

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Vice Chairman Robert Story, on February 6, 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: SB 151
HB 393
HB 417

Executive Action: HB 311 - Do Pass
SB 100 - Concur

(NOTE: Tape 1 A was recorded at a speed of 2.4; side 1 B was not used.)

HEARING ON SB 151

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Ken Miller, Senate District 11, opened the hearing on SB 151, a bill to provide an income tax deduction for health and long-term insurance premiums. EXHIBIT 1. {Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 1.9.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Verner Bertelson, Senior Citizens' Association. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.2.}

Laurie Koutnik, Montana Christian Coalition. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.0.}

Riley Johnson, National Independent Business Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.0.}

Tom Hopgood, Health Insurance Association of America. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.8.}

Tanya Ask, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.7.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 12.9.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Sen. Miller closed.

HEARING ON HB 417

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. John Ellingson, House District 65, opened the hearing on HB 417 which would allow a full deduction for child care services. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.0.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Don Judge, AFL-CIO. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 31.6.}

Mary Alice Cook, Children and Families. {Tape: 1; Side: A;
Approx. Time Count: 34.8.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 35.9.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Ellingson closed.

HEARING ON HB 393

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. William Boharski, House District 79, opened the hearing on HB 393. The bill would provide that a majority of qualified electors would be necessary to approve bond issues and levies rather than a majority of those voting. EXHIBIT 2. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.1.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Arlette Randash, Eagle Forum. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.3.}

Laurie Koutnik, Montana Christian Coalition. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.8.}

Montana Association of Realtors. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.0.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Eric Feaver, MEA, American Federation of Teachers. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.6.}

Gordon Morris, Montana Association of Counties. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.2.}

Alec Hanson, League of Cities and Towns. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.3.}

Lance Melton, Montana School Boards' Association. **EXHIBIT 3.**
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.1.}

Don Judge, AFL-CIO. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count:
25.1.}

Gary Felstad, Rosebud County Commissioner. {Tape: 2; Side: A;
Approx. Time Count: 28.0.}

Madelyn Quinlan, Office of the Superintendent of Public
Instruction. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 29.7.}

Larry Fasbender, Great Falls Public Schools, Cascade County.
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 32.6.}

Lynda Brannon, Montana Association of School Business Officers.
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 34.1.}

Tim Burton, Administrative Officer, Lewis and Clark County.
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 35.6.}

Skip Smith, private citizen. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time
Count: 36.0.}

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 38.6; Comments: Questions
continued on Tape 2B.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Boharski closed the hearing. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx.
Time Count: 35.5.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 311

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Orr moved do pass on HB 311. On a voice vote, the motion
passed 19 - 0. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.8.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 130

Motion:

Rep. Ryan moved that SB 130 be concurred in. {Tape: 3; Side: A;
Approx. Time Count: 6.3.}

Motion:

Rep. Harper moved the amendments dated January 28. **EXHIBIT 4.**
On a voice vote, the motion passed 19 - 0. {Tape: 3; Side: A;
Approx. Time Count: 6.6.}

Motion:

Rep. Jore moved an amendment. **EXHIBIT 5.** Further consideration
of SB 130 was postponed. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count:
22.0.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 100

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Ream moved that SB 100 be concurred in. On a voice vote,
the motion passed 19 - 0. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count:
23.4.}

Rep. Ream addressed issues arising during the hearing on HB 393.
{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.4.}

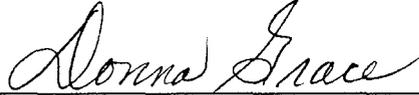
{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 30.4; Comments: Adjourn.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00 a.m.



REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman



DONNA GRACE, Secretary

CH/DG