

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
53rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By Senator Blaylock, on March 24, 1993, at 3:14 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Chet Blaylock, Chair (D)
Sen. Harry Fritz, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. John Hertel (R)
Sen. Spook Stang (D)
Sen. Daryl Toews (R)
Sen. Mignon Waterman (D)
Sen. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Excused: Senators Yellowtail and Brown

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Eddye McClure, Legislative Council
Sylvia Kinsey, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 656

Executive Action: HB 656

HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 656

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Representative Royal Johnson, House District 88, Billings, said this bill would eliminate state impact aid to school districts. He explained the only students receiving this impact aid were those whose parents were employed in the institution and who lived on the campus.

Proponents' Testimony:

None.

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

Senator Stang asked if this would affect the Deer Lodge valley and Representative Johnson answered yes. The total paid out last year was \$3900 and they put \$9200 in the budget this year. He did not know how it was figured, but it was in the appropriations bill. The subcommittee on Education and Cultural Resources removed it from the bill and passage of this bill would align HB 656 with HB 2.

Chair Blaylock asked if the only thing this bill did was to take out the money that is in House Bill 2. Representative Johnson said that was true and if this passes it will "jive" with HB 2 when it comes over. He pointed out that the \$9200 was for a biennium, not an annual appropriation.

Senator Stang asked if Deer Lodge had protested the bill when it was in the House and if they even knew it had happened. Representative Johnson said yes, they know about it. The schools get ANB etc. and this was just something additional they were receiving.

Senator Stang asked if this would be similar to the federal 874 money that other school districts get when they have Forest Service employees or people working for the government and living in the district. Representative Johnson said this was similar but it was a state program, not a federal program.

Closing by Sponsor:

Representative Johnson thanked the committee for the hearing and said he hoped this would help to balance the budget.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 656

Motion/Vote:

Senator Hertel moved House Bill 656 BE CONCURRED IN. The motion passed with Senator Stang voting no and Senators Yellowtail and Brown absent. Senator Toews will carry the bill on the Senate floor.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:21 p.m.



CHET BLAYLOCK, Chair



SYLVIA KINSEY, Secretary

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MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Education and Cultural Resources having had under consideration House Bill No. 656 (first reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that House Bill No. 656 be concurred in.

Signed: Chet Blaylock
Senator Chet Blaylock, Chair

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Sec. of Senate

Senator Jones
Senator Carrying Bill

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