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

April 15, 1987

The twenty-seventh meeting of the Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee was called to order by the Chairman, Senator Bob Brown, at 1:13 p.m., in Room 402 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: The following Senators were present: Brown, Blaylock, Smith, Regan, Mazurek, Pinsoneault and Hammond.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 47: REPRESENTATIVE PISTORIA, District 36, sponsor of the bill, said the purpose of the resolution is to conduct an interim study of the Montana High School Association. He distributed a copy of HB 710 (Exhibit #1), which was tabled in the House Education Committee. When that action was taken, Representative Pistoria pursued the same language in the form of a Resolution. He said in Great Falls, and other areas of the state, there have been problems. primary concern at present is the unfair voting representation of Class AA-A high schools in the MHSA. He said there have been other issues regarding mismanagement and controversy which have been widely reported in the press and he felt it was time the legislature took a good look at what is going on.

PROPONENTS: NANCY DEDEN, Missoula, presented her testimony
in support of the bill (Exhibit #2).

MARTY ONISHUK, Montana League of Women Voters, presented her written testimony in support of the bill (Exhibit #3).

SANDY CHANEY, Women's Lobbyist Fund, said the bill would allow for long-standing resentments to be explored and resolved. The WLF is particularly concerned about educational equity, fairness in funding, sponsoring, and administrating the activities of the MHSA. She urged the committee to pass the bill.

OPPONENTS: DAN FREUND, Executive Director, Montana High School Association, stated he appeared not as an opponent, as he has no objection to a study at all. He was opposed to the tone of the resolution. He invited the committee members to visit the MHSA at any time. He said there

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have been many accusations made, most of which are untrue, and asked if a committee is formed, that it be composed of neutral members. He said the bill, pages 2 and 3, used words like examine, analyze, review, study, evaluate, hold hearings, and explore, which are indicative of a study. However, the language in subsections 8 and 9, page 3, seem to him to be accusative. He felt the MHSA had already been found guilty.

There were no further opponents.

DISCUSSION BY THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: SENATOR BLAYLOCK said Mr. Freund has appeared at the Judiciary Committee meeting and Senator Blaylock had asked him at that time if anyone who wanted to pay the \$3 subscription would receive the MHSA bulletin. Mr. Freund had responded yes, and Senator Blaylock asked him to confirm that conversation.

MR. FREUND confirmed the question and his affirmative answer.

SENATOR BLAYLOCK continued indicating he had asked a Senate secretary to call the MHSA to inquire about a subscription and was told she could not subscribe.

MR. FREUND replied the secretary at the MHSA had probably not realized subscriptions were available. He said he had done a cost study following the Judiciary meeting, and determined the cost for a subscription should accurately be about \$7.95 per year. Therefore, he felt at the time of Senator Blaylock's call, the secretary was not aware subscriptions were available and at what cost.

SENATOR BLAYLOCK said there seem to be so many problems and so many controversies that he is glad the MHSA is not objecting to a study.

SENATOR MAZUREK asked if the section of the bill which indicated there has been a pattern of overexpenditure was true.

MR. FREUND explained the overexpenditures were a result of misinterpretation of the budgeting process. He said the budget is based on projected income, most of which is based on tournament income. The MHSA receives 80% of the tournament income from the schools. The tournament

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income was considerably lower in the past couple of years, and therefore the normal expenditures were higher than the income that was projected to meet them. He indicated the funding structure has now been changed and income is funded by the schools on a set amount rather than dependent on revenue generated by the tournament system.

SENATOR BLAYLOCK felt since the funding was changed, the legislature should take a close look at the funding basis now in effect and make sure it isn't coming out of tax dollars.

MR. FREUND said he doesn't know where schools will get the money to pay their dues and fees. It would be out of tax dollars or gate receipts, but he doesn't know what category the local school taps when he receives it at MHSA.

There being no further discussion, REPRESENTATIVE PISTORIA closed saying he felt a comprehensive study will do a lot of good and put things back on the right track. He said the options are to dissolve it and put it under another educational agency, or clean it up and leave it alone.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

SENATOR BLAYLOCK MOVED HJR 47 BE CONCURRED IN.

