

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ALVIN A. ELLIS, JR.**, on March 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. 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. John "Sam" Rose (R)
Rep. Richard D. Simpkins (R)
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)
Rep. Allan Walters (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Antoinette R. Hagener

Members Absent: Rep. Sam Kitzenberg

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 301 (3/5/97); SB 285
(2/24/97); SJR 12 (3/5/97); SB
370 (3/5/97).

Executive Action: SB 370; SJR 12; SB 285; SB
301; SB 198; SB 155.

CHAIRMAN ELLIS stated to the Committee that the roll call vote taken on SB 240 was incorrectly stated by the Vice Chairman during the meeting of March 7, 1997. The proxy "yes" votes to this bill for **REPS. ELLIS and MILLS** were misquoted as "no" votes. The Be Concurred In outcome remains the same.

HEARING ON SB 301

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. STEVE DOHERTY, S.D. 24
introduced the bill.

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

Proponents' Testimony:

Michael Dahlem, Hays-Lodge Pole School District. EXHIBIT 1.

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

Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association.

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

Opponents' Testimony: None.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 8.3.}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 10.4.}

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

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

HEARING ON SB 285

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. STEVE BENEDICT, S.D. 30
introduced the bill.

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

Proponents' Testimony:

Dixie Stark, Literacy Volunteers of America-Bitterroot. EXHIBIT
2.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 2.6.}

Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association.

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

Opponents' Testimony: None.

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

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 5.4.}

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

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 18.5.}

HEARING ON SJR 12

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. MIKE FOSTER, S.D. 20
introduced the bill.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 20.0.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Terry Minow, Boulder resident.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 22.0.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

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

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

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

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

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

HEARING ON SB 370

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. FRED THOMAS, S.D. 31
introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 3.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 24.7; Comments: Sen.
Foster provided a copy of the current law regarding this bill.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 28.3.}

R. Perry Eskridge, Department of Commerce. EXHIBIT 4.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .2; Comments: Mr. Eskridge
provided testimony from Pamela J. Hill, School of Architecture,
College of Arts and Architecture, Montana State University.}

W. James Kembel, Montana Technical Council.

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

Opponents' Testimony: None.

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

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: .9.}

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

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.9.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 370

Motion: REP. ROSE MOVED SB 370 BE CONCURRED IN.

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

Discussion:

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 17.6.}

Vote: Question was called. Motion carried 17-0 with REP. HAGENER voting by proxy and REP. KITZENBERG not voting.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 22.0; Comments: Rep. Cobb to carry this bill on the House of Representatives floor.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 12

Motion/Vote: REP. ROSE MOVED SJR 12 BE CONCURRED IN. Question was called. Motion carried 17-0 with REP. HAGENER voting by proxy and REP. KITZENBERG not voting.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 22.8; Comments: Rep. Grimes to carry this bill on the House of Representatives floor.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 285

Motion: REP. MASOLO MOVED SB 285 BE CONCURRED IN.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 24.0.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 24.1.}

Vote: Question was called. Motion carried 14-3 with REPS. ARNOTT, REHBEIN and MILLS voting no, REP. HAGENER voting by proxy and REP. KITZENBERG not voting.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 1.4; Comments: Rep. Walters to carry this bill on the House of Representatives floor.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 301

Motion: REP. TROPILA MOVED SB 301 BE CONCURRED IN.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 2.0.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 2.6.}

Motion/Vote: REP. SIMPKINS MADE A SUBSTITUTE MOTION SB 301 BE TABLED. Question was called. Motion carried 12-5 with REPS. HARRINGTON, MCCULLOCH, HAGENER, TROPILA and ROSE voting no, REP. HAGENER voting by proxy and REP. KITZENBERG voting by proxy.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 6.0.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 198

Motion: REP. DENNY MOVED SB 198 BE CONCURRED IN.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 6.9.}

Discussion:
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 7.1.}

Vote: Question was called. Motion carried 12-5 on a roll call vote with REPS. HARRINGTON, HAGENER, HEAVY RUNNER, MCCULLOCH and TROPILA voting no, REP. HAGENER voting by proxy and REP. KITZENBERG not voting.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 11.6; Comments: Rep. Ellis to carry this bill on the House of Representatives floor.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 155

Motion: REP. WALTER MOVED SB 155 BE CONCURRED IN.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 14.6.}

Discussion:
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 15.4.}

MOTION/VOTE: REP. TROPILA MADE A SUBSTITUTE MOTION SB 155 BE TABLED. Question was called. Motion carried 12-5 with REP.S MCCULLOCH, TROPILA, WALTERS, LAWSON and HAGENER voting no, REP. HAGENER voting by proxy and REP. KITZENBERG not voting.
{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 17.0.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.



REP. ALVIN A. ELLIS, Jr., Chairman



ALBERTA STRACHAN, Secretary

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