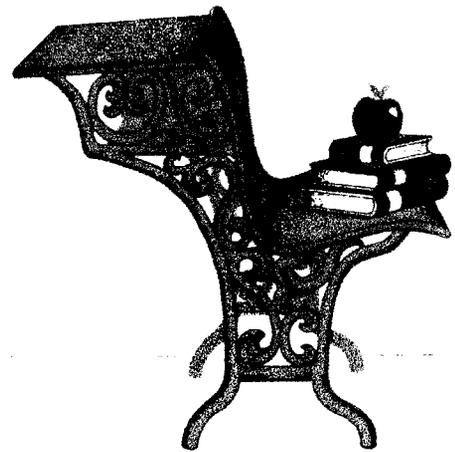


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LC 2005: A Bill for an Act entitled: “An Act providing for the actuarial funding of the Public employees’, sheriffs’, game wardens’ and peace officers’, and teachers’ retirement systems.....”

LC 2006: A Bill for an Act entitled: “An Act requiring the State Administration and Veterans’ Affairs interim committee to consider the fiscal soundness and equity of the state’s retirement systems,

Senator Tash and members of the Interim Committee:

My name is Charlotte Thomas. I’m the President of Montana Retired Educators’ Association and the Legislative Chair for the state organization.

On behalf of the retired teachers of Montana, I’d like to thank all of you for your time, expertise and guidance throughout this study to provide actuarial funding for the teachers’ retirement system. Ultimately, your direction will result in fiscal soundness and equity for the state’s retirement systems. Your decisions will enact feasible legislation to ensure a secure retirement for the teachers of your children - and all future retired educators. We soundly support the enactment of LC 2005 and LC 2006.

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