

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

April 19, 1985

The 29th meeting of the Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee was called to order by the Chairman, Senator Chet Blaylock, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 402, Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: The following committee members were present: Senators Brown, Regan, Smith, Farrell, Yellowtail, and Blaylock. Senators Pinsoneault, Haffey, Mazurek, and McCallum were absent.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 52:

REPRESENTATIVE HARRINGTON, District 68, sponsor of the bill, said the House Education Committee, had agreed to introduce a resolution for a vo-tech interim study if HB 18 failed to pass. Governance and funding are the two most serious problems facing Montana's vo-techs, as well as the problem of employees status.

PROPOSERS:

TERRY LYNN MINOW, Montana Federation of Teachers, supported the bill, hoping the problems that caused the vo-tech bills to fail this session could be resolved in the interim.

BILL ANDERSON, OPI, said his office takes no real stand on the bill, as vo-techs have already been thoroughly studied. He offered any assistance to the interim committee, however.

ALEX CAPEDEVILLE, representing the Helena School District and the Helena Vo-tech Center, said he had laid off seven staff last week and the Board put a cap on which, in effect, won't fund at the current level.

HARRY FREEBOURNE, Butte Vo-tech Center, supported the study.

JIM TAYLOR, Business Manager, Missoula Vo-tech, and the Missoula School District, supported the bill.

ERIC FEAVER, President, Montana Education Association, said they support the study, noting agreement on governance is very very close, funding is the main problem. However, he said if the legislature is not serious about the funding

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and will not commit to the cost, he doesn't know if the study would be worthwhile.

There were no further proponents and no opponents to the bill.

DISCUSSION:

SENATOR BLAYLOCK asked Mr. Freebourne if the Butte area really intended to cooperate with the study as they haven't so far.

MR. FREEBOURNE said he really couldn't answer that as economic changes in Butte in the next two years could result in a rapid change in attitude.

REPRESENTATIVE HARRINGTON closed by saying there are problems that need to be addressed. A lot of time and study went into HB 18 and that is a basis from which to work. The agricultural community has asked to be included in the study due to increasing needs for vo-tech training and re-training in that area.

ACTION ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 52:

SENATOR REGAN moved HJR 52 BE CONCURRED IN. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

ADJOURN:

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



Senator Chet Blaylock, Chairman

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ROLL CALL

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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 _____

VISITORS' REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	Check One	
			Support	Oppose
<i>S. J. ...</i>	<i>USA</i>	<i>HR 52</i>		<i>X</i>
<i>Missouri Tech Center</i>	<i>Missouri Tech Center</i>	<i>HR 52</i>	<i>✓</i>	
<i>Helena Co Tech</i>	<i>Helena Co Tech</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>✓</i>	

(Please leave prepared statement with Secretary)

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MR. PRESIDENT

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

having had under consideration **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION** No. **52**

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(Senator Blaylock will carry the bill.)

INTERIM STUDY OF GOVERNANCE AND FUNDING FOR VO-TECHNICAL CENTERS

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION** No. **52**

BE CONCURRED IN

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SENATOR CHET BLAYLOCK,

Chairman.