

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ALVIN A. ELLIS, JR.**, on February 5, 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. Richard D. Simpkins (R)
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)
Rep. Allan Walters (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Sam Kitzenberg
Rep. John "Sam" Rose

Members Absent: None.

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 21 (2/3/97); SB 126
(2/3/97)
Executive Action: SB 21; SB 126; HB 280; HB 282;
HJR 9; HB 79; HB 380.

HEARING ON SB 21

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. GREG JERGESON, S.D. 46
introduced the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .4.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Richard Croft, Commissioner of Higher Education.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.1.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.6.}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

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

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

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

HEARING ON SB 126

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. LINDA NELSON, S.D. 49 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 10.1.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Richard Croft, Commissioner of Higher Education. EXHIBIT 1, 2.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 13.4; Comments: Mr. Crofts also supplied testimony regarding the Montana Rural Physician Incentive Program.}

Dick Brown, Montana Hospital Association. EXHIBIT 3.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 17.3.}

Beda Lovitt, Montana Medical Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 19.3.}

Roger W. Moon, Department of Health and Human Services. EXHIBIT 4.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 20.0.}

Kip Smith, Montana Primary Care Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 22.0.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 22.6.}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 23.0.}

Closing By Sponsor: SEN. NELSON closed on the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 28.2.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 21

Motion/Vote: REP. TROPILA MOVED SB 21 BE CONCURRED IN. Question was called. Motion carried unanimously 18-0.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 30.2.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 126

Motion: REP. TROPILA MOVED SB 126 BE CONCURRED IN.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 30.7.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 31.0.}

Vote: Question was called. Motion carried unanimously 18-0.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 37.0.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 280

Motion: REP. DENNY MOVED HB 280 DO PASS.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 40.0.}

Motion/Vote: REP. MILLS MADE A SUBSTITUTE MOTION HB 280 BE TABLED. Motion carried unanimously 18-0 with REPS. ROSE and KITZENBERG voting.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 41.5.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 282

Motion: REP. TROPILA MOVED HB 282 DO PASS.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 42.0.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 42.6.}

Vote: Question was called. Motion carried 14-3 with REPS. HARRINGTON, MCCULLOCH and HAGENER voting no and REPS. ROSE and KITZENBERG voting by proxy.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 43.8.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJR 9

Motion: REP. HEAVY RUNNER MOVED HJR 9 DO PASS.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .1.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 1.8.}

Motion/Vote: REP. MCCULLOCH moved to adopt the Pease amendments. Motion carried to adopt the Pease amendments 16-2 with REPS.

REHBEIN and SIMPKINS voting no and REPS. ROSE and KITZENBERG voting by proxy.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 2.7.}

Motion: REP. MCCULLOCH MOVED HJR 9 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

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

Discussion:

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.6.}

Vote: Question was called. Motion failed 6-11 on a roll call vote with REPS. ROSE voting by proxy and REP. KITZENBERG not voting.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 18.1.}

Motion/Vote: REP. WALTERS MOVED HJR 9 BE TABLED. Motion carried 11-6 HJR 9 be tabled with REPS. ROSE voting by proxy and REP. KITZENBERG not voting.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 18.6.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 79

Motion: REP. ARNOTT MOVED HB 79 DO PASS.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 19.1.}

Motion: REP. SIMPKINS moved to adopt the Simpkins amendments.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 20.9.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 22.5; Comments: .}

Vote: Question was called. Motion carried 15-1 on a roll call vote to adopt the Simpkins amendments with REP. ROSE and KITZENBERG voting by proxy.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 26.1}

Motion/Vote: REP. SIMPKINS MOVED HB 79 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Motion carried 10-7 with REPS. HARRINGTON, GILLAN, HAGENER, HEAVY RUNNER, KITZENBERG, MCCULLOCH and TROPILA voting no and REPS. ROSE and KITZENBERG voting by proxy.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 27.0.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 380

Motion/Vote: REP. SIMPKINS MOVED HB 380 DO PASS. Question was called. Motion failed 5-13 with REPS. DENNY, MILLS, WALTERS, BANKHEAD, SIMPKINS, REHBEIN voting yes and REPS. ROSE and KITZENBERG voting by proxy.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 28.5.}

Motion/Vote: REP. HARRINGTON MOVED HB 380 BE TABLED. Question was called. Motion carried 13-5 that HB 380 be tabled. REPS. ROSE and KITZENBERG voted by proxy.

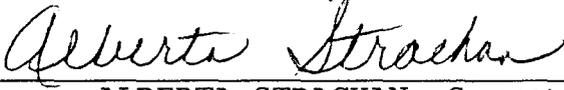
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 30.4.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:20 P.M.



REP. ALVIN A. ELLIS, Jr., Chairman



ALBERTA STRACHAN, Secretary

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