

MONTANA STATE SENATE
EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

June 20, 1986

The second meeting of the Senate Education Committee for the Third Special Session, 49th Legislature, was called to order at 11:06 A.M. on June 20, 1986, by Chairman Chet Blaylock in Room 402 of the Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

ACTION ON SB 9: Senator Brown made a motion that SB 9 DO NOT PASS.

Senator Regan made a substitute motion that SB 9 DO PASS. She said she thinks this bill is too important for this committee to bottle up. She said she will not necessarily support this bill on the floor but feels it should get to the floor for debate.

Senator Smith said he has not made up his mind on this bill but he agrees with Senator Regan that the bill should get on the floor for debate.

Senator Yellowtail asked what the procedure would be if we killed the bill in committee.

Senator Brown said the bill would come out as a DO NOT PASS. We would have to decide on the floor whether to consider the bill.

Senator Mazurek said it could come out on a majority or minority report.

Senator Brown said he understands Senator Regan's view but he thinks as a practical matter the bill reaches the floor whether it is a do not pass or a do pass. He does not see where anything is gained if you say that you are against the bill but say you will vote for it to get it to the floor.

Senator Smith said he would vote for this after he has a little more time to see how other measures are progressing along. If some measures fall into place he will definitely support the bill.

Senator Haffey said he understands the concerns of committee members. He believes that if the bill comes out of the committee with a do pass then the committee process argument is at work. The committee has debated the

bill, found the bill to be good and unless a compelling reason exists to overturn that bill, the bill is on its way.

Senator McCallum said this is not a popular bill but a bill that is necessary if we are going to balance the budget. He does not like voting for this measure but until someone can show him where the money will come from there is no other alternative.

Senator Yellowtail said he thinks there are alternatives to the budget problem but the options have not been made available. He is not satisfied that all of the alternatives have been explored.

Senator Blaylock said if we are being railroaded on this issue then it is by the state economy. The economy has built pressures and we must make decisions. If we do not say that the schools have to take this freeze, then we cannot stop there. You must also give it to the state employees and whatever else we are having to cut.

Senator Yellowtail said cuts are cuts and we understand them and can make decisions. He said we will not see a cut from this bill, we will see the burden transfer to the local property taxpayers.

Senator Regan said in looking at this bill on how it affects my district, we are looking at \$1.2 million that will be cut. Our budget this year is less than it was last year. We have already taken some very severe cuts and this will require teacher lay offs and programs being dropped. This is going to be a cut. Each district will be impacted differently and to varying degrees but make no mistake, this is a cut.

Senator Farrell said we are talking about a program that should be funded 100%. We are reducing our obligation and sending it back to the property tax payer.

Senator Regan's motion carried with a vote of 6-4. See attached roll call vote sheet.

ACTION ON SB 5: Senator Brown made a motion that SB 5 DO NOT PASS.

Senator Pinsoneault said the testimony he heard at the hearing on SB 5 was insulting to his intelligence that if we do not continue the 7 PIR days that the quality of our education system will fail and he said that is simply

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not true. The 4 PIR days would be made available to the school districts that want them but our quality of education will not decrease with the loss of 3 PIR days.

Senator Smith said if we are going to pass SB 9, then we are going to have to take a look at something like this because a lot of schools will go up to 200 days.

Senator Mazurek said the fact that we don't fund education the way we should prohibits this from happening. They would have to go to the local taxpayers for whatever additional funds that are needed.

Senator Regan said when you look at PIR days, speaking from a teachers viewpoint, you meet with the principal and see the whole school layout, one day is used to get your room ready(if it is not allowed as a PIR day then you take an instruction day away from your students to prepare the room), one day is used to clean the room up at the end of the school year, parent teacher conferences where you meet with the parents and teacher convention days. She thinks the days are necessary and would support Senator Brown's motion.

Senator Brown's motion carried with a vote of 6-4. See attached roll call vote sheet.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.


CHET BLAYLOCK, CHAIRMAN

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ROLL CALL

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COMMITTEE

49th THIRD SPECIAL SESSION - 1986

Date 6/20/86

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SENATOR BROWN	✓		
SENATOR FARRELL	✓		
SENATOR HAFFEY	✓		
SENATOR MAZUREK	✓		
SENATOR McCALLUM	✓		
SENATOR REGAN	✓		
SENATOR SMITH	✓		
SENATOR YELLOWTAIL	✓		
SENATOR PINSONEAULT, VICE-CHAIRMAN	✓		
SENATOR BLAYLOCK, CHAIRMAN	✓		

Each day attach to minutes.

ROLL CALL VOTE

SENATE COMMITTEE EDUCATION

Date June 20, 1986 Bill No. SB 9 Time 11:16 A.M.

NAME	YES	NO
SENATOR BROWN		X
SENATOR FARRELL		X
SENATOR HAFHEY		X
SENATOR MAZUREK	X	
SENATOR McCALLUM	X	
SENATOR REGAN	X	
SENATOR SMITH	X	
SENATOR YELLOWTAIL		X
SENATOR PINSONEAULT, VICE-CHAIRMAN	X	
SENATOR BLAYLOCK, CHAIRMAN	X	

AGGIE HAMILTON
Secretary

SENATOR BLAYLOCK
Chairman

Motion: Senator Regan's substitute motion SB 9 DO PASS.

The motion carried 6-4.

ROLL CALL VOTE

SENATE COMMITTEE EDUCATION

Date June 20, 1986 Bill No. SB 5 Time 11:29 A.M.

NAME	YES	NO
SENATOR BROWN	X	
SENATOR FARRELL	X	
SENATOR HAFHEY	X	
SENATOR MAZUREK	X	
SENATOR McCALLUM		X
SENATOR REGAN	X	
SENATOR SMITH		X
SENATOR YELLOWTAIL		X
SENATOR PINSONEAULT, VICE-CHAIRMAN		X
SENATOR BLAYLOCK, CHAIRMAN	X	

AGGIE HAMILTON
Secretary

SENATOR BLAYLOCK
Chairman

Motion: Senator Brown's motion that SB 5 DO NOT PASS.

The motion carried 6-4.

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on.....**EDUCATION**.....

having had under consideration.....**SENATE BILL**..... No. **9**

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**TO MAINTAIN SCHOOL FOUNDATION PROGRAM SCHEDULES
AT FISCAL YEAR 1986 LEVEL**

Respectfully report as follows: That.....**SENATE BILL**..... No. **9**

DO PASS

~~DO NOT PASS~~

.....**SENATE CHET BLAYLOCK,**.....

Chairman.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

June 20, 1986

MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on EDUCATION

having had under consideration SENATE BILL No. 5

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**REVISE PUPIL INSTRUCTION RELATED DAYS AND PUPIL
INSTRUCTION DAYS**

Respectfully report as follows: That SENATE BILL No. 5

~~DEBATE~~

DO NOT PASS

SENATOR CHET BLAYLOCK,

Chairman.