

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

March 24, 1977

The thirtieth meeting of the Senate Education Committee was called to order by Senator Chet Blaylock, Chairman, on the above date, in Room 402 of the State Capitol Building at 11:00 o'clock A. M.

ROLL CALL: All members of the Committee were present, with the exception of Senator Ed Smith who was excused.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL No. 653: An act to allow 16 hours per year of school time to be used for staff training and development activities.

Representative Estenson, Helena, District 32, sponsor of the Bill, was called on to present her testimony. She explained the purpose of the Bill was designed to increase skills and knowledge of the teachers and administrators to perform with maximum efficiency by allowing in-service training and programs during school hours. That Pupil Instruction Days are taken up by other school-related functions and this should be considered as important as some of those, and take only an hour or two out of the day.

Proponents of the Bill included:

Louis O. Strand, Helena School District #1, advised the Committee of the problems he has run into as director in correlating grades K through 12 for staff development, improvement and training; that substitute teachers would not have to be hired at an additional cost to the school if staff time were allowed during the day; and that after-hours sessions are difficult to arrange and attendance is questionable due to other commitments by the teachers.

Brad Morris, Principal, Helena Schools, stated so many new programs are being developed that teachers must be aware of; their time is limited and in-training sessions should be scheduled during the school day. Copy of this written statement is attached.

Alve Thomas, Deputy State Superintendent, thought it would improve the quality of teacher instruction and allow for presentation of programs by outside sources.

No opponents appeared to testify against the Bill.

In closing, Representative Estenson stated she had talked to many of the 175 teachers in her district, all of whom were primarily

concerned with improvement opportunities for their profession.

When questioned by the Committee, Rep. Estenson responded that the 16 hours would be extended over the school year, and Mr. Strand added that was for the entire school, not each individual teacher. Expense factors involving pupil related days versus days at end of term were discussed, along with the difficulty of getting an entire school staff together other than during school periods to participate in training sessions.

There being no further questions, the Chair closed the hearing on House Bill 653.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL No. 596: An act to restore the spending authority of a school district upon the deposit of a refund or rebate.

Representative Shelden, District #22, sponsor of the Bill, could not be present, but nominated Bob Stockton, OSPI, to present the Bill on behalf of the school business administrators. Senator Blaylock asked if this was a private bill, and Mr. Stockton replied affirmatively.

Mr. Stockton explained the problems of school districts receiving refunds unexpectedly from various sources such as insurance companies, over-payment of invoices, cancellation of supply orders, which do not involve any large sums of money, but that for which the budget was considered depleted.

There were no further proponents to the Bill, nor were there any opponents.

After short discussion, Senator Bill Mathers moved that House Bill No. 596 BE CONCURRED IN; motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote. Senator Blaylock will carry the Bill on the floor.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 620: An act to coordinate the requirements for public hearings contained in the taxpayers information act and the school budget system.

Representative Eudaily, House District #100, sponsor of the Bill, was called on to present his testimony. He explained the problem schools face in complying with the laws of the taxpayers act and those governing school budgets as to the 4 different hearing dates they must advertise when trying to complete the district's budget. Notice of public hearings must be advertised each time which means duplication of efforts unnecessarily and added costs.

Proponents of the Bill included:

Chad Smith, Mont. School Boards Association, who reiterated that the duplication of efforts and confusion of the present system was being asked to be clarified.

There was no opposition to the Bill.

After short discussion, Senator Bill Mathers moved that House Bill No. 620 BE CONCURRED IN, motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote. Senator Mathers will carry the Bill on the floor.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL No. 351: Discussion centered on non-certified persons coaching sports as being competent, under supervision of the athletic director and the advisability of using lay persons.

Senator Margaret Warden moved that House Bill No. 351 BE CONCURRED IN; motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote. Senator Jack Healy will carry the Bill on the floor.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL No. 448: After short discussion, Senator Bill Mathers moved that House Bill 448 BE NOT CONCURRED IN; motion was seconded and carried by majority vote, with Senator Ed Smith voting "no".

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL No. 239; Staff attorney Bobinski explained the proposed amendments to the Committee. Discussion held pertained to rate of unemployment comp.

