

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Vice Chairman Bob Story, on February 14, 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 434 (2/5)
HB 433 (2/6)
HB 471 (2/6)

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 434

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Chase Hibbard, House District 54, opened the hearing on HB 434, to establish a tax credit for planned gifts by individuals, corporations and estates. EXHIBIT 1. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.0.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Steve Browning, Governor's Task Force on Endowed Philanthropy. EXHIBIT 2. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.9.}

Sue Talbot, Member of Governor's Task Force. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.1.}

Mick Robinson, representing Governor Racicot. EXHIBIT 3. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.0.}

Russ Ritter, Washington Foundation and Member, Governor's Task Force. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.2.}

Rep. Alvin Ellis, House District 23, representing the Boys and Girls Club of Red Lodge. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.6.}

Keith Colbo, Deaconess Foundation. EXHIBIT 4. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26.9.}

Jim Soft, Yellowstone Foundation and Member, Governor's Task Force. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.0.}

Sherry Burns, Member, Governor's Task Force. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 36.0.}

Alan Kahn, Member, Governor's Task Force. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 36.0.}

Sidney Armstrong, Montana Community Foundation. EXHIBIT 5. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 39.4.}

Joy McGrath, Montana Shares. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 43.5.}

Ralph Yeager, Orion Corporation. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.1.}

Greg Groepper, Energy Share. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1.0.}

Clark Pyfer, Advisor to the Governor's Task Force. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.1.}

Peter Sullivan, Western Montana Catholic Foundation. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 5.8.}

Sharon Hoff, Executive Director, Montana Catholic Conference. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 7.0.}

Tom Harrison, Montana Association of CPA's. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 8.0.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 9.0.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Hibbard closed the hearing. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 24.7.}

HEARING ON HB 433

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Allan Walters, House District 60, opened the hearing on a bill that would provide a tax credit for educational expense. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 31.9.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Rep. Bill Boharski, House District 79. EXHIBIT 6. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 34.4; Comments: Rep. Boharski's testimony is continued on Tape 2 A.}

Joe Balyeat, Montanans for Better Government. EXHIBIT 7. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.0.}

Laurie Koutnik, Montana Christian Coalition. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.5.}

Verdell Jackson, retired educator. EXHIBIT 8. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.3.}

Joanne Shearer, parent. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 39.0.}

Meaghan Wilson, Freshman Class, Rocky Mountain Christian High School. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 42.5.}

Cody Frisch, Rocky Mountain Christian High School. {Tape: 2;
Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 44.0.}

Ron Schearer, Rocky Mountain Christian High School. {Tape: 2;
Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.1.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Mary Moe. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.3.}

Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association. EXHIBIT 9. {Tape:
2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.4.}

Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association. EXHIBIT 10.
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 10.9.}

Allan Lanning, American Civil Liberties Union. {Tape: 2; Side:
B; Approx. Time Count: 19.4.}

Madelyn Quinlan, Office of the Superintendent of Public
Instruction. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 24.7.}

Everett Lynn, retired. EXHIBIT 11. Mr. Lynn also presented
testimony on behalf of Lawrence G. Allen. EXHIBIT 12. {Tape: 2;
Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 31.6; Comments: Mr. Lynn's testimony
continued on Tape 3A.}

Terry Minow, Montana Federation of Teachers. {Tape: 3; Side: A;
Approx. Time Count: 1.9.}

Loren Fraser, School Administrator. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx.
Time Count: 3.1.}

Informational Testimony:

Sharon Hoff, Montana Catholic Conference. {Tape: 3; Side: A;
Approx. Time Count: 4.9.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.7.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Walters closed the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 471

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Kim Gillan, House District 11, presented the bill which
would provide for a class 8 property tax exemption to support

business development. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.8.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Dennis Burr, Montana Taxpayers Association. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.6.}

Jerry Driscoll, representing himself. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 31.3.}

Chris Callison. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 31.8.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 32.9.}

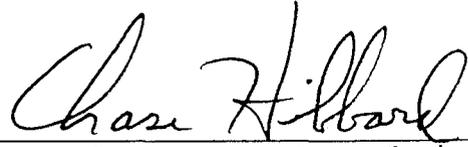
Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Gillan closed. EXHIBIT 13. {Tape: 3; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 35.8.}

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 36.3; Comments: Adjourn.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:45 a.m.



REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman



DONNA GRACE, Secretary

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