

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Rick Jore, on March 16, 2007 at 2:59 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Rick Jore, Chairman (C)
Rep. Roger Koopman, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Holly Raser, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Michael Lange (R)
Rep. John Ward (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Donci Bardash, Committee Secretary
Susan Fox, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 390, 3/12/2007; SB 289,
3/9/2007; SB 291, 3/12/2007;
HB 813, 3/9/2007

Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON SB 390**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:57 Sen. Carol Juneau (D), SD 8, opened the hearing on
SB 390, Increase funding for Indian Education for All.
EXHIBIT (edh56a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:17 Rep. Shannon Augare, HD 16, Browning
00:14:42 Rep. Margaret Campbell, HD 31, Poplar
00:15:12 Joe Lamson, for Linda McCulloch, Office of Public
Instruction

EXHIBIT (edh56a02)

00:18:08 Joyce Silverthorn, Salish-Kootenai Tribes

EXHIBIT (edh56a03)**EXHIBIT (edh56a04)****EXHIBIT (edh56a05)**

00:22:29 G.G. Weix, American Association of University
Women (AAUW)

00:25:45 Lucille Tucker, self

00:26:08 Brandon Gover, self

00:26:54 Jessica Little Leaf, self

00:28:26 Everall Fox, Indian Education for All coordinator,
Billings Schools

EXHIBIT (edh56a06)

00:30:28 Russell Boham, Friends of Indian Education for All,
Longfellow School and Little Shell Tribe

EXHIBIT (edh56a07)

00:32:03 Sen. Frank Smith, SD 16, Poplar

00:33:47 Darrell Rud, School Administrators of Montana

00:34:41 Pete Carparelli, Montana Quality Schools Coalition

EXHIBIT (edh56a08)

00:34:59 Cheryl Eagle Wroblewski, Montana People's Action

00:36:43 Mike Lynn, Montana People's Action

EXHIBIT (edh56a09)

00:37:56 Diane Ehernberger, AAUW, self

00:40:42 Erik Burke, MEA-MFT

00:41:57 Terri Kendrick, Montana Indian Education Association

00:43:14 Rachel Lopez, social worker

EXHIBIT (edh56a10)

00:45:19 Alex Roberts, Montana People's Action, Indian People's
Action

00:45:39 Barbara Landcaster, educator

00:47:35 Rep. Joey Jayne, HD 15, Arlee

00:48:13 Bruce Messinger, Helena Public Schools

00:49:30 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

00:50:03 Joseph Anderson, Indian education coach, self
00:52:36 Francis Eagleman, self

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:42 Rep. Jore
00:54:02 Sen. Juneau
00:55:40 Rep. Raser
00:56:07 Sen. Juneau
00:56:51 Mr. Lamson
00:57:54 Rep. Raser
00:58:27 Mr. Lamson
00:59:22 Rep. Koopman
01:00:04 Mr. Lamson
01:01:29 Rep. Koopman
01:01:56 Mr. Lamson
01:02:31 Rep. Wilmer
01:02:48 Sen. Juneau

[EXHIBIT \(edh56a11\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(edh56a12\)](#)

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:25 Sen. Juneau

[EXHIBIT \(edh56a13\)](#)

HEARING ON SB 291

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:11:36 Sen. Gary Perry (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on
SB 291, Allow creation of high school districts.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:13:32 Shelley Hensley, self
01:15:36 Kelly Goode, student
01:17:31 Loren Bough, Friends of Big Sky

[EXHIBIT \(edh56a14\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(edh56a15\)](#)

01:21:19 Lance Child, self
01:23:28 Laura Wale, teacher
01:25:16 Taylor Middleton, business owner
01:26:41 Bill Simkins, self
01:28:44 Mr. Vogel

01:29:23 Mr. Burke
01:29:57 David Dooley, self
01:31:58 Mr. Lamson
01:33:14 Rep. Koopman

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

01:36:41 Tom Butler, Montana Highway Patrol

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:38:21 Rep. Lake
01:38:51 Ms. Wale
01:39:55 Rep. Raser
01:40:42 Sen. Perry
01:41:01 Mr. Bough

EXHIBIT (edh56a16)

01:42:30 Rep. Raser
01:42:47 Mr. Bough
01:43:31 Rep. Raser
01:43:35 Ms. Fox

Closing by Sponsor:

01:44:28 Sen. Perry

01:45:52 Break
01:53:49 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 289

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:54:28 Sen. Steven Gallus (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB 289, Allow prescribed epinephrine use in school for severe allergies.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:57:53 Rep. Arlene Becker, HD 52, Billings
01:59:14 Dot Warner, registered nurse, Montana Association of School Nurses

EXHIBIT (edh56a17)

EXHIBIT (edh56a18)

02:07:02 Becky Fleming-Siebenaler, parent
02:12:53 Betty Beverly, parent

EXHIBIT (edh56a19)

02:13:52 Mr. Rud
02:14:19 Sue Buswell, school nurse
02:17:43 Diane Clark, school nurse, Montana School Nurse
Association

EXHIBIT (edh56a20)

02:18:41 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association
02:19:10 Mr. Vogel
02:20:27 Joanne Dotson, Department of Public Health and Human
Services (DPHHS)

EXHIBIT (edh56a21)

Opponents' Testimony:

02:21:38 Tahani Dalrymple, student

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:23:34 Rep. Koopman
02:24:24 Sen. Gallus
02:25:34 Ms. Warner
02:26:26 Rep. Cordier
02:26:50 Ms. Dotson
02:28:11 Rep. Butcher
02:29:01 Ms. Warner
02:30:23 Rep. Jore
02:30:36 Sen. Gallus
02:31:08 Rep. Butcher
02:31:29 Sen. Gallus

Closing by Sponsor:

02:32:10 Sen. Gallus

HEARING ON HB 813

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:33:17 Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D), HD 42, opened the
hearing on HB 813, Affordability and success for foster
children in higher education.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:35:34 Rhonda Wodnik, Student Assistance Foundation
02:40:18 Sami Butler, Intermountain (formerly Intermountain
Children's Home)
02:41:16 Mr. Rud

Opponents' Testimony:

02:42:24 Kandi Matthew-Jenkins, CPS Exposed

02:48:14 John Jenkins, self

Informational Testimony:

02:48:42 Shirley Brown, DPHHS

02:48:59 Jamie Dushin, Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:49:40 Rep. Jore

02:50:06 Ms. Brown

EXHIBIT (edh56a22)

02:50:20 Rep. Butcher

02:50:57 Mr. Dushin

02:51:48 Rep. Butcher

02:51:56 Mr. Dushin

02:53:48 Rep. Cordier

02:54:19 Mr. Dushin

02:58:48 Rep. Cordier

02:59:21 Ms. Wodnik

03:02:34 Rep. Butcher

03:02:48 Ms. Wodnik

03:03:34 Rep. Butcher

03:05:01 Ms. Wodnik

Closing by Sponsor:

03:06:22 Rep. Small-Eastman

Additional Exhibits:

This document relates to SB 152, heard on March 12, 2007, and was distributed to committee members during today's break.

EXHIBIT (edh56a23)

ADJOURNMENT

03:12:34 Adjournment: 6:09 P.M.

REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

DONCI BARDASH, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([edh56aad.pdf](#))