

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ALVIN A. ELLIS, JR.**, on March 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. 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: Rep. George Heavy Runner

Members Absent: None.

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 207 (2/20/97); SB 235
(2/24/97); SB 165 (2/20/97).
Executive Action: SB 165; SB 95; SB 207.

HEARING ON SB 207

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. REINY JABS, S.D. 3 introduced the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 1.0.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Aaron J. Turnsplenty, Pryor Public Schools.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.4.}

Daniel Sybrant, Pryor Public Schools.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.0.}

Lynda Brannon, Montana Association of School Business and Indian
Impact School Officials.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 10.0.}

Loren Frazier, Montana School Administrators Association.
EXHIBIT 1.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 11.6.}

Carlson Goes Ahead, Pryor Public Schools.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 13.5.}

Roland Plain Feather, Pryor Public Schools.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 13.9.}

Joyce DeCrane, Pryor Public Schools.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 14.0.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.0.}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.3.}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. JABS closed on the bill.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 24.9.}

HEARING ON SB 235

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. JOHN HERTEL, S.D. 47
introduced the bill.
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 27.4.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Lynda Brannon, Montana Association of School Business Officials.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: .8.}

Mike Crimmins, Lewistown School District #1.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 3.5.}

Stacey Vestal, Montana Association of School Business Officials.
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.7.}

Shirley Barrick, Fergus County Superintendent of Schools.

EXHIBIT 2.

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

Opponents' Testimony: None.

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

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 12.0.}

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

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .8.}

HEARING ON SB 165

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. CHRIS CHRISTIAENS, S.D. 23 introduced the bill.

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

Proponents' Testimony:

Mary Alice Cook, Advocacy For Children and Families.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 5.2.}

Gail Gray, Office of Public Instruction.

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

Larry Fasbender, Great Falls Public Schools.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.2.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.9.}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 8.1.}

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

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 5.3.}

CHAIRMAN ELLIS deferred the chair to VICE CHAIRMAN ARNOTT.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 165

Motion: REP. ROSE MOVED SB 165 BE CONCURRED IN.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 14.4.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 14.8.}

Motion: REP. ROSE moved to adopt the Christiaens amendments.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 21.8.}

Vote: The question was called. Motion carried 11-7 on a roll call vote to adopt the Christiaens amendments with REPS. ELLIS, ARNOTT, DENNY, MILLS, REHBEIN, SIMPKINS and WALTERS voting no and REPS. ELLIS and HEAVY RUNNER voting by proxy.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 26.0.}

Discussion:
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 26.0.}

Motion: REP. BANKHEAD moved to adopt the Bankhead amendment regarding a termination date.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 27.8.}

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

Vote: The question was called. Motion carried 14-4 to adopt the Bankhead amendment with REPS. HARRINGTON, MCCULLOCH, MILLS and TROPILA voting no and REPS. ELLIS and HEAVY RUNNER voting by proxy.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 2.3.}

Motion/Vote: REP. ROSE MOVED SB 165 DO PASS AS AMENDED. The question was called. Motion carried 13-5 on a roll call vote with REPS. ELLIS, ARNOTT, MILLS, REHBEIN and WALTERS voting no.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.0; Comments: Rep. Soft assigned to carry this bill on the House of Representatives floor.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 95

Motion: REP. MASOLO MOVED SB 95 BE CONCURRED IN.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.3.}

Motion: REP. DENNY moved to adopt the Halligan amendment.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.6.}

Discussion:
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 7.8.}

Vote: The question was called. Motion carried 15-3 with REPS. REHBEIN, MILLS and WALTERS voting no and REPS. ELLIS and HEAVY RUNNER voting by proxy.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 10.0.}

Motion/Vote: REP. MASOLO MOVED SB 95 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. The question was called. Motion carried 15-3 with REP. REHBEIN, MILLS and WALTERS voting no and REPS. ELLIS and HEAVY RUNNER voting by proxy.
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 10.5.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 207

Motion: REP. MASOLO MOVED SB 207 BE CONCURRED IN.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 11.0.}

Discussion:

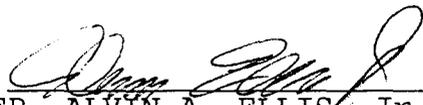
{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 12.2.}

Vote: The question was called. Motion carried 16-2 with REPS. ARNOTT and REHBEIN voting no and REPS. ELLIS and HEAVY RUNNER voting by proxy.

{Tape: 3; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.7; Comments: Rep. Stovall assigned to carry this bill on the House of Representatives floor.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:35 P.M.



REP. ALVIN A. ELLIS, Jr., Chairman



ALBERTA STRACHAN, Secretary

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