

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Chase Hibbard, on January 23, 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. Emily Swanson (D)
Rep. Lila V. Taylor (R)
Rep. Jack Wells (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Richard D. Simpkins (R)

Members Absent: None.

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 87 (1/20)
HB 277 (1/17)
Executive Action: HB 87 - Do Pass
HB 171 - Do Pass as Amended

HEARING ON HB 87Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Marian Hanson, House District 87, opened the hearing on HB 87 (second reading copy). The bill was returned to the Committee for further clarification. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.6; Comments: .}

Proponents' Testimony:

Mary Whittinghill, Department of Revenue. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.6; Comments: .}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.3; Comments: .}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Hanson closed. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 33.0; Comments: .}

HEARING ON HB 277Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Bob Pavlovich, House District 37, Butte, opened the hearing on HB 277, a bill to set a \$60 fee for certain probate case appearances. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 33.7; Comments: .}

Proponents' Testimony:

Mary Phippen, Montana Association of Clerks of District Courts. Exhibit 1. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 35.2; Comments: .}

Lori Maloney, Montana Association of Clerks of District Courts. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 36.3; Comments: .}

Nancy Sweeney, District Court Clerk, Lewis and Clark County. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 40.3; Comments: .}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

Patrick A. Chenovick, Montana Supreme Court Administrator.
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 42.6; Comments: .}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 43.4; Comments: Questions continued on Tape 1B.}

In response to a question from the Committee, Mr. Chenovick explained District Court funding. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 16.7; Comments: .}

The Committee discussed holding all bills dealing with District Court funding and made a decision to hold all for consideration at the same time. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 33.0; Comments: .}

Questions continued. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 35.1; Comments: .}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Pavlovich closed. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 35.5; Comments: .}

A sub-committee consisting of Rep. Rose, Chairman, Rep. Arnott and Rep. Harper was named to take under consideration the bills pertaining to District Court funding. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 36.7; Comments: .}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 87Motion:

Rep. Hanson moved HB 87 Do Pass. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 38.1; Comments: .}

Amendment:

Rep. Jore proposed an amendment to the bill. On a voice vote, the motion failed, 14 - 5, with Orr, Arnott, Wells, Jore and Bankhead voting yes. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 41.6; Comments: .}

Vote:

On a voice vote, the Do Pass motion on HB 87 passed, 19 - 0.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 171

Motion:

Rep. Ryan moved HB 171 Do Pass. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.9; Comments: .}

Amendment:

Rep. Raney proposed an amendment. Exhibit 2. The amendment passed 19 - 0. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.1; Comments: .}

Motion/Vote:

On a voice vote, the Do Pass As Amended motion passed, 19 - 0. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.6; Comments: .}

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.2; Comments: Adjourn.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:55 a.m.



REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman



DONNA GRACE, Secretary

CH/DG