

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** By **MATT DENNY**, on April 9, 1997, at 9:00 a.m., in room 420.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Matt Denny, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Matt Brainard, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)  
Rep. Antoinette R. Hagener, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)  
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)  
Rep. Haley Beaudry (R)  
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)  
Rep. Sam Kitzenberg (R)  
Rep. William Rehbein, Jr. (R)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Rep. Dorothy C. Simpson (D)  
Rep. Allan Walters (R)  
Rep. Bill Whitehead (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. George Heavy Runner.

**Members Absent:** Rep. Harriet Hayne, Rep. Norm Mills, and Rep. Doug Mood.

**Staff Present:** Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Services Division  
Keri Burkhardt, Committee Secretary

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SJ 15; (4/4/97)  
Executive Action: SJ 15.

**HEARING ON SJ 15**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** SEN. THOMAS KEATING, S.D. 5.  
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: .1; Comments: None.}

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Nancy Keenan, State Superintendent of Schools.  
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 3.8; Comments: None.}

Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association, Montana Federation of Teachers.  
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 6.5; Comments: None.}

Brad Martin, Executive Director, Montana Democratic Party.  
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 8.6; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 10.3; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. KEATING closes.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 16.7; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 15

Motion: REP. HAGENER MOVED DO CONCUR.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 20.8; Comments: None.}

Discussion:

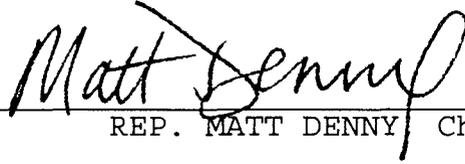
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Motion/Vote: REP. DOWELL CALLED THE QUESTION. Motion carried 12-1. Rep. Rehbein voted no.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 25.5; Comments: None.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:45 a.m.



REP. MATT DENNY, Chairman



KERI BURKHARDT, Secretary

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