

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ALVIN A. ELLIS, JR.**, on February 3, 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: SB 71 (1/29/97); HJR 9
(1/28/97); HB 380 (1/31/97);
HB 280 (1/27/97).

Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON SB 71

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. DARYL TOEWS, H.D. 48
introduced the bill.

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Proponents' Testimony:

Gail Gray, Office of Public Instruction.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 4.5.}

Wayne Buchanan, Montana Board of Public Education.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 8.0.}

Loren Frazier, Montana School Administrators Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 8.4.}

Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 8.9.}

Erik Hanson, Governor's Office.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 9.4.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 10.2.}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

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

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 23.1.}

HEARING ON HJR 9

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. GERALD PEASE, H.D. 6 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 24.4.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Wayne Buchanan, Montana Board of Education.

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

Christine Kaufman, Montana Human Rights Network.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 29.3.}

Erik Feaver, Montana Education Association. EXHIBIT 1, 2.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 32.9; Comments: Mr. Feaver provided the gray bill and excerpts from the current law.}

REP. JOAN HURDLE, H.D. 13. EXHIBIT 3.

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

Dori Nielson, Office of Public Instruction.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 6.8.}

Ellen Swanay, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 7.5.}

REP. GEORGE HEAVY RUNNER, H.D. 85.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 8.0.}

Opponents' Testimony:

REP. ALAN WALTERS, H.D. 60.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 9.0.}

Informational Testimony:

Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 11.8.}

Lyman McDonald, Office of Indian Affairs. EXHIBIT 4 (52 pages).

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 15.3. Comments: Mr. McDonald supplied testimony from Desiree Lambert, Education Director, The Fort Peck Tribal Education Department.}

CHAIRMAN ELLIS transferred the chair to VICE-CHAIRMAN ARNOTT.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 15.8.}

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

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 45.1.}

HEARING ON HB 380

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

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .3.}

Proponents' Testimony: None.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 11.5.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Dori Nielson, Office of Public Instruction.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 11.7.}

Loren Frazier, Montana School Administrators.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 13.7.}

Erik Feaver, Montana Education Association.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.6.}

Informational Testimony: None.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 17.0.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 17.1.}

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

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 17.4.}

HEARING ON HB 280

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. JOHN BOHLINGER, H.D. 14 introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 5.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 22.7; Comments: Rep. Bohlinger supplied testimony from the Legislative Audit Division regarding the WICHE, WAMI, Minnesota Dental and Rural Physician Incentive Programs.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Donald E. Espelin, Helena resident. EXHIBIT 6.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 35.8.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Stephen Sullivan, WAMI student at University of Montana, Missoula.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 39.1.}

Joseph Chu, M.D., University of Washington, School of Medicine.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 40.3.}

Jeff Hostetter, WAMI student at Montana State University, Bozeman.

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

Mike Strekall, M.D., Montana Academy of Family Physicians.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: .5.}

Mike Morine, Deer Lodge resident.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 5.5.}

Dick Brown, Montana Hospital Association. EXHIBIT 7, 8.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 7.2, Comments: Mr. Brown also provided testimony from Madelyn L. Faller, Missoula Community Health Services, Mineral Community Hospital, Superior, MT.}

Kip Smith, Montana Primary Care Association, Inc. EXHIBIT 9.

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

Richard Crofts, Commissioner of Higher Education. EXHIBIT 10, 11, 12.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 15.8; Comments: Mr. Crofts supplied a fact sheet from the Montana Medical Education

Programs, Montana Rural Physician Incentive Program and a comparison of WICHE return rates.}

Amy Mouat, WAMI student at Montana State University, Bozeman.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 19.6.}

Jerry Loendorf, Montana Medical Association.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 20.5.}

Jim Mudd, WAMI student at Montana State University, Bozeman.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 22.8.}

Stephen Guggenheim, Director, WAMI Medical Education Program, Montana State University, Bozeman.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 23.7.}

REP. RICHARD SIMPKINS, H.D. 49.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 25.7.}

Sarah Harrington, WAMI student at Montana State University, Bozeman.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 27.0.}

Candace Fetzer, WAMI student at Montana State University, Bozeman.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 27.2.}

Ginny Anderson, WAMI student at Montana State University, Bozeman.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 27.4; Comments: .}

Jason Karro, University of Washington, School of Medicine.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 27.6.}

Rebecca Wolff, Resident Richland County WAMI Program, Montana State University, Bozeman.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 27.7.}

Rebecca Lachenmeier, WAMI student at Montana State University, Bozeman.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 27.9.}

Brad Fuller, WAMI student at Montana State University, Bozeman.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 28.0.}

Blyne French, D.C., WAMI student at Montana State University, Bozeman.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 28.1.}

Spencer Wilson, WAMI student at Montana State University, Bozeman.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 28.2.}

LeeAnna Muzquiz, WAMI student at Montana State University, Bozeman.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 28.3.}

Shannon Setzer, WAMI student at Montana State University, Bozeman.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 28.4.}

Dan Walsh, WAMI student at Montana State University, Bozeman.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 28.5.}

Jeremy Fritz, Student Lobbyist for the Students at Montana State University, Bozeman.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 28.6.}

Jeremy Hewitt, University of Montana, Missoula.

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Informational Testimony: None.

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Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 32.4.}

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

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.5.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:40 P.M.



REP. ALVIN A. ELLIS, Jr., Chairman



ALBERTA STRACHAN, Secretary

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