

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Scott Reichner, on March 23, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Scott Reichner, Chair (R)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Jonathan McNiven (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Kris Hansen, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Christy Clark (R)
Rep. Lila Walter Evans (R)
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)
Rep. Jeffery W. Welborn (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Marissa Stockton, Committee Secretary
Dan Whyte, Legislative Services Division

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 329, 3/21/2011; SB 244, 3/17/2011
Executive Action: SB 208, SB 280, SB 355, SB 66

00:00:06 Chairman Reichner

HEARING ON SB 244

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:07 Sen. Bob Lake (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 244, Allow school districts to charge certain preschool fees.

00:01:19 Rep. Hansen and Rep. Wagner arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:50 Chairman Reichner

00:03:24 Tim Bronk, Darby School District

EXHIBIT(edh65a01)

00:04:04 Rep. Clark arrived.

00:04:44 Chairman Reichner

00:04:52 Tim Bronk

00:05:06 Rep. Welborn arrived.

00:06:42 Chairman Reichner

00:06:48 Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)

00:07:47 Chairman Reichner

00:07:52 Chris Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

00:08:39 Chairman Reichner

00:08:43 Darrel Rud, School

00:08:50 Chairman Reichner

00:08:56 Rep. Bennett arrived.

00:09:08 Darrell Rud, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

00:09:12 Rep. Blasdel arrived.

00:09:27 Chairman Reichner

00:09:33 Lloyd Rennaker, Darby Public Schools

00:10:24 Chairman Reichner

Opponents' Testimony:

00:10:33 Dan Villa, Education Policy Advisor to the Governor

00:11:15 Chairman Reichner

00:11:27 Joyce Silverthorne, Office of Public Instruction

EXHIBIT(edh65a02)

00:12:03 Chairman Reichner

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:23 Rep. Washburn

00:12:49 Tim Brunk

00:12:54 Rep. Washburn

00:13:07 Tim Brunk
00:15:42 Chairman Reichner
00:15:45 Rep. Malek
00:16:07 Sen. Lake
00:16:27 Rep. Malek
00:16:35 Chairman Reichner
00:16:40 Tim Brunk
00:17:15 Rep. Malek
00:17:29 Tim Brunk
00:18:28 Rep. Malek
00:18:56 Dan Villa
00:20:06 Chairman Reichner
00:20:10 Rep. Salomon
00:20:31 Tim Brunk
00:20:38 Rep. Salomon
00:20:57 Tim Brunk
00:23:24 Rep. Salomon
00:23:42 Tim Brunk
00:24:43 Chairman Reichner
00:25:13 Tim Brunk
00:25:36 Chairman Reichner
00:25:38 Tim Brunk
00:25:48 Chairman Reichner
00:26:25 Lance Melton, MTSBA
00:26:51 Chairman Reichner

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:57 Sen. Lake
00:28:51 Chairman Reichner

HEARING ON SB 329

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:29:01 Sen. Ryan Zinke (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 329, Generally revise K-12 laws.

[EXHIBIT\(edh65a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh65a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh65a05\)](#)

00:32:10 Chairman Reichner
00:32:17 Sen. Zinke
00:34:15 Chairman Reichner

Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:48 Lance Melton, MTSBA

EXHIBIT(edh65a06)

00:35:44 Dave Puyear, MREA

00:38:35 Chairman Reichner

00:38:45 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

00:39:32 Gary Lusin, Bozeman School Board Trustee

EXHIBIT(edh65a07)**EXHIBIT(edh65a08)**

00:41:56 Chairman Reichner

00:41:59 Lynn Scalia, Monforton School District

00:43:44 Mark Lambrecht, Montana Quality Education Coalition

00:44:30 Chairman Reichner

00:44:33 Darrell Rud, SAM

00:45:18 Steve Meloy, Board of Public Education (BPE)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

00:46:37 Joan Anderson, OPI

EXHIBIT(edh65a09)

