

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

March 14, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m., with all members present except Rep. Kvaalen, who was excused. The committee went into Executive Session to consider several bills.

Senate Bill 389 - Rep. Barrett moved that the bill BE CONCURRED IN. The motion passed with Rep. Meyer voting NO (Reps. Estenson, Lory and Lund not present). Rep. Gunderson will carry the bill on the floor.

Senate Bill 387 - Amendments had been submitted by Mr. Voorhis (attached) and were considered. Rep. Hand moved to adopt them. Dr. Daton opposed the amendments, saying the responsibility should belong to the Board of Regents. The Board of Public Education regulates elementary and secondary schools and the Regents regulate higher education. OSPI amendments would put BPE into the business of accrediting institutions of higher education. Rep. Eudaily questioned whether the scope of the title covers the amendments. Mr. Hickey says there still is a problem with certification and the MEA supports the amendments. Dr. Daton said the BPE is concerned about certification and recertification and they accredit the courses necessary for their requirements, and if this bill passes it will not affect that, or cut off course offerings from any institution. It will improve the quality of offerings in Montana. Rep. Estenson said if a course is already accredited by the Northwest Accrediting Association it should be acceptable to the Regents. Floyd McDowell said many of the teachers at the School for the Deaf and Blind depend on extension courses to continue their education and wondered if this bill would make it necessary for accredited institutions to have to go before the regents and get approval for their extension courses. Rep. Estenson made a substitute motion that the bill BE NOT CONCURRED IN. Rep. Lory made a substitute motion for all motions pending that the bill BE CONCURRED IN with no amendments. Rep. Lory's motion failed 6-8-1. Rep. Estenson's motion failed on a tie vote, 7-7. Rep. Hand's original motion to amend was left. Rep. Gunderson made a substitute motion to adopt all amendments submitted by Mr. Voorhis. The Chairperson split the motion as shown on the attached sheet. Part 1 failed 8-6-1. Part 2 failed 9-4-1, 1 abstained. Rep. Meyer moved that the bill BE NOT CONCURRED IN. Rep. Estenson said the Regents do not need to be in the business of accrediting; that it is too much power to give them. The motion passed 11-3-1.

Senate Bill 138 - Rep. Gilligan moved to reconsider action taken on Friday. The motion passed 8-6-1. Rep. Gunderson moved that the bill BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. The motion passed 9-5-1. Rep. Estenson will carry the bill on the floor.

Senate Bill 421 - Mr. Lannon said no state funds go to private schools at the present time. Private profit-making schools are excluded by federal laws. Rep. Meyer asked that this be confirmed; he does not think they are excluded. John LaFaver questioned placing the funds in an agency fund. He recommended striking "within the agency fund" on page 3, line 9. Mr. Lannon said the federal funds will be matched and are deposited in the state treasury in the Federal, Private and Grant Clearance Account, and they are appropriated by the Legislature every session. The private schools should deposit their funds somewhere so they can be matched with federal money and returned without having to go through the appropriation process. The federal government requires that all the matching money as well as the federal money come into the sole agency for administration of the fund, and the designated agency is the Commissioner of Higher Education. Rep. Lory moved that page 3, line 9, "within the agency fund" be stricken. The motion passed unanimously. He then moved that the bill BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Lory will carry the bill on the floor.

Senate Bill 300 - Rep. Gunderson moved that the bill BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Rae Haas suggested amending page 8, line 20, to say that the certificate must be filed with the county superintendent of the county in which he is teaching. Senator Watt has been consulted and agrees with this amendment. Rep. Lory moved to adopt the amendment. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Lory moved that the bill BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Eudaily will carry the bill on the floor of the House.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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ROLL CALL VOTE ---

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| | SB 387 Lory BCI | SB 387 Estenson BNCI | SB 387 Gunderson Amend | SB 387 Gunderson Amend | SB 387 Gunderson Amend | SB 387 Meyer BNCI | SB 138 Gilligan Reconsider | SB 138 Gunderson BCIAA |
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| Dussault | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Gilligan | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Courtney | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Estenson | No | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Gunderson | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| Hand | No | Yes | No | No | No | Yes | No | No |
| Kennerly | Yes | No | No | Pass | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Kessler | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Uhde | No | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | No | No |
| Barrett | Yes | No | No | No | No | Yes | No | No |
| Eudaily | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Kvaalen | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Lory | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| Lund | Yes | No | No | No | No | No | No | Yes |
| Meyer | Yes | No | No | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
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