

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Kris Hansen, on January 21, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kris Hansen, Chair (R)
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Clarena Brockie (D)
Rep. Douglas Coffin (D)
Rep. David Halvorson (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Sarah Laszloffy (R)
Rep. Jonathan McNiven (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Laura Sankey, Legislative Branch
Marissa Stockton, 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: HB 177, 1/11/2013; HB 176, 1/11/2013; HB 228 1/16/2013

00:18:35 Chair Hansen

HEARING ON HB 176

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:20 Rep. David Halvorson (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 176, Increase amount of oil and nat. gas prod. taxes retained by school district.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:23 Chair Hansen
00:21:39 Renee Rasmussen, Superintendent, Bainville School District
00:24:08 Rep. Greef arrived.
00:24:46 Dennis Nelson, Bainville School
00:25:08 Garth Harmon, Self
00:25:27 Dana Berwick, Bainville School Board
00:25:48 Mark Lambrecht, Montana Quality Educational Coalition (MQEC)
00:27:43 Scott Aspenlieder, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:29:36 Jim Standaert, Legislative Fiscal Division
[EXHIBIT\(edh12a01\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:49 Rep. Brockie
00:31:29 Renee Rasmussen
00:32:25 Rep. McClafferty arrived.
00:32:55 Rep. Brockie
00:33:11 Renee Rasmussen
00:34:04 Chair Hansen
00:34:09 Rep. McNiven
00:34:54 Jim Standaert, LFD
00:35:03 Rep. McNiven
00:35:09 Jim Standaert, LFD
00:36:39 Rep. McNiven
00:37:11 Jim Standaert, LFD
00:37:56 Chair Hansen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:08 Rep. Halvorson

00:38:44 Chair Hansen

HEARING ON HB 177

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:38:58 Rep. David Halvorson (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 177, Requiring school districts to budget 25% of total oil and nat. gas prod. taxes.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:40:38 Chair Hansen
00:40:46 Renee Rasmussen, Superintendent, Bainville Public School
00:42:46 Chair Hansen
00:42:52 Dennis Nelson, Bainville School
00:43:09 Garth Harmon, Self
00:43:56 Dana Berwick, Bainville School
00:44:15 Mark Lambrecht, MQEC
00:44:29 Scott Aspenlieder, Self

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

00:45:46 Jim Standaert, LFD
[EXHIBIT\(edh12a02\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(edh12a03\)](#)
00:52:05 Rep. Wilmer arrived.
00:53:50 Chair Hansen

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:58 Rep. Washburn
00:54:34 Jim Standaert, LFD
00:54:53 Rep. Washburn
00:55:41 Jim Standaert, LFD
00:56:11 Rep. McClafferty
00:56:25 Rep. Halvorson
00:57:48 Rep. McClafferty
00:57:55 Rep. Bennett arrived.
00:58:03 Rep. Halvorson
00:58:23 Rep. McNiven
00:59:56 Renee Rasmussen
01:02:24 Rep. McNiven
01:03:13 Renee Rasmussen
01:05:19 Rep. McNiven
01:05:50 Jim Standaert, LFD
01:06:22 Chair Hansen
01:06:26 Rep. Coffin
01:06:50 Rep. Halvorson
01:07:55 Rep. Coffin
01:08:34 Rep. Halvorson
01:11:19 Chair Hansen
01:11:26 Rep. Coffin
01:11:39 Rep. Halvorson
01:11:54 Rep. Salomon
01:12:52 Jim Standaert, LFD
01:13:27 Chair Hansen
01:13:34 Jim Standaert, LFD

[EXHIBIT\(edh12a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh12a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh12a06\)](#)

01:13:45 Chair Hansen
01:14:02 Jim Standaert, LFD
01:19:10 Rep. Salomon
01:19:30 Jim Standaert, LFD

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:58 Rep. Halvorson

HEARING ON HB 228**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:20:33 Rep. Lee Randall (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 228, Exempt certain schools from oil and gas tax allocations and limit provisions.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:21:52 Renee Rasmussen, Superintendent, Bainville Public School
01:24:08 Dennis Nelson, Bainville School
01:24:28 Dana Berwick, Bainville School
01:24:45 Mark Lambrecht, MQEC
01:24:58 Garth Harmon, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:25:30 Rep. Coffin
01:25:41 Rep. Randall
01:25:49 Chair Hansen
01:25:58 Rep. Salomon
01:26:13 Rep. Randall
01:26:22 Chair Hansen
01:26:27 Laura Sankey, LSD
01:26:47 Rep. Bennett
01:27:06 Rep. Randall
01:27:10 Rep. Bennett
01:27:25 Rep. Randall
01:27:41 Chair Hansen
01:27:47 Rep. Schreiner
01:28:15 Rep. Randall
01:28:52 Rep. Bennett
01:29:19 Renee Rasmussen
01:31:00 Rep. Halvorson
01:31:32 Rep. Randall
01:31:58 Rep. Halvorson
01:32:18 Rep. Randall
01:32:40 Chair Hansen

Closing by Sponsor:

01:32:45 Rep. Randall

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:34:07

Marissa Stockton, Secretary

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Additional Documents:
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