

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan Zinke, on January 24, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ryan Zinke, Chair (R)  
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Gary Branae (D)  
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Bob Lake (R)  
Sen. Frederick "Eric" Moore (R)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch  
Gilda Clancy, 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 177, 1/19/2011; SB 141, 1/19/2011

**HEARING ON SB 177**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:44 Sen. Edward Walker (R), SD 29, opened the hearing on SB 177, Generally revise education laws for transportation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:29 Connie Wardell, Trustee, Billings School District 2  
00:10:34 Kathy Aragon, Trustee, Billings School District 2  
00:13:43 Rita Blouke, League of Women Voters  
00:16:07 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent Helena Schools  
00:18:16 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)  
00:19:02 Chris Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)  
00:19:24 Elizabeth Andrews, Parent, Helena School District

**EXHIBIT(eds18a01)**

00:22:00 Darrell Rud, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:23:33 Joan Anderson, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:23:55 Sen. Ripley  
00:24:32 Joan Anderson, OPI  
00:25:06 Sen. Ripley  
00:25:18 Joan Anderson  
00:26:07 Chairman Zinke  
00:26:44 Joan Anderson  
00:27:12 Sen. Branae  
00:28:01 Bob Vogel  
00:29:03 Sen Branae  
00:29:16 Bob Vogel  
00:29:35 Sen. Lake  
00:30:29 Bob Vogel  
00:30:42 Sen. Lake  
00:31:03 Bob Vogel  
00:31:32 Joan Anderson  
00:31:52 Sen. Lake  
00:32:21 Joan Anderson  
00:33:20 Sen. Lake  
00:33:27 Joan Anderson  
00:33:58 Chairman Zinke  
00:37:32 Joan Anderson  
00:38:30 Chairman Zinke

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:39:04 Sen. Walker

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**HEARING ON SB 141****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:39:54 Casey Barrs, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:40:30 Sen. Kim Gillan (D), SD 24, opened the hearing on SB 141, Address bullying in Montana schools.

**EXHIBIT(eds18a02)****Proponents' Testimony:**

00:43:28 Denise Juneau, Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)  
00:49:32 Steve Bullock, Montana Attorney General  
00:55:14 Alexa Rockwell, High School Student, Billings

**EXHIBIT(eds18a03)**

00:57:28 Donald Harr, Montana Psychiatric Association; Montana Chapter of The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention  
01:01:06 Alison Schmaltz, School Counselor, Kalispell

**EXHIBIT(eds18a04)**

01:09:43 Carl O'Loughlin, OPI

**EXHIBIT(eds18a05)**

01:13:12 Vicki Turner, Prevention Services, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
01:15:39 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic, Billings  
01:16:14 Kevin Casey, representing self

**EXHIBIT(eds18a06)**

01:17:57 Chanda Merkel, representing self  
01:23:05 Becca Harper, Helena High School  
01:25:31 Torey Keltner, Helena Police Officer  
01:28:38 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association-Montana Teacher's Federation (MEA-MFT)  
01:29:18 Bryce Bennett, Representative, HD 92  
01:30:39 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)  
01:32:13 Judy Griffith, representing self  
01:34:49 Niki Zupanic, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)  
01:35:50 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent Helena Public Schools  
01:37:38 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

01:39:51 Beth Brennehan, Disability Rights of Montana

**EXHIBIT(eds18a07)**

01:41:13 Don Judge, Montana Nurses' Association  
01:41:58 Jamee Greer, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)  
01:42:20 Kristina Davis, Director, Children's Defense Fund  
01:43:29 Matt Taylor, representing self

**EXHIBIT(eds18a08)****Opponents' Testimony:**

01:48:40 Teresa Frei, representing self  
01:50:11 Barbara Rush, Retired Teacher, Helena

**EXHIBIT(eds18a09)**

01:54:29 Lori Page, parent, representing self

01:56:38 Bob Vogel, MTSBA

**EXHIBIT(eds18a10)**

02:05:14 Chris Puyear, MRSA

02:09:47 Darrell Rud, SAM

02:11:29 Sen. Hawks entered the committee hearing.

02:16:41 Cindy Swank, representing self

**EXHIBIT(eds18a11)**

02:20:05 Harris Himes, Montana Eagle Forum (MEF); Help Our Moral Environment (HOME)

02:24:29 Tim Ravndal, representing self

02:27:04 Mike Kecskes, representing self

02:29:25 Kelli Clark, representing self

02:31:39 Ken Lay, representing self

02:34:51 Mikel Wilkerson, representing self

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:38:12 Sen. Lake

02:38:39 Steve Bullock

02:38:50 Sen. Lake

02:40:04 Steve Bullock

02:41:18 Sen. Lake

02:42:16 Bruce Messinger

02:43:14 Sen. Lake

02:44:12 Bruce Messinger

02:45:16 Sen. Lake

02:45:43 Bruce Messinger

02:46:58 Sen. Moore

02:47:32 Denise Juneau

02:48:52 Chairman Zinke

02:49:14 Denise Juneau

02:49:26 Chairman Zinke

02:49:47 Denise Juneau

02:50:45 Sen. Brown

02:51:02 Sen. Gillan

02:54:43 Sen. Brown

02:55:04 Sen. Gillan

02:55:50 Sen. Brown

02:56:42 Steve Bullock

02:58:07 Sen. Brown

02:59:18 Steve Bullock

02:59:43 Chairman Zinke

03:00:09 Steve Bullock

03:01:05 Sen. Ripley

03:01:50 Bruce Messinger

03:02:48 Sen. Ripley

03:03:14 Bruce Messinger

03:04:18 Sen. Facey

03:04:37 Alison Schmaltz, Billings

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**Closing by Sponsor:**

03:13:21 Sen. Gillan

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 6:21 P.M.

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Gilda Clancy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([eds18aad.pdf](#))**