

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By **VICE-CHAIRMAN PEGGY ARNOTT**, on February 10, 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 198 (2/5/97); HB 448
(2/6/97); HB 449 (2/6/97)

Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON SB 198

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. LORENTS GROSFIELD, S.D. 13
introduced the bill.

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Proponents' Testimony:

Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association. EXHIBIT 1.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 1.6.}

Loren Frazier, Montana School Administrators Association and
Montana rural Education Association. EXHIBIT 2.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.4.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.3.}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.5.}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. GROSFIELD closed on the bill.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.5.}

HEARING ON HB 448 and HB 449

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. DEB KOTTEL, H.D. 45
introduced the bills.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 18.1.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Wayne Buchanan, Montana Board of Education. EXHIBIT 3.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 32.2; Comments: Dr.
Buchanan provided testimony from Jennifer (Last Name Withheld).}

Pete Donovan, Administrative Officer, Certification Standards
Practices Advisory Council. EXHIBIT 4, 5.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 44.8; Comments: Mr.
Donovan provided testimony from Douglas F. Bates, Utah State
Office of Education and a copy of The Treasure State Adviser.}

Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association. EXHIBIT 6, 7.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: .7; Comments: Mr. Melton
provided proposed amendments on both bills .}

Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 8.9.}

Informational Testimony:

Mike Batista, Department of Justice.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 11.0.}

Gerel Driscoll, Office of Public Instruction.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 11.8.}

Loren Frazier, School Administrators of Montana.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 19.0.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Mary Sheehy-Moe, Helena teacher.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 22.3.}

Scott Creighton, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 29.8.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

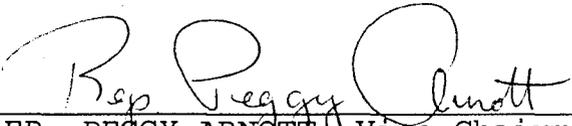
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 36.7.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. KOTTEL closed on the bills.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 36.1.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:30 P.M.



REP. PEGGY ARNETT, Vice-Chairman



ALBERTA STRACHAN, Secretary

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