

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT MEETING OF HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Senator Gerry Devlin, Chairman, Senate Taxation Committee, on January 16, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 437.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gerry Devlin, Chairman (R)
Sen. Bob DePratu (R)
Sen. Dorothy Eck, (D)
Sen. Bill Glaser (R)

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. Dan W. Harrington (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:

Sen. Mack Cole (R)
Sen. Mike Sprague (R)
Sen. Fred Van Valkenburg (D)
Sen. Mike Foster, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Spook Stang (D)

Members Absent:

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

Committee Business Summary:

The purpose of the meeting was to hear a presentation by the Department of Revenue relative to recommendations made by the Council on Agricultural Land Reappraisal.

Senator Devlin opened the meeting.

Randy Wilke, Appraisal/Assessment Bureau Chief, DOR. Exhibit 1. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .1.}

Les Saisbury, DOR. Refer to Exhibit 1, January 7, 1997, pages 97 - 102). {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.9.}

Tim Gill, Montana Livestock Ag Credit, Member of Advisory Council. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.9.}

Questions from Taxation Committee members with responses by Tim Gill and Dr. Myles Watt. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 34.1.}

Rep. Sam Rose, Member of Advisory Council. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 23.2.}

Nancy Espy, Member of Advisory Council. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 27.0.}

Sen. Linda Nelson, Member of Advisory Council. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 32.7.}

Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Assn., and Member of Advisory Council. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 35.0.}

Questions from Taxation Committees with responses from Randy Wilke, DOR, and Judy Paynter, DOR, relative to phase in of tax increases. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 37.1.}

Questions from interested persons. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.2.}

George Paul, Montana Farmers' Union. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.7.}

Closing statements by Tim Gill and other Council Members. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.7.}

Dr. Myles Watts, Montana State University, Ag Economics Department, statement on the basic system and possible changes. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 18.6.}

Curt Lund, Statistician, Agricultural Reporting Service, Exhibit 2 {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.4.}

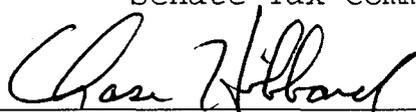
Adjourn. *{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 31.6.}*

ADJOURNMENT

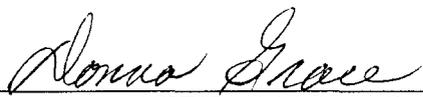
Adjournment: 12:05



SEN. GERRY DEVLIN, Chairman
Senate Tax Committee



REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman
House Tax Committee



DONNA GRACE, Secretary

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