Senator Margaret Warden moved that the proposed amendments of March 22nd BE ADOPTED; motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Senator Mathers moved that House Bill 239 AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN; motion was seconded and carried by majority, with Senators Blaylock and Smith voting "no". Senator Fasbender will carry the Bill on the floor.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

Chet Blaylock, Chairman

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Date March 24,
1977

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Education

COMMITTEE

SEBELL 653, 596

VISITORS' REGISTER

DATE March 212 620

Please note bill no.

(check one)

NAME

REPRESENTING

BILL #

SUPPORT

OPPOSE

Carl Johnson

SRM

653

X

Frank Strand

Self

653

X

Robert L. Morris

Self

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X

Robert Stettin

OPI

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X

Helen Jensen

Legislature

(Sponsor) 596

X

Helen Jensen

Self Aide for Rep. Jensen

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Blaise J. Waldal

Governor Judge

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Elva Thomas

OPI

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Jim Murry

Mart. State AFL-CIO HB 239 Amend

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY

NAME:

Louis O. Strand

DATE:

3/24/77

ADDRESS:

Helene School Dist #1

PHONE:

442-2590

REPRESENTING WHOM?

Self

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL:

H/B 653

DO YOU:

SUPPORT?

X

AMEND?

OPPOSE?

COMMENTS:

Urgent need for time, as part of regular
program, for staff development. After
work time is very non productive. Current
programs and other developments make
it so necessary to spend more time
in "local" training sessions.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME:

Robert B. Morris

DATE:

3/24/77

ADDRESS:

1621 Stuart Helena, Montana

PHONE:

443-4311

REPRESENTING WHOM?

Self

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL:

HB 653

DO YOU:

SUPPORT?

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AMEND?

OPPOSE?

COMMENTS:

The complexity of the educational process is vastly increasing. We as educators are continuously searching to find more and better ways to help children learn. Such trends as individualization of instruction, multi-age grouping and analytical approaches to teaching require increased amounts of in-service training for professional personnel. An additional 16 hours of staff development time will aid, greatly, those educators striving to improve the program provided for our children. I, therefore, heartily support HB 653.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME :

DATE: 3-24-77

ADDRESS :

PHONE:

REPRESENTING WHOM?

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL

DO YOU :

SUPPORT?

AMEND?

OPPOSE?

COMMENTS :

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

SENATE COMMITTEE EDUCATIONDate March 24, 1977 HOUSE Bill No. 596 Time 1:00 -

NAME	YES	NO
Senator Chet Blaylock, Chairman	✓	
Senator Ed Smith, Vice Chairman	✓	
Senator George McCallum	✓	
Senator Bill Mathers	✓	
Senator William E. Murray	✓	
Senator Frank Dunkle	✓	
Senator Paul Boylan	✓	
Senator Larry Fasbender	✓	
Senator Bill Thomas	✓	
Senator Margaret Warden	✓	

Jennie Lind
SecretaryChet Blaylock
ChairmanMotion: Senator Bill Mathers moved that House Bill No. 596BE CONCURRED IN: motion was seconded and carried by
unanimous vote.Senator Blaylock will carry on the floor.

(include enough information on motion--put with yellow copy of committee report.)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 24,

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MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on EDUCATION

having had under consideration HOUSE Bill No. 596

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE Bill No. 596

DO PASS BE CONCURRED IN

Chet Bloylock,

Chairman.

SENATE COMMITTEE EDUCATION

Date March 24, 1977 HOUSE Bill No. 620 Time

(no -

NAME	YES	NO
Senator Chet Blaylock, Chairman	✓	
Senator Ed Smith, Vice Chairman	✓	
Senator George McCallum	✓	
Senator Bill Mathers	✓	
Senator William E. Murray	✓	
Senator Frank Dunkle	✓	
Senator Paul Boylan	✓	
Senator Larry Fasbender	✓	
Senator Bill Thomas	✓	
Senator Margaret Warden	✓	

Jennie Lind
Secretary

Chet Blaylock
Chairman

Motion: Senator Bill Mathers moved that House Bill No. 620

BE CONCURRED IN: motion was seconded and carried by
unanimous vote.

Senator Mathers will carry on the floor.

