

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 10, 1983

The meeting of the Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee was called to order by Chairman Bob Brown on April 10, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 402, State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All committee members were present.

HOUSE BILL 544: Senator Smith opened the discussion by stating Representative Vincent had made the foundation program a partisan issue both at the hearing and in the press. He said the Republicans can't be blamed for a lower funding level when the Democrats had their chance for a larger increase in the foundation program if they had reconsidered Senate Bill 94.

Senator Blaylock responded by saying Superintendent of Schools Argenbright started the political battle over the foundation program, not Representative Vincent. He noted a 4% and 4% level was supported by the Democrats, but opposed by the majority of the Republicans in the House.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 544: Senator Smith moved House Bill 544 be amended to reflect 4% financing for 1984 and 3% for 1985. He noted this includes using all the funds from SB 94 to fund the 3% figure.

Senator Blaylock made a substitute motion to amend House Bill 544 to a 6% and 6% level. He said in order to fund the 6% and 6% level an additional \$4 million is all that would be needed over and above the \$24.7 million derived from the effects of SB 94 and 95 and HB 413, 22, 685, and 919 as well as the end of year balances.

Senator Berg said in light of the failure of many levies and the voter rejection of higher property taxes to fund education, we need to make foundation program funding a high priority. He felt the extra \$4 million could be found over and above HB 919.

Senator Haffey said his calculations show it would cost \$15.9 million more to fund at a 6% and 6% level than at a 4% and 0% level.

Senator Brown stated in order to keep property taxes stable,

funding would have to be at a 7% or 8% level. However, he noted, in order to do that the income tax would have to increase or other spending proposals would have to be cut. He felt the 6% and 6% level is unrealistic and said he supports the original motion.

Senator Mazurek felt the money is there to go to 4% and 4%. He said that level would make school people happy and wouldn't jeopardize other spending proposals.

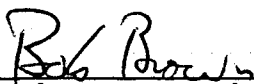
Senator Gage said it would be wonderful to have the ideal but we passed that point long ago. He felt many schools relied too heavily on federal funds which are now being cut back.

The motion to amend HB 544 at a 6% and 6% level failed on a roll call vote (exhibit #1).

Senator Mazurek made a substitute motion for all motions pending that HB 544 be amended to reflect funding at a 4% and 4% level. The motion carried on a roll call vote (exhibit #2).

Senator Elliott moved House Bill 544 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned.



Senator Bob Brown, Chairman

ROLL CALL

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

COMMITTEE

48th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1983

Date 4/11/83

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
<u>Senator Bob Brown, Chairman</u>	X		
<u>Senator Ed Smith, V. Chairman</u>	X		
<u>Senator Roger Elliott</u>	X		
<u>Senator Delwyn Gage</u>	X		
<u>Senator George McCallum</u>	X		
<u>Senator Elmer Severson</u>	X		
<u>Senator Harry Berg</u>	X		
<u>Senator Chet Blaylock</u>	X		
<u>Senator Jack Haffey</u>	X		
<u>Senator Joseph Mazurek</u>	X		

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Date 4/11/83 HOUSE Bill No. 544 Time

NAME	YES	NO
<u>Senator Bob Brown, Chairman</u>		X
<u>Senator Ed Smith, Vice Chairman</u>		X
<u>Senator Roger Elliott</u>		X
<u>Senator Delwyn Gage</u>		X
<u>Senator George McCallum</u>		X
<u>Senator Elmer Severson</u>		X
<u>Senator Harry Berg</u>	X	
<u>Senator Chet Blaylock</u>	XX	
<u>Senator Jack Haffey</u>	X	
<u>Senator Joseph Mazurek</u>	X	

Jill Rohyans
Secretary JILL ROHYANS

Bob Brown
Chairman SENATOR BOB BROWN *dr*

Motion: by Senator Blaylock to amend House Bill to reflect
and increase of 6% and 6%.