SENATOR MAZUREK questioned the WHEREAS on page 1 and 2, lines 25 through 1. It reads: "WHEREAS, in recent years there has been a pattern of overexpenditure by the Montana High School Association". Senator Mazurek asked if that statement had been proven.

MRS. DEDEN referred to page 3 of Exhibit #2 for budget expenditures. She said the membership has questioned the finances at MHSA board meetings.

MR. FREUND again explained the concern was based on the expenditures being based on projected income. The last two years the projected income was \$200,000 and they fell \$60,000 short. It was felt "betting on the income" was not a good way to budget, and therefore the financial and budgetary changes were made.

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SENATOR MAZUREK felt the section in question resulted in a legislative determination in law that overexpenditures have taken place. He felt this would be grounds for indictment if this were to remain in the bill and be passed into law.

REPRESENTATIVE PISTORIA said he would not object to having that amended out of the resolution.

SENATOR MAZUREK moved to amend the resolution by striking the material on page 1, line 25, and page 2, line 1. The motion <u>CARRIED</u> with Senator Regan voting no.

SENATOR BLAYLOCK moved HJR 47 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

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

SENATOR BOB BROWN, Chairman

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### ROLL CALL

# SENATE EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE 50th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1987

Date 4/15/87

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SENATOR BOB BROWN	X		
SENATOR CHET BLAYLOCK	X		
SENATOR GEORGE McCALLUM			χ
SENATOR ED SMITH	Х		
SENATOR PAT REGAN	<u> </u>		
SENATOR JOE MAZUREK	X		
SENATOR BILL FARRELL		X	
SENATOR TED NEUMAN		X	
SENATOR DICK PINSONEAULT	- X		
SENATOR SWEDE HAMMOND	Х		

Each day attach to minutes.

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VISITORS' REGISTER						
NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	Check Support	One Oppo		
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Ben Henry	Parent & Taxpayer	HTR47	<b>√</b>			
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DATE 4/15/87

BILL NO. HOUSE BILL NO. 710

702 H.B. 710 Mm. 7et, 16, 1987 Paul X. Pistoria

( Preamble )

WHEREAS, the Montana high school association supervises, controls, and regulates interscholastic activities of high schools in Montana; and

WHEREAS, the Montana high school association is a private, independent corporation that is not subject to regulation by the board of education, the office of public instruction, or any other state educational agency; and

WHEREAS, the Montana high school association receives public monies, but is not required to hold open public meetings and otherwise is not held accountable to the people; and

WHEREAS, there is no statutory basis for delegating the administration of interscholastic activities to the Montana high school association; and

WHEREAS, Article X, section 8, of the Montana Constitution, provides that the supervision and control of the schools must be vested in the school district trustees; and

WHEREAS, class AA-A high schools do not have fair voting representation in the meetings of the Montana high school association; and

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BILL NO. HTR 47

WHEREAS, in recent years, there has been a pattern of overexpenditure by the Montana high school association, which indicates a lack of good financial management; and

WHEREAS, there has been growing public concern regarding the governance of high school interscholastic activities by the Montana high school association; and

WHEREAS, soundly conducted interscholastic activities aid young people in the development of sportsmanship, physical and mental ability, self-discipline, and other worthy traits; and

WHEREAS, interscholastic activities are an integral part of the educational process for the children of this state.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Legislature of the State of Montana finds it appropriate to establish a select committee on the Montana high school association.

April 15, 1987

Nancy Deden 210 Westview Dr. Missoula, MT 59803 406/728-2844

SENATE EDUCATION EXHIBIT NO.\_\_\_ BILL NO. HTR47

I am here to testify in favor of  $\frac{HJR}{47}$ . The Montana High School Association governs what is called "The other Half of Education." That is extra-curricular activities. It has a great many powers and responsibilties within our public High Schools. There are rules and regulations that MHSA has developed, they determine playing schedules for athletics and seasons for speech and drama and assist in our music competitions.

