

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

February 4, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m., with all members present.

House Joint Resolution 37 was discussed. Rep. Hirsch, chief sponsor, said the resolution directs the Commissioner of Higher Education to initiate policies to bring higher education opportunities to all geographic areas of Montana. Proponents were Jim Merrigan, Terry Moore, Jackie Hanson, Bill Lannon and Patricia Douglas. Their testimony is attached.

The Committee went into Executive Session to consider several bills.

House Bill 305 - Rep. Kessler moved to take the bill off the table. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Gilligan moved that the bill DO PASS. The questions raised about accounting on the last page of the bill were answered by Rae Haas, who said she checked on the question and there will be no problem with the bill the way it is written. ABE funds are being deposited to a miscellaneous federal programs fund. Rae recommended to OSPI that the funds be separated and accounted for with the 1 mill levy state funds so that accounting would be exact. Since the amendment to amend page 2, line 11, was not removed by tabling the bill, Rep. Gilligan amended his motion that the bill DO PASS AS AMENDED. The motion passed 13-2.

House Bill 410 - Rep. Gilligan took the chair so Rep. Dussault could explain the bill. Rep. Eudaily moved that the bill DO PASS. Rep. Dussault submitted the attached substitute bill and explained all the changes. She then made a substitute motion for all motions pending to amend the title of the bill as indicated and to strike all after the enacting clause and insert the substitute bill. The OSPI is preparing a proposal for a federal grant which would give additional money for SPI to develop a state plan and train teachers in gifted and talented programs. The reason for the automatic repealer is that after this program has been tried out, it should be placed under special education or regular foundation program. The motion to amend passed unanimously. Rep. Gunderson moved that the bill DO PASS AS AMENDED. The motion passed unanimously.

House Bill 391 - Rep. Kessler moved to take the bill off the table. The motion passed on a voice vote. He then moved that the bill DO PASS. He said that enumerator districts follow precinct boundaries whenever possible. It would be a problem to make subdistricts but it could be done. This bill only applies to Missoula, Billings, Great Falls, Butte, Kalispell, Bozeman and Helena. Rep. Uhde moved to amend the bill to include high school districts. The motion passed 11-4. The motion to DO PASS AS AMENDED failed 6-9. Rep. Iory moved DO NOT PASS AS AMENDED and asked that the vote be reversed. There was no objection, so the bill DO NOT PASS AS AMENDED 9-6.

House Bill 443 - Rep. Estenson reported that the subcommittee on the bill, Reps. Barrett and Eudaily and herself, met and consulted with concerned parties. They decided that page 2, lines 17 through 22 should be deleted. She so moved to amend the bill. The motion passed with Rep. Courtney voting no. Rep. Estenson then moved to amend the title to say that the board must provide a clear and explicit statement of reasons for termination. The motion to amend the title passed unanimously. Rep. Lund moved to amend page 2, after line 16, by adding "The action of the board is hereby final." The motion failed on a voice vote. Rep. Estenson moved that the bill DO PASS AS AMENDED. The motion passed 10-5.

House Bill 449 - Rep. Barrett moved to amend the bill as shown on the attached sheet. The motion passed unanimously. He then moved that the bill DO PASS AS AMENDED. The motion failed 7-8. Rep. Lory moved that the bill DO NOT PASS AS AMENDED and the vote be reversed. There was no objection, so the bill DO NOT PASS AS AMENDED, 8-7.

House Bill 463 - Rep. Kvaalen moved that the bill DO NOT PASS. The motion passed 14-1 abstention.

House Bill 485 - Rep. Gunderson moved to reinsert page 1, lines 14 and 15. The motion was passed unanimously. Rep. Eudaily moved to reinsert line 19 except change "principal" to "witness." The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Gunderson moved that the bill DO PASS AS AMENDED. The Motion passed 13-2.

House Bill 489 - Rep. Eudaily moved that the bill DO PASS. The motion passed 13-2.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

PETER J. GILLIGAN, JR., Vice-Chairman

EDUCATION COMMITTEE VOTING RECORD, February 4, 1977

	HB 305 Gilligan DPAA	HB 391 Uhde amend	HB 391 Kessler DPAA	HB 443 Estenson DPAA	HB 449 Barrett DPAA	HB 463 Kvaalen DNP	HB 485 Gunderson DPAA	HB 489 Eudaily DP
Dussault	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gilligan	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Courtney	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Estenson	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Gunderson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes
Hand	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kennerly	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kessler	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Uhde	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Barrett	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Eudaily	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kvaalen	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
Lory	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lund	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Meyer	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
	13 Yes 2 No	11 Yes 4 No	6 Yes 9 No	10 Yes 5 No	7 Yes 8 No	14 Yes 1 Abstain	13 Yes 2 No	13 Yes 2 No
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