

State of Montana
46th Legislative Session

Education Committee

Minutes of Meeting

A meeting of the Education Committee of the House of Representatives was called to order at 12:30 p.m., in Room 5, Capitol Annex on Monday, January 29, 1979 by Chairman, Peter J. Gilligan.

The roll was taken and all members were present.

The hearing was opened on House Bill 283 by Representative Moore who briefly explained the bill.

Proponents of the bill included:

Tom Collins, Mt. Assn. of Realtors, 501 N. Sanders, Helena, Mt. - Mr. Collins told the committee that the Association of Realtors holds non-profit courses for members of their organization and therefore qualify for 501C-3 status with IRS. They do charge a fee for these courses so that they are self-supporting. (See Exhibit 1)

Jim Burns, Cheif, Proprietary Schools Bureau, stated this bill deals basically with exempting post-secondary private schools from the provisions of Title 20, Chapter 30, and he supports the bill.

J.C. Weingartner, State Bar of Montana, 1111 N. Rodney, Helena, Mt. - Mr. Weingartner told the committee that the State Bar of Montana supports the bill.
(See Exhibit 2)

In closing, Representative Moore informed the committee the fiscal impact of this bill is minimal.

Rep. Moore told the committee the reason for House Bill 264 is that it makes it easier for school districts to sign warrants.

There were no proponents of the bill present.

Opponents of the HB 264 were:

Wayne Buchanan, Montana School Boards Association, 501 N. Sanders, Helena, Mt. - Mr. Buchanan questioned the need for the county superintendent to supervise the operation of the machines through the district clerk.

Rep. Moore answered questions from the committee and agreed with Mr. Buchanan that the county superintendent need not be involved with the process and that the board of trustees should be responsible for the security of the signature plates.

The hearing on House Bill 264 was closed, and the committee went into Executive Session.


HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7: Amendments to HJR 7 were explained by Jim Oppedahl, researcher for the committee. Representative Anderson moved the AMENDMENTS DO PASS. Question was called. The motion carried unanimously. Representative Anderson moved the committee AS AMENDED DO PASS HJR 7. The motion carried, with one member voting no.

HOUSE BILL 207: Representative Uhde moved AMENDMENTS Do Pass. The motion carried unanimously. Representative Kvaalen moved HB 207 AS AMENDED, DO NOT PASS. The motion carried with one member voting no.

HOUSE BILL 283: Representative Porter moved the AMENDMENTS Do Pass. The motion carried unanimously. Representative Porter moved HB 283 AS AMENDED, DO PASS. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Peter J. Gilligan, Chairman