In the area of athletics, they determine eligibility of students and have the power to control this eligibility based on their rules and interpretations.

The state of Montana through school law 20-1-211:

(2) The board of trustees of any county or district high school or of any school district may by resolution adopted by a majority of the entire board make their district a member of any state association of school districts or school district trustees or any other strictly educational association and authorize the payment of dues to such association and the necessary traveling expenses of employees or members of said board to attend meetings of such association or other meetings called for the express purpose of considering educational matters.

allows the MHSA to exist within our state as an educational association.

I don't know if any of the Educational Associations were ever intended to grow as large and powerful as they have become. MHSA has the ability to fine our schools in dollars and take away their ability to compete within the state extra-curricular activities. No where in school law did the State of Montana put any checks or balances on MHSA or any other association. That is why I am in favor of this study.

For the past 10 years or so I have attended the MHSA Board of Directors meetings. The High School Association has been embroiled in many controversies. In all these controversies our schools and students are involved.

1) The Title IX litigation for Sex Equality.

2) The Open Meeting litigation with the League of Women Voters.

3) Two Eagle litigation on discrimination.

4) The "AA" schools issue of equal voting power within the organization.

Now one of the main items on everyones agenda is fiscal responsibility and MHSA has problems there. In their Annual Meeting this January 26 & 27 MHSA reported they would be \$50,000 short on their budget come June 30, 1987 and they had already made a loan of \$20,000 to tide them over. They are trying to implement cuts to lessen the damage.

In the last few years the MHSA budget has been discussed many times with some schools and dissatisfaction is apparent. At this last Annual Meeting of the Association the Montana Public High Schools voted to assume the expenses of the MHSA and fund them through a dues and activity payment. The voted MHSA budget was \$468,000 . This will mean large increases in dues for our schools and the end result might mean cutting activities for the students.

Again there are no checks and balances, the Fox is Watching the Hen House. I feel a study would help clear up many issues and give some direction for the future for Montana Activities, THE OTHER HALF OF EDUCATION.

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EXHIBIT NO.\_\_\_\_

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2 DATE

DATE 4/15/57
BILL NO. HJR 47

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING ALL SCHOOL OFFICIALS, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, AND THE MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE EQUITY BETWEEN BOYS AND GIRLS INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES.

WHEREAS, interscholastic activities are an integral part of the educational process for girls as well as for boys, and

WHEREAS, inequities exist between girls' and boys' interscholastic activities in such areas as the salaries of the coaches of girls'teams, the use of facilities for interscholastic activities by girls' teams, and the number of opportunities available for girls to participate in interscholastic activities, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, under the authority of the United States government, has declared that federal assistance may not be available to schools that discriminate in extracurricular activities on the basis of sex, and

WHEREAS, equality of opportunity can be best achieved in an atmosphere where those in positions of influence or leadership do their best to promote that opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

That the legislature urges all school officials including coaches, administrators and trustees, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Montana High School Association to actively and aggressively promote equity between boys' and girls' interscholastic activities.

Approved January 30, 1975.

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Year	Budget Amount	Actual Expenditu	or res -			Actual	or	of	_
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78-79	223,500	221,540	1,96		,500	287,316	+63,816		5,776
79-80	246,350	248,558	( -2,20	•	,350	246,965	+615		1,593)
80-81	283,600	292,900	( -9,30		,600	326,488	+42,888	•	3,588
81-82	312,555	344,050	(-31,49		,555	373,684	+61,129		9,634
82-83	388,100	379,865	8,23	5 388	,100	459,685	+71,585		9,820
83-84	409,550	483,233	(-73,68	3) 402	,050	544,593	+142,543		1,360
84-85	469,600	469,180	42	0 469	,600	387,903	(-81,697)	(-8	1,277)
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Cash	on Deposit	85,017	43,481	53,357	17,688	31,833	6,018	131,386	126,237
	fication of osit	5	150,000	175,000	239,262	248,824	324,655	178,986	
Restr MOA	icted Funds	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,307	3,000	3,000	3,000
Inves	tments A Account	96,536	6,247	6,000	6,000	50,848	71,363	3,046	3,921
Tot	als	184,553	202,728	237,357	265,950	334,812	405,036	316,418	158,001