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

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Date 4/11/83 House Bill No. 544 Time

NAME	YES	NO
<u>Senator Bob Brown, Chairman</u>	<u>X</u>	
<u>Senator Ed Smith, Vice Chairman</u>		<u>X</u>
<u>Senator Roger Elliott</u>	<u>X</u>	
<u>Senator Delwyn Gage</u>	<u>X</u>	
<u>Senator George McCallum</u>	<u>X</u>	
<u>Senator Elmer Severson</u>	<u>X</u>	
<u>Senator Harry Berg</u>	<u>X</u>	
<u>Senator Chet Blaylock</u>	<u>X</u>	
<u>Senator Jack Haffey</u>	<u>X</u>	
<u>Senator Joseph Mazurek</u>	<u>X</u>	

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

April 11, 1983

MR. **PRESIDENT:**

We, your committee on **Education and Cultural Resources**

having had under consideration **House** Bill No. **544**

Peck (Brown)

Respectfully report as follows: That **House** Bill No. **544**

Third reading copy be amended as follows:

1. Title, line 11.

Strike: **"20-9-318"**

2. Title, line 12.

Following: line 11

Strike: **"AND"**

Insert: **"20-9-316 through"**

Following: **"MCA;"**

Strike: **"REPEALING SECTIONS 20-9-316 AND 20-9-317,"**

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3. Title, line 13.

Strike: "MCA;"

4. Page 4.

Following: line 19

Insert: "Section 1. Section 20-9-316, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-9-316. Elementary school maximum budget schedule for ~~1981-82~~ 1983-84. For 1983-84 the elementary school maximum budget schedule is:

(1) For each elementary school having an ANB of nine or fewer pupils, the maximum shall be ~~\$15,578~~ \$18,627 if said school is approved as an isolated school.

(2) For schools with an ANB of 10 pupils but less than 18 pupils, the maximum shall be ~~\$15,578~~ \$18,627 plus ~~\$651~~ \$778.50 per pupil on the basis of the average number belonging over nine.

(3) For schools with an ANB of 18 pupils and employing one teacher, the maximum shall be ~~\$21,438~~ \$25,634 plus ~~\$651~~ \$778.50 per pupil on the basis of the average number belonging over 18, not to exceed an ANB of 25.

(4) For schools with an ANB of 18 pupils and employing two full-time teachers, the maximum shall be ~~\$34,227~~ \$40,926 plus ~~\$487.70~~ \$487.50 per pupil on the basis of the average number belonging over 18, not to exceed an ANB of 50.

(5) For schools having an ANB in excess of 40, the maximum on the basis of the total pupils (ANB) in the district for elementary pupils will be as follows:

(a) For a school having an ANB of more than 40 and employing a minimum of three teachers, the maximum of ~~\$1,513~~ \$1,809 shall be decreased at the rate of ~~\$1.47~~ \$1.76 for each additional pupil until the total number (ANB) shall have reached a total of 100 pupils.

(b) For a school having an ANB of more than 100 pupils, the maximum of ~~\$1,424~~ \$1,703 shall be decreased at the rate of ~~\$1.34~~ \$1.61 for each additional pupil until the ANB shall have reached 300 pupils.

(c) For a school having an ANB of more than 300 pupils, the maximum shall not exceed ~~\$1,156~~ \$1,382 for each pupil.

(6) The maximum per pupil for all pupils (ANB) and for all elementary schools shall be computed on the basis of the amount allowed herein on account of the last eligible pupil (ANB). All elementary schools operated within the incorporated limits of a city or town shall be treated as one school for the purpose of this schedule."

Section 2. Section 20-9-317, MCA, is amended to read:

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"20-9-317. High school maximum budget schedule for ~~1981-82~~ 1983-84. For 1983-84 the high school maximum budget schedule is:

(1) For each high school having an ANB of 24 or fewer pupils, the maximum shall be ~~\$88,753~~ \$106,155.

(2) For a secondary school having an ANB of more than 24 pupils, the maximum ~~\$3,698~~ \$4,423 shall be decreased at the rate of ~~\$20.17~~ \$24.12 for each additional pupil until the ANB shall have reached a total of 40 such pupils.

