

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ALVIN A. ELLIS, JR.**, on February 12, 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. 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. Kim Gillan
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: HB 487 (2/7/97); HB 490
(2/7/97); HB 491 (2/7/97)
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON HB 487

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. BILL WHITEHEAD, H.D. 98 introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 1, 2, 3.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .8; Comments: Rep. Whitehead provided testimony from Arnold Jefferson, Director, Crow Tribal Education Department; Statistics For Local Area Schools; an article from Nation To Nation regarding The Affirmative Action Program Review and Tribal Courts Project.}

Proponents' Testimony:

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

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

Marlene Bear-Walter, Blackfeet Nation. EXHIBIT 4.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 14.6.}

Caleb Shields, Fort Peck Nation. EXHIBIT 5, 6.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 18.3; Comments: Mr. Shields provided a copy of the tribal government resolution 2328-97-2; and testimony from Desiree Kirn Lambert, Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Nation.}

Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 27.7.}

Michael Dahlen, Heart Butte School District.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 29.9.}

Jean Spotted Wolf, Billings resident.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 32.0.}

S. Kevin Howlett, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 34.0.}

Michael L. Durglo, Jr., Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

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

REP. JOAN HURDLE, H.D. 13.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 39.4.}

Ellen Hilde, Billings resident.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 41.2.}

Wyman McDonald, Office of the Governor.

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

William Walks Along, President, Northern Cheyenne Nation.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: .7.}

Kathy Fleury, Helena resident.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 2.9.}

Michael Pablo, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 3.8.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.4.}

Informational Testimony:

Anne MacIntyre, Human Rights Commission.

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

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 6.4.}

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

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 16.2.}

HEARING ON HB 490**Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. BILL WHITEHEAD, H.D. 98 introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 7.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 20.0; Comments: Rep. Whitehead provided testimony from Arnold Jefferson, Director, Crow Tribal Education Department.}

Proponents' Testimony:**Caleb Shields, Fort Peck Nation.**

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 24.4.}

Don Waldron, Montana Rural Education Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 28.7.}

Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 29.5.}

S. Kevin Howlett, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

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

Michael L. Durglo, Jr., Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 30.5.}

Marlene Bear-Walter, Blackfeet Nation.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 31.6.}

Wyman McDonald, Office of the Governor.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 38.8.}

Dori Nielson, Office of Public Instruction.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 39.3.}

Erik Feaver, Montana Education Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 39.9.}

REP. JOAN HURDLE, H.D. 13. testified during the previous bill and provided testimony for HB 490 also.

Jean Spotted Wolf, Billings resident testified during the previous bill and provided testimony for HB 490 also.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 40.5.}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 40.5.}

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

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.1.}

HEARING ON HB 491**Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. BILL REHBEIN, H.D. 100 introduced the bill.**

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.3.}

Proponents' Testimony:**Don Waldron, Montana Rural Education Association.**

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.3.}

Jeff Hindoin, Montana Rural Education Association.

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

Evan Jordan, Missoula resident.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 12.1.}

Sue Stanley, Concerned Parents Association.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.0.}

Gloria Paladichuk, Richland County resident.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.7.}

Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association.

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

Loren Frazier, Montana School Administrators Association.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 17.3.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 17.5.}

Informational Testimony: None.**Questions From Committee Members and Responses:**

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 17.8.}

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

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 32.2.}

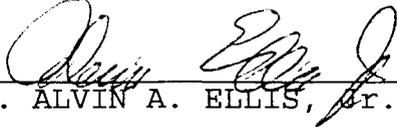
CHAIRMAN ELLIS distributed copies of a gray bill which was a combination of HB 49 and HB 198 and asked the Committee to question all parties involved in drafting this new legislation.

Discussion:

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 33.7.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:10 P.M.



REP. ALVIN A. ELLIS, Jr., Chairman



ALBERTA STRACHAN, Secretary

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