#### TABLE 4

COMPOSITION OF THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF SELECTED MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF HIGH SCHOOLS

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	State	Executive Board	Composition of Board	Total Voting Members	Relationship With State
	<b>Marke</b>	Board of Control	Selected from each regional association	10	decreated under state law
	Arkansas	Executive Committee	Elected by district in relation to total association membership	Not to exceed 16	None
	California	Federated Council	See description in text	25	None
26.	Colorado	Executive Committee	8 elected by BOC by district; 1 SBA, 1 SDOE, past president, 1 non- voting CHSAAA Commissioner	11-12	Eate Department of Education; Esposifits one member ;
	Connecticut	Board of Directors	Officers, past president, reps. from each of 3 class and consultants		proints one consultant;
	Georgia	Executive Committee	Officers of assoc. & reps. elected by class by region plus 3 at-large members	36	supervision serves of
	Hawaii	Executive Board	One rep. from each league, non-voting ex officio memb including the exec. secret	ers	W rep. from State Department 7  Education serves as exec.
	Illinois	Board of Directors	Elected from 7 divisions o legislative commissions districts each	f 3 7	None

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COMPOSITION OF THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF SELECTED MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF HIGH SCHOOLS (CONTINUED)

State	Executive Board	Composition of Board	Total Voting Members	Formal Relationship With State
Indiana	Board of Directors	One rep. from each of 3 classes from each of 5 dis	15 tricts	
Iowa	Board of Control	One rep. from each of 5 districts plus four at-lar members including 1 AA pri		distruction appoints member
Kentucky	Board of Control	Elected by region; must have 2 blacks	ve 18	Superintendent of Public Instruction appoints non- voting liaison member
Maine	Executive Committee, Professional Division	l rep. from each of 5 regic 2 Junior High reps. at-lard 1 Dept. of Educ. & Cult. Pres. & VP ex-officio 1 NASSP Coordinator		EDept. of Ed. & Cult. has ; genter on board
Massachusetts	Board of Control	8 elected by MSSAA ath. dis 2 elected by MASC 2 elected by MASS 4 elected by MSSADA 1 elected by MSCA	st. 17	Representative of Dept. of gEducation & MDGMS serve as; opposed tents
Louisiana	Executive Committee	2 members from each class 1 member appointed by Supt of Ed. 4 appointed by other assoc		superintendent of Education appoints board name:

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EXHIBIT NO. DATE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF SELECTED MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF HIGH SCHOOLS (CONTINUED)O

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4 Boys' & Girls' Athletics
2 Activities 1 Junior High Committee 2 State Board of Educ. & SBA Economicationally under the Economics of Education / 4 reps. per section 2 administrators Central Committee New York 1 Boy activity representative 1 Girl activity representative **Executive Committee** 22 members 11 men 11 women Officers of Assoc. -- 4 reps. from each of 4 classes Board of Directors 20 None North Carolina North Board of Directors 3 Class A 10 Super, of Public Instruction 4 Class B or representative is Dakota 3 ex-officio members ex-officio member 12 elected by division (3) & quadrant (4) 12 None

Board of Directors

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## COMPOSITION OF THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF SELECTED MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF HIGH SCHOOLS (CONTINUED)

