

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN ROYAL C. JOHNSON, on February 20, 1997, at 8:04 AM, in room 312-2 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Royal C. Johnson, Chairman (R)
Sen. Daryl Toews, Vice-Chairman (R)
Rep. Don Holland (R)
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)
Sen. Ken Miller (R)
Rep. Ray Peck (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sandy Whitney, Legislative Fiscal Division
Bob Tallerico, Legislative Fiscal Division
Connie Jacobs, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: None
Executive Action: Office of Public Instruction.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

CHAIRMAN DARYL TOEWS presented opening remarks. **REP. DON HOLLAND** presented language for the Vocational Agriculture Education position at the Office of Public Instruction (OPI).

EXHIBIT 1 (2 pages, **REP. HOLLAND**)

Motion: **REP. HOLLAND** MOVED THAT "IT IS THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FILL THE VOCATIONAL/TECHNOLOGY, TRADES, AND INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION SPECIALIST AND VOCATIONAL/AGRICULTURE EDUCATION SPECIALIST POSITIONS AT A SALARY LEVEL ABOVE ENTRY LEVEL. THE LEGISLATURE HAS INCLUDED FUNDING FOR THESE POSITIONS AT A LEVEL SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE ADDITIONAL SALARIES FOR FISCAL YEARS 1998 AND 1999.

ADDITIONALLY, IT IS THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION HAVE THE OPTION OF CONTRACTING WITH THE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE AND EDUCATION WITHIN THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AT MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY - BOZEMAN FOR THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VOCATIONAL/AGRICULTURE SPECIALIST", AS PRESENTED ON EXHIBIT 1.

Note: The executive budget for Vo-education positions is presented on page two of exhibit 1.

Vote: THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (REP. HOLLAND carried REP. JOHNSON'S vote).

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REP. RAY PECK discussed issues with the teachers retirement and classification of positions for retirement. Ms. Gayle Gray, Office of Public Instruction (OPI), responded to questions from the committee, stating the potential problems with recruiting for positions with restricted retirement/benefit options. Ms. Madalyn Quinlan, OPI, remarked that the option could exist that a person would opt for an "either/neither" retirement system. Additional questions from the committee followed.

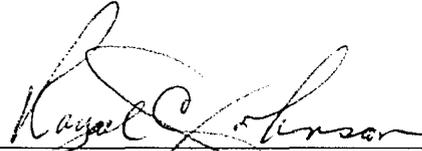
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Motion: REP. HOLLAND MOVED TO CLOSE SECTION E, OF HB2.

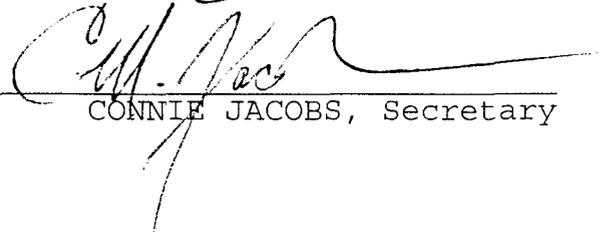
Vote: THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: This meeting was adjourned at 8:45 am.



REP. ROYAL C. JOHNSON, Chairman



CONNIE JACOBS, Secretary

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Note: This meeting was recorded on one side of one (1) of 90 minute tape.