

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Chase Hibbard, on January 13, 1997,
at 9:00 a.m., in Room 437.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Chase Hibbard, Chairman (R)
Rep. Robert R. Story, Jr., Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)
Rep. Robert R. "Bob" Ream, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)
Rep. Peggy Arnott (R)
Rep. Paul Bankhead (R)
Rep. John C. Bohlinger (R)
Rep. Bill Carey (D)
Rep. Alvin A. Ellis, Jr. (R)
Rep. Marian W. Hanson (R)
Rep. Hal Harper (D)
Rep. Rick Jore (R)
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)
Rep. Bob Raney (D)
Rep. John "Sam" Rose (R)
Rep. William M. "Bill" Ryan (D)
Rep. Richard D. Simpkins (R)
Rep. Emily Swanson (D)
Rep. Lila V. Taylor (R)
Rep. Jack Wells (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Dan W. Harrington (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Services Division
Donna Grace, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 87 (1/8/97)
HB 88 (1/8/97)
Executive Action: HB 87 - Do Pass
HB 88 - Do Pass

The first portion of the meeting consisted of a presentation by the Department of Natural Resources on the Resource Indemnity Trust Fund for Committee Member education.

Bud Clinch, Director, Department of Natural Resources, introduced department personnel. *{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.}*

Ray Peck, Administrator, Conservation Resource Division discussed RIGWA tax policy. Exhibit 1. *{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.5.}*

Questions from Committee Members. *{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.6.}*

John Tubbs, Chief, Resource Development Bureau, explained the allocation of RIT proceeds and interest. *{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.4.}*

Mr. Tubbs responded to questions from the Committee and explained the reason for the deficit in the Renewable Resources account. *{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.1.}*

Mr. Tubbs reviewed expenditures from the account and responded to questions. *{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 19.0.}*

Mr. Tubbs reviewed the Coal Severance Tax allocations and expenditures. Exhibit 2. *{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.5.}*

Committee discussed allocation of funds in the Program Funding Account. *{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.5.}*

HEARING ON HB 87

Sponsor: Rep. Marian Hanson, House District 1. *{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.5.}*

Proponents:

Mary Whittinghill, Property Assessment Division, DOR.
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 16.5.}

Opponents:

None.

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Hanson closed. *{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 18.0.}*

HEARING ON HB 88

Sponsor: Rep. Marian Hanson, House District 1.

Proponents Testimony:

Randy Wilke, Property Assessment Division, DOR. {Tape: 2;
Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 19.7.}

John Shontz, Montana Association of Realtors, Helena.
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21.6.}

Opponents Testimony:

None.

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Hanson closed. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count:
22.2.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 87

Motion/Vote: Rep. Harper moved that HB 87 do pass. On a voice
vote the motion passed, 19 - 0. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time
Count: 22.7.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 88

Motion/Vote: Rep. Ream moved that HB 88 do pass. On a voice
vote the motion passed, 19 - 0. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time
Count: 23.6.}

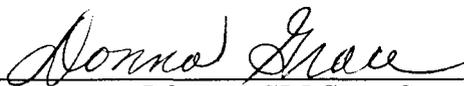
Adjourn. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 25.0.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:55 a.m.



REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman



DONNA GRACE, Secretary

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