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	<u>State</u>	Executive Board	To Composition of Board	tal Voting <u>Members</u>	Formal Relationship With State
	Michigan	Representative Council	5 reps. of Class A & B 4 reps. of Class C & D 9 at-large or appointed Superintendent of Public Ins	19 st.	Experintendent of Public Cinstruction serves as ex- Cofficio member
28	Minnesota	Board of Directors	4 reps. of Class A 4 reps. of Class AA 7 appointed members 1 minority rep.	16	Commissioner of Education reports activities to legis. & serves as ex-officio member
•	Mississippi	Executive Committee	President & 12 council membe (8 white & 4 black)	ers 13	None
	MONTANA	Board of Directors	l rep. from each class l School Board Association	5	None
	Nebraska	Board of Control	l rep. from each district	6	None
	New Hampshire	Council	9 from Principal's Assoc. 2 from Administrator's Assoc 2 from Coaches' Assoc. 1 from SBA 2 from Athletic Directors' A 1 from Department of Educati	Assoc.	Expresentative for DOE 14, sember of council.
	New Jersey	Executive Committee	21 high school reps. by cour 3 parochial high school reps 9 ex-officio members		Rep. of Department of Educ. ex-officio member

8 at-large members

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COMPOSITION OF THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF SELECTED  $M_{DD}$  MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF HIGH SCHOOLS (CONTINUED)  $M_Q$ 

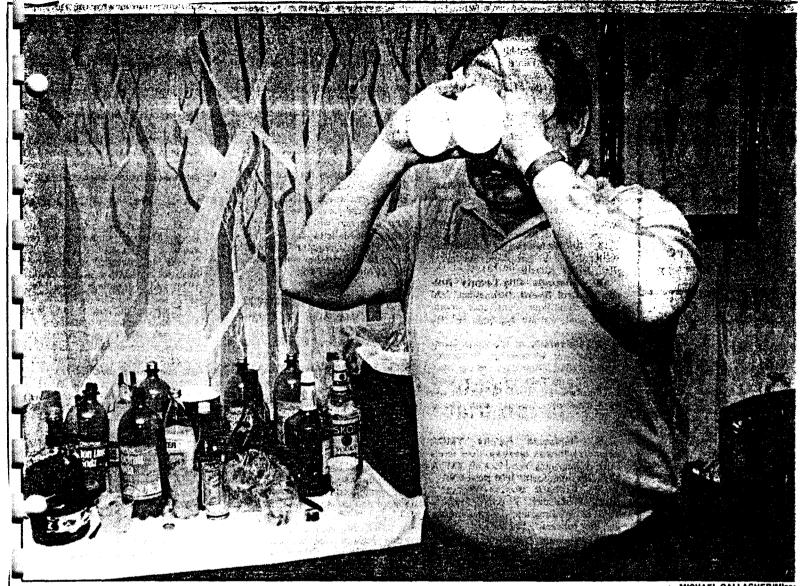
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	State	Executive Board	Composition of Board	otal Voting	Relations 44 5 / 1 / With State
	<b>Oregon</b>	Executive Board	3 Class AA 2 Class AA 2 Class A-B 1 SBA member Executive Secretary	8	None #5 R 1/7
	Pennsylvania	Board of Control	l rep./75 schools or major fraction for additional rep 5 outside assoc. members 3 outside advisors	NA	Secretary or DOE serves as
30.	Rhode Island	Committee on Athletics	Elected by Assoc. of Principals	16	None
	South Carolina	Executive Committee	3 officers of Association 4 Administrators, elected by class 7 outside members 1 at-large delegate & Exec.	14-15 Sec.	Superintendent of Education committee ;
	Utah	Board of Directors	l member from each region President & VP of Assoc. Superintendent of Public In	16 s.	State Office of Education Sember BD
	Vermont	Executive Council	President & President-elect 3 at-large 5 regional representatives	12	None
	Virginia	Executive Committee	Officers of Legislative Lea and outside associations	gue NA	reps. from Dept. of Education members of Committee

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## COMPOSITION OF THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF SELECTED MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF HIGH SCHOOLS (CONTINUED)

State	Executive Board		l Voting	Formal Relationship With State
West Virginia	Board of Appeals (elected by Board Control)	Representative of 5 admini- strative regions 3 outside organizations	8	Fig. of State Superintendent
Wisconsin	Board of Control	Representative of 7 districts Association of School Boards Minority Sex	9	None
Wyoming	Board of Control	<ul><li>1 rep. from each of 4 classes in 4 districts</li><li>2 SBA</li><li>1 staff of Dept, of Education</li></ul>		EDept. of Education is member of board

Source: Montana High School Association Official State Handbooks Mountain International, Inc.



