

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN MATT DENNY**, on February 5, 1997, at 9:00 a.m., in room 420.

ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Matt Denny, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Matt Brainard, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)  
Rep. Antoinette R. Hagener, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)  
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)  
Rep. Haley Beaudry (R)  
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)  
Rep. Harriet Hayne (R)  
Rep. George Heavy Runner (D)  
Rep. Sam Kitzenberg (R)  
Rep. Norm Mills (R)  
Rep. Doug Mood (R)  
Rep. William Rehbein, Jr. (R)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Rep. Dorothy C. Simpson (D)  
Rep. Allan Walters (R)  
Rep. Bill Whitehead (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Heavy Runner

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Services Division  
Keri Burkhardt, Committee Secretary

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 112; (1/27/97)  
Executive Action: HB 254 (tabled), HB 334

HEARING ON HB 112

**EXHIBIT 1**, introduced before the hearing.

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. CHRIS AHNER, H.D. 51.  
{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: .7; Comments: None.}

Proponents' Testimony:

David Senn, Executive Director, Teachers Retirement System.  
**EXHIBIT 2.**

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 4.6; Comments: None.}

Tom Bilodeau, Montana Education Association.

EXHIBIT 3.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 9.9; Comments: None.}

Vernen Bertelson, Montana Senior Citizens Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 15.6; Comments: None.}

Tom Schneider, President, Public Employees Pension Security Coalition (PEPSCo).

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 16.9; Comments: None.}

Arnold Silverman, Vice President, Montana Federation of Teachers; PEPSCo.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 19.2; Comments: None.}

Alve Thomas, American Association of Retired Persons.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 24.4; Comments: None.}

Don Waldron, Montana Rural Education Association; School Administrators Association.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 26.4; Comments: None.}

Ed Mattix, Retired Teachers of Montana.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 28.3; Comments: None.}

Bill Holdore, Butte Retired Teachers.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 28.9; Comments: None.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 30.9; Comments: None.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. AHNER closes.

{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 38.8; Comments: None.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON 334

Motion: REP. REHBEIN MOVED TO RECONSIDER ACTION.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 6; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: REP. DOWELL MOVED DO PASS ON THE AMENDED BILL (previously amended) / motion carried 13-2. Rep. Kitzenberg and Rep. Walters voted no.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 6.4; Comments: None.}

Amendments: REP. DOWELL MOVED TO AMEND THE AMENDED BILL.

EXHIBIT 4.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 7.4; Comments: None.}

Vote: Motion carried 15-0.

{Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 10.2; Comments: None.}

**Motion/Vote:** REP. MILLS MOVED DO PASS AS AMENDED/ motion carried 13-2. Rep. Hayne and Rep. Rehbein voted no.

{*Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 10.6; Comments: None.*}

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 254**

**Motion:** REP. DOWELL MOVED TO REMOVE HB 254 FROM THE TABLE.

{*Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 13.7; Comments: None.*}

**Vote:** Motion denied 8-8. Rep. Brainard, Rep. Hayne, Rep. Adams, Rep. Beaudry, Rep. Rehbein, Rep. Mills , Rep. Mood, and Rep. Denny voted no.

{*Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 14.7; Comments: None.*}

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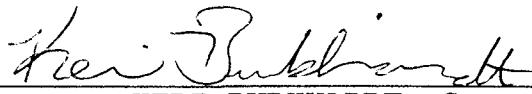
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:00 a.m.

  
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REP. MATT DENNY, Chairman

  
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KERI BURKHARDT, Secretary

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