

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chairman Rick Laible, on January 30, 2009 at 3:15 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Rick Laible, Chairman (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch
Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary

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 266, 1/26/2009; SB 273,
1/26/2009

Executive Action: SJ 9; SJ 3

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 9

00:02:37 **Motion:** Sen. Zinke moved that SJ 9 **BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (eds22a01)

Discussion:

00:02:50 Sen. Zinke
00:04:51 Sen. Hawks
00:05:43 Sen. Ripley
00:06:13 Sen. Zinke
00:07:19 Sen. Brown
00:07:54 Chairman Laible
00:08:16 Sen. Ripley
00:09:03 Sen. Brown
00:09:29 Sen. Branae
00:11:11 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy entered the hearing.

00:11:19 **Vote: MOTION CARRIED** 5-4 by roll call vote with Sens.
Branae, Hamlett, Hawks and Stewart-Peregoy voting no
and Sen. McGee voting by proxy.

00:12:05 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Zinke moved that **SJ 9 DO PASS AS**
AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED 8-1 by roll call vote with
Sen. Branae voting no and Sen. Hamlett and McGee voting
by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 3

00:13:58 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved that **SJ 3 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:14:25 Sen. Hawks
00:15:12 Chairman Laible
00:16:36 Sen. Brown
00:17:13 **Vote: MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by roll call vote
with Sens. Hamlett and McGee voting by proxy.

00:18:09 Recess
00:19:41 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 266

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:19:59 Sen. Mike Cooney (D), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 266, Authorize school levy to pay health insurance premiums.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:05 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

00:24:57 Bruce Messinger, Helena Public Schools

00:27:09 Tom Bilodeau, MEA-MFT

EXHIBIT (eds22a02)

00:33:15 Lynda Brannon, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)

00:34:23 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:36:20 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association

Informational Testimony:

00:41:39 Joan Anderson, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:09 Sen. Zinke

00:42:53 Tom Bilodeau

00:46:32 Sen. Zinke

00:46:50 Tom Bilodeau

00:47:32 Sen. Zinke

00:47:39 Sen. Hamlett entered the hearing.

00:47:59 Sen. Cooney

00:48:40 Sen. Zinke

00:48:48 Sen. Cooney

00:49:07 Sen. Zinke

00:49:21 Sen. Cooney

00:49:29 Lance Melton

00:50:25 Sen. Zinke

00:50:42 Lance Melton

00:52:11 Sen. Branae

00:52:25 Lance Melton

00:53:03 Sen. Ripley

00:53:28 Lynda Brannon

00:54:07 Sen. Ripley

00:54:37 Sen. Cooney

00:55:09 Sen. Ripley
00:55:16 Lance Melton
00:56:29 Chairman Laible
00:57:26 Lance Melton
00:59:17 Chairman Laible
01:00:14 Lance Melton

Closing by Sponsor:

01:00:58 Sen. Cooney

01:03:12 recess
01:06:18 Sen. Hawks left the hearing.
01:10:48 reconvene

HEARING ON SB 273

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:11:02 Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 273, Revise school trustee laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:13:25 Lance Melton

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:15:06 Sen. Zinke
01:15:24 Chairman Laible
01:15:33 Sen. Ripley
01:15:47 Sen. Laslovich
01:15:57 Sen. Zinke
01:16:13 Chairman Laible
01:16:30 Sen. Laslovich
01:17:10 Eddie Black, Montana School Boards Association (MSBA)
01:18:03 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:18:37 Eddie Black
01:19:36 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:19:46 Chairman Laible
01:19:58 Eddie Black
01:20:52 Chairman Black
01:20:59 Eddie Black

Closing by Sponsor:

01:21:11 Sen. Laslovich

Additional Exhibit:

EXHIBIT (eds22a03)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:40 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([eds22aad.pdf](#))