

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

March 4, 1987

The seventeenth meeting of the Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee was called to order by Vice Chairman Senator Chet Blaylock, at 1:04 p.m., in Room 402 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All senators were present with the exception of Senator Brown, who was excused, and Senator Farrell, who was absent.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 118: REPRESENTATIVE NATHE, District 19, sponsor of the bill, said it was introduced at the request of the Montana School Business officials. He said schools can only budget for one year, and any bond coupons or debt service presented from July 1 to November 31, before tax payments are in, cannot be paid. This bill establishes a debt service fund limited cash reserve so funds will be available for payment of those debts. The bill was well considered and extensively amended in the House.

PROPOSERS: JOHN CAMPBELL, representing the Montana School Business officials, said his organization supports the bill as amended.

SANDY WHITNEY, Montana Taxpayers Association, expressed support for the bill.

OPPOSERS: There were no opposers.

DISCUSSION BY THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: SENATOR HAMMOND asked if there was a limit, and if so, how it is set.

MS. WHITNEY said it is based on the time the payment is actually due between July 1 and November 31 when the tax payments come in.

SENATOR BLAYLOCK asked if there were any conflicts between this and SB 174.

MS. WHITNEY said there is no conflict as they are amending different sections.

There being no further discussion, REPRESENTATIVE NATHE closed.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 186: REPRESENTATIVE NATHE, District 19, sponsor of the bill, said this is just a housekeeping bill. It changes the name of the Housing and Dormitory Fund to the Lease or Rental Agreement Fund. He explained if a school district rents out their gym the money has to go into the Housing and Dormitory Fund. This change just makes the language more consistent and applicable.

PROPOSERS: JOHN CAMPBELL, Montana School Business Officials, said the language as it is now is antiquated because the only school that he knows of with a dormitory currently is Jordan. This bill only modernizes the language and changes the name of the fund.

There were no further proponents, no opponents, and no discussion by the members of the committee. REPRESENTATIVE NATHE closed.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 162: REPRESENTATIVE KENNERLY, District 9, sponsor of the bill, said this is a housekeeping bill introduced at the request of the Legislative Audit Committee to provide that money designated for the guaranteed student loan program be deposited in the State Treasury Other Special Revenue Fund. He said the Montana Higher Education Assistance program operates the student loan program. The current definition in 20-26-1105, MCA, does not allow for standard accounting procedures for these funds.

PROPOSERS: STEVE BENNYHOFF, representing the Commission of Higher Education, supported the bill.

OPPOSERS: There were no opponents.

DISCUSSION BY THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: SENATOR BLAYLOCK asked Mary Bryson, State Auditor's Office, to explain further.

MS. BRYSON replied the definition of a federal revenue fund includes various funds. The student loan program is part of this fund. However, by law, the whole fund must be audited and cannot be broken down into various funds. Therefore, this bill covers the problem.

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ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 162: SENATOR REGAN moved HB 162
BE CONCURRED IN. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 186: SENATOR MAZUREK moved HB 186
BE CONCURRED IN.

SENATOR REGAN said she was tempted to make a substitute
motion to kill the bill as she doesn't think we should
encourage this kind of legislation.

SENATOR MAZUREK'S MOTION CARRIED with Senator Regan
voting no.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 118: SENATOR HAMMOND moved HB 118
BE CONCURRED IN. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

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



SENATOR CHET BLAYLOCK, ViceChairman

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ROLL CALL

SENATE EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SENATOR BOB BROWN			✓
SENATOR CHET BLAYLOCK	✓		
SENATOR GEORGE McCALLUM			
SENATOR ED SMITH	✓		
SENATOR PAT REGAN	✓		
SENATOR JOE MAZUREK	✓		
SENATOR BILL FARRELL		✓	
SENATOR TED NEUMAN	✓		
SENATOR DICK PINSONEAULT	✓		
SENATOR SWEDE HAMMOND	✓		

Each day attach to minutes.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

having had under consideration HOUSE BILL No. 162

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**REQUIRE GUARANTEED STUDENT LOAN MONEY BE DEPOSITED IN
OTHER SPECIAL REV FUND**

KENNERLY (KEATING)

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE BILL No. 162

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BE CONCURRED IN

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Senator Bob Brown,

Chairman.

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MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

having had under consideration HOUSE BILL No. 136

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NAME CHANGE FOR HOUSING AND DORMITORY FUND

NATHE (MAZUREK)

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE BILL No. 136

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BE CONCURRED IN

SENATOR BOB BROWN, Chairman.

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MR. PRESIDENT

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having had under consideration HOUSE BILL No. 118

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**ALLOW SCHOOL TRUSTEES TO ESTABLISH DEBT SERVICE FUND
CASE RESERVE**

WATHE (HAMMOND)

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE BILL No. 118

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BE CONCURRED IN

Senator Bob Brown

Chairman.