(include enough information on motion--put with yellow copy of committee report.)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 24, 1977

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on EDUCATION

having had under consideration HOUSE Bill No. 620

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE Bill No. 620

DO PASS X BE CONCURRED IN

SENATE COMMITTEE EDUCATION

Date March 24, 1977 HOUSE Bill No. 351 Time 1:00 -

NAME	YES	NO
Senator Chet Blaylock, Chairman	✓	
Senator Ed Smith, Vice Chairman	✓	
Senator George McCallum	✓	
Senator Bill Mathers	✓	
Senator William E. Murray	✓	
Senator Frank Dunkle	✓	
Senator Paul Boylan	✓	
Senator Larry Fasbender	✓	
Senator Bill Thomas	✓	
Senator Margaret Warden	✓	

Jennie Lind
Secretary

Chet Blaylock
Chairman

Motion: Senator Margaret Warden moved that House Bill No. 351

BE CONCURRED IN; motion was seconded and carried by
unanimous vote.

Senator Jack Healy will carry on the floor.

(include enough information on motion—put with yellow copy of committee report.)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 24,

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MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on EDUCATION

having had under consideration HOUSE

Bill No. 351

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE

Bill No. 351

~~DO NOT~~ BE CONCURRED IN

Chet Blaylock,

Chairman.

SENATE COMMITTEE EDUCATIONDate February 24, 1977 HOUSE Bill No. 448 Time 1-10

NAME	YES	NO
Senator Chet Blaylock, Chairman	✓	
Senator Ed Smith, Vice Chairman		✓
Senator George McCallum	✓	
Senator Bill Mathers	✓	
Senator William E. Murray	✓	
Senator Frank Dunkle	✓	
Senator Paul Boylan	✓	
Senator Larry Fasbender	✓	
Senator Bill Thomas	✓	
Senator Margaret Warden	✓	

Jennie Lind
SecretaryChet Blaylock
ChairmanMotion: Senator Bill Mathers moved that House Bill No. 448BE NOT CONCURRED IN: motion was seconded and carried bymajority vote, with Senator E. Smith voting "no".

(include enough information on motion--put with yellow copy of committee report.)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

MARCH 24,

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MR. **PRESIDENT:**

We, your committee on **EDUCATION**

having had under consideration **HOUSE**

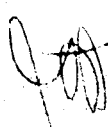
Bill No. **443**

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE**

Bill No. **443**

~~DO PASS~~ BE NOT CONCURRED IN

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Chet Blaylock,


Chairman.

SENATE COMMITTEE EDUCATIONDate March 5, 1977 HOUSE Bill No. 239 Time 1:00

NAME	YES	NO
Senator Chet Blaylock, Chairman		X
Senator Ed Smith, Vice Chairman		X
Senator George McCallum	✓	
Senator Bill Mathers	✓	
Senator William E. Murray	✓	
Senator Frank Dunkle	✓	
Senator Paul Boylan	✓	
Senator Larry Fasbender	✓	
Senator Bill Thomas	✓	
Senator Margaret Warden	✓	

Jennie Lind
SecretaryChet Blaylock
ChairmanMotion: Senator Bill Mathers moved that House Bill No. 239BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED; motion was seconded and carriedby majority vote, with Senator Blaylock & Senator Smith voting "no".Senator Fasbender will carry on the floor.

(include enough information on motion--put with yellow copy of committee report.)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 24, 19 77

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on EDUCATION

having had under consideration HOUSE Bill No. 239

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE Bill No. 239

Third reading bill be amended as follows:

1. Amend title, lines 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Following: "BENEFITS"

Strike: "TO SCHOOL EMPLOYEES WHENEVER THEY HAVE A CONTRACT OR REASON-
ABLE ASSURANCE OF RETURNING TO WORK IN THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR AND TO
PROVIDE FOR A SIMILAR DENIAL"

2. Amend page 3, section 1, line 22.

Following: "in"

Insert: "in an instructional, research, or principal administrative
capacity"

3. Amend page 4, section 1, lines 4 and 5.

Following: "contract"

Strike: "or"

Following: "to"

Strike: "a reasonable assurance that such individual will"

Insert: "to"

DO: PAX

AND AS SO AMENDED,
BE CONCURRED IN