

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Vice Chairman Robert Story, on January 21, 1997, at 8:00 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. 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: None.

Members Absent: None.

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 70 (1/13/97)
HB 237 (1/14/97)

Executive Action: HB 70 - Do Pass
HB 237 - Do Pass
HB 107 - Do Pass as Amended
HB 158 - Table (at sponsor's
request)

HEARING ON HB 70Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Chase Hibbard, House District 54, opened the hearing on HB 70. Exhibit 1. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.6.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Pat Melby, Attorney, Montana Ski Areas Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.1.}

Terry Abelin, Manager, Bridger Bowl; Montana Ski Area Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 12.0.}

Kevin Taylor, Great Divide Ski Area. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 13.4.}

Tim Prother, Red Lodge Mountain. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.7.}

George Willett, Showdown Ski Area. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.9.}

Ken Hoovestall, Montana Snowmobile Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.1.}

Rep. Bob Ream, House District 69, sponsor of original legislation. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.6.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.6.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Hibbard closed the hearing. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26.2.}

Without objection, at this point in the meeting, Sen. Mike Foster was given the opportunity to speak as a proponent of HB 70.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 29.7.}

HEARING ON HB 237Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Sam Rose, House District 87, Teton County, opened the hearing on HB 237, a bill to establish district court filing fees for appeals from courts of limited jurisdiction. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 32.7.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Mary Phippen, Montana Association of Clerks of District Court. Exhibit 2. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 34.9.}

Emile Kimmet, Teton County Clerk of Court. Exhibit 3. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 38.2.}

Dena Tippets, Hill County Clerk of Court. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 40.1.}

Lori Maloney, Butte-Silver Bow Clerk of Court. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 40.5.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 42.4; Comments: Questions from Committee continued on Tape 1, Side B.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Rose closed the hearing. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 19.5.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 70Motion:

Rep. Harper moved Do Pass on HB 70. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21.0.}

Vote:

On a voice vote, the motion passed 18 - 1. Rep. Arnott voted no. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 39.0.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 237

Motion:

Rep. Ream moved HB 237 Do Pass. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 40.0.}

Amendments:

Rep. Ryan proposed an amendment to reduce the fee. Rep. Ream moved the amendment do pass. The amendment failed 13 - 6. Reps. Carey, Harper, Raney, Ream, Ryan and Swanson voting yes. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.7.}

Vote:

On a roll call vote, the motion passed 13 - 6. Reps. Arnott, Jore, Orr, Raney, Taylor and Wells voting no. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.4.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 158

Motion:

At the request of the sponsor, Rep. Beverly Barnhart, Rep. Harper moved to table HB 158. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.2.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 107

Amendments:

Mr. Heiman explained the amendment. Exhibit 4. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.7.}

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Harper moved the amendment Do Pass. On a voice vote, the motion passed 19 - 0. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26.0.}

MOTION/VOTE:

Rep. Arnott moved that HB 107 as amended Do Pass. On a voice vote the motion passed 17 - 2. Rep. Orr and Rep. Jore voting no. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 33.2.}

Judy Paynter, Assistant Director of Revenue, provided further information on reappraisal. Exhibit 5.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:10 a.m.



REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman



DONNA GRACE, Secretary

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