

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chairman Rick Laible, on February 11, 2009 at 3:00 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. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

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: SJ 12, 1/26/2009

Executive Action: None.

Presentation on Federal Stimulus Act of 2009

00:01:25 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division
EXHIBIT (eds32a01)

00:02:09 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy entered the hearing.
00:03:20 Sen. Brown entered the hearing.
00:04:59 Sen. McGee entered the hearing.
00:12:21 Sen. Zinke entered the hearing.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:44 Sen. Ripley
00:13:52 Kris Wilkinson
00:13:58 Sen. Ripley
00:14:12 Kris Wilkinson
00:14:37 Sen. McGee
00:14:53 Kris Wilkinson
EXHIBIT (eds32a02)

00:15:08 Sen. McGee
00:15:14 Sen. Brown
00:15:35 Kris Wilkinson
00:15:52 Sen. Brown
00:16:25 Kris Wilkinson
00:16:58 Sen. Brown
00:17:03 Sen. McGee
00:17:17 Kris Wilkinson
00:17:41 Sen. McGee
00:18:08 Kris Wilkinson
00:18:24 Sen. McGee
00:18:33 Chairman Laible
00:19:04 Kris Wilkinson
00:19:08 Chairman Laible
00:19:26 Kris Wilkinson
00:19:33 Chairman Laible
00:19:43 Kris Wilkinson

HEARING ON SJ 12

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:22 Sen. Rick Laible (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SJ 12, Approve Bitterroot valley community college.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:43:41 Victoria Clark, Bitterroot Valley Community College
Effort

EXHIBIT (eds32a03)

00:46:28 Sen. Brown left the hearing.

01:04:34 Deborah Rogala, Bitterroot Valley Community College
Effort

EXHIBIT (eds32a04)

01:10:26 Patti Furniss, Bitterroot Valley Community College
Effort

01:13:41 Anna Vee Brandorg, Bitterroot Valley Community College
Effort

EXHIBIT (eds32a05)

01:17:06 Carlotta Grandstaff, Ravalli County Commissioners

01:19:51 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy left the hearing.

01:20:06 Natasha Schmid, Hamilton

01:20:47 Gabrielle Smith, Stevensville

01:21:06 Kathleen Driscoll, Ravalli County Commissioners

01:22:54 John Robinson, Bitterroot Valley Community College
Effort

EXHIBIT (eds32a06)

01:26:04 Daryl Cooper, Bitterroot Valley Community College
Effort

EXHIBIT (eds32a07)

01:29:54 Corrine Gantt, Hamilton School Board

EXHIBIT (eds32a08)

01:31:10 John Meakin, Ravalli County Democratic Central
Committee

01:33:31 James Rokosch, Ravalli County Commissioners

01:36:24 Dixie Stark, Adult Literacy Services in the Bitterroot
Valley

01:37:37 Patricia Wilson Meakin, Bitterroot Valley Community
College Effort

01:39:38 Sarah Monson, Bitterroot Valley Community College
Effort

01:41:49 Greg Seltzer, Bitterroot Valley Community College
Effort

EXHIBIT (eds32a09)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:42:25 Steve Barrett, Board of Regents

01:47:28 Mary Sheehy Moe, Office of the Commissioner of Higher
Education (OCHE)

EXHIBIT (eds32a10)

02:00:45 Sheila Stearns, Office of the Commissioner of Higher
Education (OCHE)

EXHIBIT (eds32a11)

Additional Exhibit:

EXHIBIT (eds32a12)

02:04:39 David Ewer, Governor's Office

02:05:04 Erik Burke, MEA-MFT

02:07:31 Ann Brodsky, Governor's Office

02:07:55 Sen. Hawks left the hearing.

Informational Testimony:

02:09:39 Mick Robinson, Office of the Commissioner of Higher
Education (OCHE)

02:10:07 George Dennison, The University of Montana

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:10:27 Sen. Branae

02:10:55 George Dennison

02:12:38 Sen. Ripley

02:12:58 Chairman Laible

02:13:02 Victoria Clark

02:14:43 Sen. McGee

02:15:22 Victoria Clark

02:17:56 Sen. McGee

02:18:13 Victoria Clark

02:19:00 Sen. McGee

02:19:12 Sen. Ripley

02:19:20 Victoria Clark

02:19:48 Sen. Ripley

02:19:54 Victoria Clark

02:20:44 Sen. Ripley

02:20:56 Victoria Clark

Closing by Sponsor:

02:21:11 Chairman Laible

Additional Exhibit:

EXHIBIT (eds32a13) Pertaining to SB 302.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:25 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([eds32aad.pdf](#))