

Minutes: Senate Education

Tuesday, January 28, 2025 8:15 AM

Roll Call

Present: Sen. Marty, Sen. Nelson, Sen. Peterson (Sue), Sen. Sauder, Sen. Smith, Sen. Voight, and Sen. Schoenfish

**The meeting was called to order by Senator Schoenfish**

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>**

Moved by: Voight  
Second by: Nelson  
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

**SB 70 : modify the maximum sparsity benefit a sparse school district is eligible to receive.**

Presented by: Senator Sam Marty  
Proponents: Dr. George Shiplay, self, Bison (Handout(s) 1)  
Heath Larson, Associated School Boards of South Dakota, Pierre  
Mitch Richter, South Dakota United School Association, Milbank  
Opponents: Grant Judson, Bureau of Finance and Management

**MOTION: DO PASS SB 70**

Moved by: Marty  
Second by: Voight  
Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (6-1-0-0)

Voting Yes: Marty, Nelson, Peterson (Sue), Sauder, Smith, and Voight

Voting No: Schoenfish

**SB 71 : revise provisions pertaining to the compulsory age for school attendance.**

Presented by: Senator Michael Rohl  
Proponents: Don Haggard, Americans For Prosperity, Ballston, VA  
Opponents: Sandra Marie Waltman, South Dakota Education Association, Pierre  
Samuel J. Nelson, Sioux Falls School District, Sioux Falls  
Heath Larson, Associated School Boards of South Dakota, Pierre

**MOTION: AMEND SB 71**

71A

On page 2, line 5, of the Introduced bill, after "child" insert the comma  
On page 2, line 5, of the Introduced bill, delete " at least five years old" and insert " not younger than five or older than six"  
On page 2, line 6, of the Introduced bill, after "September," insert " or any child who, by the first day of September, is at least six years old,"

Moved by: Peterson (Sue)  
Second by: Smith  
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

**MOTION: AMEND THE PENDING AMENDMENT**

71B

On the previously adopted amendment (71A), On page 2, line 29, after "Corrections;" insert " or"

Moved by: Smith  
Second by: Nelson  
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

**MOTION: DO PASS SB 71 AS AMENDED**

Moved by: Peterson (Sue)  
Second by: Nelson  
Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (5-2-0-0)

Voting Yes: Marty, Nelson, Peterson (Sue), Voight, and Schoenfish

Voting No: Sauder and Smith

**MOTION: ADJOURN**

Moved by: Nelson  
Second by: Voight  
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

Jean Denton, Committee Secretary

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/s/ KYLE SCHOENFISH  
Kyle Schoenfish, Chair