

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

April 20, 1987

The twenty-eighth meeting of the Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee was called to order by the chairman, Senator Bob Brown, at 3:20 p.m. in Room 402 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All committee members were present with the exception of Senators Regan (excused) and Pinsoneault (absent).

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 50: REPRESENTATIVE KEENAN, District 66, sponsor of the resolution, said special education funding formulas and cooperatives have been discussed several times this session to no avail. Also, the legislature is mandating new programs but not addressing the funding. She felt it was time to have an interim study of special education, including federal mandates, services, costs, revenue sources, and funding formulas. The last such study was done in 1973.

PROPOSERS: CLAUDETTE MORTON, Executive Secretary, Board of Public Education, expressed support for the bill.

TERRY MINOW, Montana Federation of Teachers, expressed support for the bill.

OPPOSERS: There were no opposers.

REPRESENTATIVE KEENAN closed the hearing on HJR 50.

ACTION OF HJR 50: SENATOR MAZUREK moved HJR 50 BE CONCURRED IN. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 54: REPRESENTATIVE BRADLEY, District 79, sponsor of the resolution, said the resolution requests a study of the concept of educational training accounts. She said she had permission to introduce legislation after the deadline to accomplish this, but there were so many questions and options that she decided it would be better to do a two year study. An educational training account would operate somewhat like an IRA. It would allow for a person to provide for

his/her own future, his/her children or grandchildren's future training or education by setting aside monies which would be used to pay future educational costs. It is anticipated this would act as a tax shelter. Questions such as who will administer the funds, how payments would be made, payroll deductions, maturity, interest schedules, etc., would be worked out in the interim study. Minnesota currently has a program such as this. One provision allows for full payment of tuition at today's cost, which would guarantee a full four year education in any institution in the state, no matter what the increase in tuition might be at the time of redemption. With reductions in student assistance and the possibility of college fading for more and more students, this could prove to be a good funding mechanism for education. REP. BRADLEY said there is a 20% rollover of the national population per year in career changes, which necessitates retraining in many cases.

PROPOSERS: The following rose and expressed support for the resolution:

TODD HUDAK, Associated Students of Montana State University.  
MATTHEW THIEL, Associated Students of University of Montana.  
CLAUDETTE MORTON, Grandmother.

OPPOSERS: There were no opposers.

REPRESENTATIVE BRADLEY closed the hearing on HJR 54.

SENATOR BROWN asked if work study funds were being curtailed as well as student loans.

MR. THIEL indicated they were drying up as well as other sources of student assistance. He said there is currently a 53% reduction in student aid on the national level.

ACTION ON HJR 54: SENATOR MAZUREK moved HJR 54 BE CONCURRED IN. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

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

  
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SENATOR BOB BROWN, Chairman

ROLL CALL

SENATE EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

50th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1987

Date 4/30/87

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.

DATE 4/30/87

COMMITTEE ON Education & Cultural Programs

VISITORS' REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	Check One	
			Support	Oppose
TERRY MINOW	MI Ed Teachers	H50	X	
MATTHEW THIEL	ASS. STUDENTS	H554	X	
TODD HUDAK	ASSOC. STUDENTS OF IISLC	H554	X	

(Please leave prepared statement with Secretary)

# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

..... April 20, ..... 1987.....

MR. PRESIDENT

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

having had under consideration..... **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION** ..... No. **50** .....

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**INTERIM STUDY ON SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**KEENAN (BROWN)**

Respectfully report as follows: That..... **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION** ..... No. **50** .....

BE CONCURRED IN

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**SENATOR BOB BROWN,**

Chairman.

# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

APRIL 20, 1987

MR. PRESIDENT

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

having had under consideration **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

No. **54**

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**INTERIM STUDY ON ESTABLISHING EDUCATIONAL TRAINING ACCOUNTS**

**BRADLEY (BROWN)**

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

No. **54**

BE CONCURRED IN

~~DO PASS~~

~~DO NOT PASS~~

**SENATOR BOB BRUGH**

Chairman.