(3) For a school having an ANB of more than 40 pupils, the maximum of ~~\$3,375~~ \$4,037 shall be decreased at the rate of ~~\$20.17~~ \$24.12 for each additional pupil until the ANB shall have reached 100 pupils.

(4) For a school having an ANB of more than 100 pupils, a maximum of ~~\$2,165~~ \$2,590 shall be decreased at the rate of ~~\$3.37~~ \$4.04 for each additional pupil until the ANB shall have reached 200 pupils.

(5) For a school having an ANB of more than 200 pupils, the maximum of ~~\$1,828~~ \$2,186 shall be decreased by ~~\$1.85~~ \$2.22 for each additional pupil until the ANB shall have reached 300 pupils.

(6) For a school having an ANB of more than 300 pupils, the maximum of ~~\$1,642~~ \$1,964 shall be decreased at the rate of ~~34~~ 41 cents until the ANB shall have reached 600 pupils.

(7) For a school having an ANB over 600 pupils, the maximum shall not exceed ~~\$1,540~~ \$1,842 per pupil.

(8) The maximum per pupil for all pupils (ANB) and for all high schools shall be computed on the basis of the amount allowed herein on account of the last eligible pupil (ANB). All high schools and junior high schools which have been approved and accredited as junior high schools, operated within the incorporated limits of a city or town, shall be treated as one school for the purpose of this schedule."

Renumber: subsequent sections

5. Page 4, line 22.

Strike: "1983-84"

Insert: "1984-85"

6. Page 4, line 23

Strike: "1983-84"

Insert: "1984-85"

7. Page 5, line 2.

Strike: "\$18,627"

Insert: "\$19,372"

8. Page 5, line 5.

Strike: "\$18,627"

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Insert: "\$19,372"
Strike: "\$778.50"
Insert: "\$809.60"

9. Page 5, line 9.
Strike: "\$25,634"
Insert: "\$26,659"
Strike: "\$778.50"
Insert: "\$809.60"

10. Page 5, line 14.
Strike: "\$40,926"
Insert: "\$42,563"
Strike: "\$487.50"
Insert: "\$507"

11. Page 5, line 22.
Strike: "\$1,809"
Insert: "\$1,881"

12. Page 5, line 23.
Strike: "\$1.76"
Insert: "\$1.83"

13. Page 6, line 1.
Strike: "\$1,703"
Insert: "\$1,771"

14. Page 6, line 2.
Strike: "\$1.61"
Insert: "\$1.67"

15. Page 6, line 7.
Strike: "\$1,382"
Insert: "\$1,437"

16. Page 6, line 16
Strike: "1983-84"
Insert: "1984-85"
Strike: "1983-84"
Insert: "1984-85"

17. Page 6, line 21.
Strike: "\$106,155"
Insert: "\$110,401"

18. Page 6, line 23.
Strike: "\$4,423"
Insert: "\$4,600"

19. Page 6, line 24.

Strike: "\$24.12"

Insert: "\$25.09"

20. Page 7, line 3.

Strike: "\$4,037"

Insert: "\$4,199"

21. Page 7, line 4.

Strike: "\$24.12"

Insert: "\$25.09"

22. Page 7, line 8.

Strike: "\$2,590"

Insert: "\$2,693"

23. Page 7, line 9.

Strike: "\$4.04"

Insert: "\$4.20"

24. Page 7, line 13.

Strike: "\$2,186"

Insert: "\$2,274"

25. Page 7, line 14.

Strike: "\$2.22"

Insert: "\$2.31"

26. Page 7, line 17.

Strike: "\$1,964"

Insert: "\$2,043"

27. Page , line .

Strike: "41"

Insert: "42"

28. Page 7, line 21.

Strike: "\$1,842"

Insert: "\$1,916"

29. Page 8, lines 6 and 7

Following: line 5

Strike: section 3 in its entirety

Renumber: subsequent section

AND, as so amended, BE CONCURRED IN