Frank "Frog" Hull entertains members of the Montana High School Association on Monday at a party thrown by Northern School Supply Co., a firm which sells equip-

ment to schools. The MHSA is holding its annual me ing at the Village Red Elon EDUCATION

EXHIBIT NO. 2

# Cocktail hour

By THERESA JOHNSON of the Missoulian / A7 /87

It's a tradition that began decades ago — when members and administrators of the Montana High School Association gather for their annual meeting, a host of merchants shows up to supply free drinks and food.

"We're personal friends with a lot of the people," said Herb Kimball, vice president of Universal Athletic Services.

Kimball's firm spent \$2,000

on a party Monday night for the MHSA at Missoula's Village Red Lion Motor Inn.

"It's not with the idea that they're going to buy more," he said. "Seventy percent of our business comes from the schools. We appreciate their business and this is one way to show it."

At the MHSA's annual meeting in Missoula this week, the Jostens Co. sponsored a cocktail hour Sunday, and Northwestern Scholastic Insurors bought soft

Merchants supply free food drinks to high school officials at meeting

drinks for all work sessions.

Northern School Supply Co., a firm that sells bleachers, back-boards and other school equipment, spent \$400 on liquor for a cocktail hour Monday evening at the convention, according to a sales representative who asked not to be named.

"It's just a good chance for the administrators to get away from their meetings," he said.

"I go to a lot of other conventions and this happens all the time. I would't feel obligated

for one minute to buy anything," said Seeley-Swan prin pal Kim Haines. "It's just kir of a nice little gesture to say thanks."

Missoula County High School Superintendent Dennis Kraft said free drinks have no effect on his district's purchaing decisions.

"When you're drinking 7-Up, it can't possibly have," I said, tipping his glass.

(A story on convention sues is on page 11.)

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BILL NO. HTR 47



Supporting HJR 47--An Interim Study of the Montana High School Association

March 27, 1987

The Montana League of Women Voters is a citizens' groups that supports citizen participation and accountability in government and equal opportunity in education. We support HJR 47 because of problems we see in these areas with the present system of governing extracurricular activities by the Montana High School Association.

The Montana High School Association is not mention by name in any statute of Montana Law. 20-1-211 (2) allows local school boards to, by resolution, "make their district a member of any state association of school districts or school trustees or any other strictly educational association and authorize payment of dues to such association and the necessary travel expenses..." The MHSA is not given rule-making authority as is the Board of Public Education when it writes rules (accreditation standards). The MHSA is not under the Administrative Codes of Montana as is the B of PE.

The rules of the MHSA affect school districts monetarily in two ways: in paying dues for membership and in local district expenses to participate in MHSA sanctioned activities.

Of the \$460,000 new budget of MHSA adopted in Jan., 1987, dues of \$200 per activity paid by the 183 member schools is expected to raise \$396,000.

In addition, about 10% of each high school budget is spent on extracurricular activities. The statewide public high school budget from all sources is about \$300 million according the Montana Taxpayers Association. This mean that \$20-30 million are spent on extracurricular activities. Schools that do not belong to and abide by the MHSA rules cannot participate in any of these activities.

We urge you to pass HJR 47 and study the activities, structure and rules of the Montana High School Association.

Sincerely,

Martha L. Dnishuk, Missoula Legislative Chair

5855 Pinewood Lane

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

	•••	April	15,	19 <b>87</b>
MR. PRESIDENT				
We, your committee on	EDUCATION AND CU	LTURAL RESOUR	CES	
having had under consideration	HOUSE JOINT RES	OLUTION	······································	No. 47
<b>third</b> reading	copy ( blue )			
INTERIM STUDY	of montana high s	CHOOL ASSOCIA	Tion	
PISTORIA (BLAYI	LOCK)			
Respectfully report as follows: Tha	HOUSE JOINT R	esolution	······································	No <b>47</b>
Be amended	i as follows:			
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SENATOR BOB BROWN,

Chairman.