.}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. LYNCH closed on the bill.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 1.0.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 38

Motion/Vote: REP. TROPILA MOVED SB 38 BE CONCURRED IN. Question was called. Motion carried unanimously with REPS. DENNY and MASOLO voting by proxy. This bill was also placed on the Consent Calendar.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 2.2; Comments: Rep. Tropila will carry this bill on the House floor.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 347

Motion: REP. LAWSON MOVED HB 347 DO PASS.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 2.9.}

Motion/Vote: REP. LAWSON moved to adopt the Lawson amendments. Question was called. Motion carried unanimously with REPS. DENNY and MASOLO voting by proxy.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.0.}

Motion: REP. LAWSON MOVED HB 347 DO PASS AS AMENDED.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.1.}

Discussion:
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.9.}

Vote: Question was called. Motion carried 15-3 with REPS.
ELLIS, REHBEIN and ARNOTT voting no and REPS. DENNY and MASOLO
voting by proxy.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 7.1.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 314

Motion: REP. SIMPKINS MOVED HB 314 DO PASS.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 7.9.}

Motion/Vote: REP. SIMPKINS moved to adopt the Simpkins
amendments. Motion carried to adopt the Simpkins amendments with
REP. DENNY and MASOLO voting by proxy.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 10.9.}

Motion: REP. SIMPKINS MOVED HB 314 DO PASS AS AMENDED.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 11.2.}

Discussion:
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 11.4.}

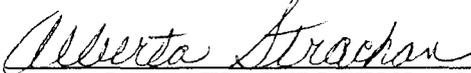
Vote: Question was called. Motion carried unanimously 18-0 with
REP. DENNY and MASOLO voting by proxy.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 12.0.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.



REP. ALVIN A. ELLIS, Jr., Chairman



ALBERTA STRACHAN, Secretary

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