00:47:25 Chairman Reichner

00:47:42 Joan Anderson, OPI

00:48:08 Chairman Reichner

00:48:10 Joan Anderson, OPI

00:48:16 Chairman Reichner

00:48:19 Joan Anderson, OPI

00:54:03 Chairman Reichner

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:54:44 Rep. Wagner

00:54:48 Rep. Wilmer

00:55:25 Joan Anderson, OPI

00:56:08 Rep. Wagner

00:57:17 Joan Anderson, OPI

00:57:21 Rep. Wagner

00:57:23 Joan Anderson, OPI

00:58:18 Rep. Wagner

01:00:20 Joan Anderson, OPI

01:02:31 Rep. Wagner

01:03:25 Joan Anderson, OPI

01:05:00 Rep. Malek

01:05:10 Lynn Scalia

01:05:28 Chairman Reichner

01:05:29 Lance Melton, MTSBA

01:07:59 Rep. Malek

01:08:04 Lance Melton, MTSBA

01:08:48 Chairman Reichner
01:08:56 Rep. McClafferty
01:09:23 Lance Melton, MTSBA
01:11:21 Chairman Reichner
01:11:27 Rep. Salomon
01:11:46 Lance Melton, MTSBA
01:13:35 Rep. Salomon
01:14:01 Lance Melton, MTSBA
01:15:27 Rep. Salomon
01:15:44 Lance Melton, MTSBA
01:15:56 Rep. Welborn left.
01:16:29 Rep. Salomon
01:16:42 Lance Melton, MTSBA
01:17:35 Rep. Wilmer
01:18:55 Sen. Zinke
01:19:06 Chairman Reichner
01:19:11 Lance Melton, MTSBA
01:19:21 Rep. Bennett left.
01:20:16 Rep. Wilmer
01:20:58 Lance Melton, MTSBA
01:21:31 Rep. Wilmer
01:21:56 Lance Melton, MTSBA
01:22:23 Chairman Reichner
01:22:29 Rep. McNiven
01:22:42 Gary Lusin
01:25:14 Rep. Hansen left.
01:25:24 Chairman Reichner
01:25:30 Rep. Bennett returned

Closing by Sponsor:

01:25:36 Sen. Zinke
01:28:23 Chairman Reichner
01:29:07 Rep. Welborn returned.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 280

01:29:46 Chairman Reichner
01:29:52 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 280 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:30:13 Rep. McClafferty
01:30:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Evans and Rep. Hansen voted by proxy. Rep. Salomon will carry the bill.
01:31:12 Chairman Reichner

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 355

01:31:43 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McClafferty moved that **SB 355 BE CONCURRED IN.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Evans and Rep. Hansen voted by proxy. Rep. Malek will carry the bill.

01:33:06 Chairman Reichner

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 66

01:33:30 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **SB 66 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:33:59 Rep. Malek

01:34:13 Dan Whyte, LSD

01:34:31 Chairman Reichner

01:34:33 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Hansen, Rep. Malek, Rep. McClafferty and Rep. Price voting aye. Rep. Evans and Rep. Hansen voted by proxy.

01:35:53 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Blasdel moved that **SB 66 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:36:19 Chairman Reichner

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 208

01:36:42 **Motion:** Rep. McClafferty moved that **SB 208 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:36:48 Rep. Reichner

01:36:57 Rep. Washburn

01:37:10 Chairman Reichner

01:37:12 Rep. Malek

01:37:35 Chairman Reichner

01:37:37 Rep. Bennett

01:37:49 Chairman Reichner

01:37:51 Rep. Bennett

01:38:27 Rep. Blyton

01:38:48 Chairman Reichner

01:38:56 Rep. Wilmer

01:39:40 Chairman Reichner

01:40:33 Rep. Wagner

01:41:01 Chairman Reichner

01:41:04 Dan Whyte, LSD

01:41:08 Rep. Wagner

01:41:21 Dan Whyte, LSD

01:41:31 Chairman Reichner

01:41:39 Rep. Wagner

01:41:51 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Blasdel, Rep. Blyton, Rep. McNiven, Rep. Wagner and Rep. Washburn voting no. Rep. Evans and Rep. Hansen voted by proxy. Rep. Malek will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:42:44

Marissa Stockton, Secretary

ms

Additional Exhibits:
[EXHIBIT\(edh65a10\)](#)

Additional Documents:

[EXHIBIT\(edh65aad.pdf\)](#)