

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Rick Ripley, on February 2, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Ryan Zinke, Chair (R)  
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)

**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:** SB 208, 1/28/2011

Committee Discussing: SB 141

**HEARING ON SB 208**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:47 Sen. Ron Erickson (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 208, Allowing Saturday school in K-12 schools.

**EXHIBIT(eds26a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:43 Karen Allen, Missoula County Public Schools (MCPS)

00:09:18 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

00:10:19 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:10:54 Steve Meloy, Montana Board of Public Education (MBPE)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:11:55 Sen. Branae

00:12:24 Sen. Erickson

00:13:06 Sen. Lake

00:13:44 Karen Allen, MCPS

00:14:21 Sen. Lake

00:15:14 Karen Allen

00:16:42 Sen. Lake

00:16:59 Karen Allen

00:17:22 Sen. Lake

00:17:36 Sen. Facey

00:18:06 Karen Allen

00:18:49 Sen. Facey

00:19:11 Karen Allen

00:19:42 Sen. Facey

00:20:09 Steve Meloy, MBPE

00:21:00 Sen. Lake

00:21:30 Steve Meloy

00:22:07 Lance Melton, MTSBA

00:22:48 Sen. Lake

00:23:14 Lance Melton

00:24:10 Sen. Facey

00:24:50 Sen. Ripley

00:25:14 Sen. Brown

00:25:40 Lance Melton  
00:25:57 Sen. Brown  
00:26:30 Lance Melton

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:27:54 Sen. Erickson  
00:29:02 Casey Barrs

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:30 P.M.

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Gilda Clancy, Secretary

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**Discussion of SB 141**

Committee of four members convened to discuss SB 141. Members present were Sen. Frederick "Eric" Moore (Chairman), Sen. Branae, Sen. Brown, and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy.

01:01:07 Chairman Moore  
01:02:13 Sen. Gillan, SD 24, Sponsor SB 141  
01:03:30 Casey Barrs, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
01:03:53 Sen. Gillan  
**EXHIBIT(eds26a02)**  
01:05:10 Ann Gilke, Chief Counsel, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)  
01:13:32 Sen. Moore  
01:13:52 Sen. Brown  
01:14:30 Ann Gilke  
01:14:46 Sen. Brown  
01:15:05 Ann Gilke  
01:15:29 Sen. Gillan  
01:16:07 Sen. Brown  
01:16:40 Ann Gilke  
01:17:20 Sen. Brown  
01:17:55 Sen. Gillan  
01:18:15 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)  
01:19:26 Sen. Brown  
01:19:49 Lance Melton  
01:19:57 Sen. Brown  
01:20:43 Lance Melton  
01:21:46 Sen. Brown  
01:22:01 Lance Melton  
01:22:19 Sen. Branae  
01:22:40 Ann Gilke  
01:22:55 Sen. Branae  
01:23:15 Ann Gilke  
01:24:00 Chairman Moore  
01:24:50 Sen. Gillan  
01:26:48 Lance Melton  
01:28:22 Chairman Moore

01:29:43 **THE SUBCOMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO RECOMMEND THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE THAT SB 141 BE RECONSIDERED.**

01:31:10 Chairman Moore  
01:31:20 Sen. Gillan  
01:34:38 Lance Melton  
**EXHIBIT(eds26a03)**  
01:43:04 Chairman Moore  
01:43:12 Sen. Moore  
01:43:40 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)  
01:44:25 Sen. Brown

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01:44:57 Sen. Branae  
01:45:13 Ann Gilke  
01:46:14 Sen. Gillan  
01:47:36 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
01:49:28 Sen. Gillan  
01:50:26 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
01:50:50 Lance Melton  
01:50:55 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
01:52:13 Lance Melton  
01:54:14 Chairman Moore  
01:54:25 Casey Barrs, LSD  
01:55:41 Chairman Moore  
01:56:03 Subcommittee Adjourned

Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([eds26aad.pdf](#))