

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Chase Hibbard, on January 31, 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 295 - 1/21/97
HB 384 - 1/28/97
HB 348 - 1/27/97

Executive Action: HB 348 - Do Pass
HB 308 - Adopted Amendments

HEARING ON HB 295Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Bob Raney, House District 26, opened the hearing on HB 295, a bill to revise the allocation of the bed tax for tourism promotion and infrastructure. EXHIBITS 1, 2, AND 3. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.1.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Alec Hanson, League of Cities and Towns. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.4.}

James Kembel, City of Billings. EXHIBIT 4. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 35.7.}

Tim Magee, Budget Director, City of Great Falls. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 37.1.}

Tim Bergstrom, resident of Billings, and member of the Billings Fire Department. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 38.4.}

Don Judge, AFL-CIO. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 41.4.}

Melissa Case. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.4.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Peter Blouke, Department of Commerce. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.9.}

Lisa Perry, Governor's Tourism Advisory Committee. EXHIBIT 5. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.5.}

Keith Colbo, Montana Tourism Coalition. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 9.1.}

Ken Hoovestol, Montana Snowmobile Association. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 12.1.}

Dan Dubaniewicz, President, Billings Hotel Motel Association. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.5.}

Carl Kochman, Great Falls, Tourism Advisory Committee. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 14.4.}

Wyman J. McDonald, Office of Indian Affairs. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 16.1.}

Greg Bryan, Montana Innkeepers Association. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 18.1.}

Rep. Sheill Anderson, House District 25. {Tape: 1; Side: B;
Approx. Time Count: 22.6.}

David Owen, Montana Chamber of Commerce. {Tape: 1; Side: B;
Approx. Time Count: 25.3.}

Nancy Hines, Advertising Agency, Billings. {Tape: 1; Side: B;
Approx. Time Count: 27.7.}

John Brewer, Billings Chamber of Commerce. {Tape: 1; Side: B;
Approx. Time Count: 30.0.}

Patty Kiderlan, Livingston Chamber of Commerce. EXHIBIT 6.
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 32.7.}

Brenda Peterson, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce Visitors'
Bureau. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 35.6.}

Pat Anderson, President, Montana Bed and Breakfast Association.
EXHIBIT 7. {Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 37.5.}

Candace Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm Economics. {Tape: 1;
Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 39.8.}

Matthew Cohn, Manager, Travel Montana. EXHIBIT 8. {Tape: 1;
Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 39.8.}

David Smith, Executive Director, Bozeman Chamber of Commerce.
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.2.}

Kathy Brown, Holiday Inn, Billings. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx.
Time Count: 3.7.}

Ted Flynn, Townsend. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count:
4.6.}

Riley Johnson, Montana Broadcasters Association. {Tape: 2; Side:
A; Approx. Time Count: 6.4.}

Mo Wosepka, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce. EXHIBIT 9. {Tape: 2;
Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.5.}

John Porterfield, Polar Bear Products/Exploring MT TV. {Tape: 2;
Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.2.}

Informational Testimony:

Bob Fraser, Montana State University Institute for Tourism and
Recreation, EXHIBIT 10. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count:
9.2.}

Mona Jamison, National Historic Preservation Trust. {Tape: 2;
Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.3.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.9; Comments: Questions continues on Tape 2B.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Raney closed. *{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 15.5.}*

HEARING ON HB 348

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Dan Harrington, House District 38 opened the hearing on HB 348, a bill to revise the property value information required to be submitted annually to the Secretary of State. *{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 30.0.}*

Proponents' Testimony:

Angela Fultz, Chief Deputy, Secretary of State's Office. *{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 32.0.}*

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 33.8.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Harrington closed the hearing. *{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 37.1.}*

HEARING ON HB 384

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Alvin Ellis, House District 23, opened the hearing. HB 384 would exempt a family business, farm or ranch from inheritance taxes. *{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 38.0.}*

Proponents' Testimony:

Lorna Frank-Karn, Montana Farm Bureau. *{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.3.}*

Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business.
{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.8.}

Quinn Holzer, Montana Stock and Wool Growers. {Tape: 3; Side: A;
Approx. Time Count: 2.7.}

Montana Graingrowers. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count:
3.2.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.9.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Ellis closed. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26.4.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 348

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Rose moved that HB 348 do pass. On a voice vote, the motion
passed 19 - 0. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.0.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 308

Motion:

A motion was made that the amendments to HB 308 be adopted.
EXHIBIT 11. The motion passed 19 - 0. {Tape: 3; Side: A;
Approx. Time Count: 30.8.}

Further action on the bill was postponed.

EXHIBIT 12. Additional information which was presented to be
added to the record on HB 295 by the Travel Montana Division at
the close of the meeting.

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 34.6; Comments: Adjourn.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:45 a.m.



REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman



DONNA GRACE, Secretary

CH/DG