

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

March 25, 1985

The 25th meeting of the Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee was called to order by the Chairman, Senator Chet Blaylock, at 12:34 p.m. in Room 402, Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: All committee members were present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ACTION ON SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 32:

SENATOR MAZUREK moved to amend the bill as per the attached standing committee report. The motion CARRIED unanimously with Senator Smith absent.

SENATOR BROWN moved SJR 32 DO PASS AS AMENDED. The motion CARRIED unanimously with Senator Smith absent.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 480:

SENATOR REGAN moved House Bill 480 BE CONCURRED IN. The motion CARRIED unanimously with Senator Smith absent.

FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 497:

SENATOR MAZUREK felt the bill should be amended to apply within districts only. He said this would help Centerville and not hurt Clancy.

SENATOR REGAN felt the 20 mile limit is too arbitrary and is no better solution than the bill is now.

SENATOR FARRELL said 80%-90% of the schools have tuition agreements with neighboring schools.

SENATOR BLAYLOCK felt it is really tough on the small schools when they have no choice as to whether students go to another school or not.

SENATOR REGAN felt the bill should go to an interim committee to work out the problems with ANB, tuition, transportation, etc.

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SENATOR HAFLEY agreed. He said these are the only two schools we know of but there are undoubtedly many others out there with similar problems.

SENATOR REGAN moved House Bill 497 BE NOT CONCURRED IN.

SENATOR MAZUREK discussed various options such as taking out the twenty mile limit within the county, no cross county tuition, etc.

SENATOR REGAN withdrew her motion in order to try to work out the county concept.

SENATOR MAZUREK said he will try to work out something acceptable.

FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 18:

SENATOR BLAYLOCK said he wants vo-techs under the Board of Public Education rather than the Regents.

SENATOR HAFLEY said he was worried about the bill going out without funding and what the House will do.

SENATOR MAZUREK felt it is worth the risk to let it go and see what happens.

ALEX CAPDEVILLE, Director, Helena Vo-tech, said all the centers but Butte support the bill. He said he was not consulted as the bill developed as it is strictly Donaldson's bill. He felt governance is the large issue and funding is a huge problem.

SENATOR LYNCH reminded the committee of the differences between SB 172 and HB 18: 1) relationship with local Board of Trustees, 2) staff become local or state employees, and 3) 10% cap on local contribution.

SENATOR BROWN said if the foundation program is underfunded, local districts may not be able to continue supporting vo-techs. He suggested letting the bill go to the floor without the two mills and trying to amend it back in.

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SENATOR REGAN suggested taking it to the caucuses and bringing it out with bipartisan support - voting in pairs if necessary.

SENATOR HAFLEY said he agreed with Senator Regan and felt the two mills should be retained and the 10% cap and trustee relationship should be ironed out.

SENATOR McCALLUM said a new board just makes more bureaucracy and felt it should be under the Board of Regents with perhaps an appointed advisory board. He said each center needs to clarify the building status immediately. He also felt if staff became state employees it would negatively impact the budget. He emphasized these points need to be clarified before the bill passes.

SENATOR SMITH said he wouldn't support the two mills as it originally was to be one center in 1967 and the four cities came in and convinced the legislature to make five centers. He felt it is their problem now.

SENATOR McCALLUM suggested putting it on a referendum vote as he can't vote for the two mills because his constituents don't want it.

The committee agreed to take the issue to the caucuses and then address the funding at the next committee meeting.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 534:

SENATOR MAZUREK moved HB 534 BE LAID ON THE TABLE. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 551:

SENATOR YELLOWTAIL moved HB 551 be amended as per the attached standing committee report. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

SENATOR YELLOWTAIL moved HB 551 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

FURTHER ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 11:

SENATOR REGAN moved to take HB 11 from the table. The motion CARRIED with Senator Smith voting no.

CHIP ERDMAN, Montana School Boards Association, said both sides (MSBA and Elementary and Secondary Principals) agree its best to let the bill die for this session. He said they would work out an acceptable bill during the interim.

SENATOR REGAN said her amendments would put in just cause and a RIF policy. She felt elementary principals are not "under the gun" like secondary principals are.

CHIP ERDMAN, MSBA, said his legislative group says they don't want to try any new things with this bill, rather they want to work it out over the interim.

SENATOR BROWN felt if the various groups agree to let it die, thats what should be done even though there are some real abuses right now.

JESS LONG, School Administrators of Montana, said most of his members would prefer to discuss it over the interim.

SENATOR BLAYLOCK asked who will be in charge of getting the job done.

CHIP ERDMAN said the MSBA would and will include all the directors that might be affected as well as SAM and MEA.

SENATOR REGAN said she wants this done and wants to see the results.

SENATOR HAFLEY moved HB 11 be RETABLED. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

ADJOURN:

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



Senator Chet Blaylock, Chairman

ROLL CALL

SENATE EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

49th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1985

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SENATOR PINSONEAULT	✓		
SENATOR BROWN	✓		
SENATOR REGAN	✓		
SENATOR SMITH	✓		
SENATOR HAFLEY	✓		
SENATOR YELLOWTAIL	✓		
SENATOR MAZUREK	✓		
SENATOR FARRELL	✓		
SENATOR MCCALLUM	✓		
SENATOR BLAYLOCK, CHAIRMAN	✓		

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COMMITTEE ON

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 26,

1935

MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

having had under consideration **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION** No. **32**

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REQUESTING INTERIM STUDY OF EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION IN MONTANA

Respectfully report as follows: That **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION** No. **32**

be amended as follows:

1. Page 1, line 12.

Following: "WHEREAS,"

Strike: "the only"

Insert: "most"

2. Page 1, line 14.

Following: "Washington"

Insert: ", North Dakota,"

3. Page 2, line 13.

Following: "Society,"

Insert: "the Board of Regents, the Board of Public Education,"

AND AS AMENDED,
DO PASS

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Senator Chet Blaylock,

Chairman.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 26, 1985

MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

having had under consideration **HOUSE BILL** No. **480**

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(Senator Regan will carry the bill.)

**ALLOW REAPPROPRIATION OF UNEXPENDED BALANCE FROM SPECIAL ED
APPROPRIATION**

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE BILL** No. **480**

BE CONCURRED IN

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Senator Chet Blaylock,

Chairman.

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

having had under consideration HOUSE BILL No. 551

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(Senator Yellowtail will carry the bill.)

ESTABLISHING A METHOD FOR CREATION OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE BILL No. 551

be amended as follows:

1. Page 4, line 17.

Following: "\$500,000"

Insert: ", unless 50,000 acres or more of such proposed new district are nontaxable Indian land"

AND AS AMENDED
BE CONCLUDED IN

~~DO NOT PASS~~

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Senator Chet Blaylock, Chairman.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 26, 1935

MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

having had under consideration **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION** No. **22**

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(Senator Blaylock will carry the bill.)

REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY ON ALCOHOL REGULATION AND YOUTHS

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION** No. **22**

BE CONCURRED IN

~~DEPASS~~

~~RECONSIDER~~

Chairman.