

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Chase Hibbard, on February 17, 1997,
at 9:00 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 134 (2/5)
HB 480 (2/10)
HB 497 (2/10)
HB 516 (2/14)

Executive Action: SB 134 - Concur
HB 480 - Do Pass
HB 516 - Do Pass (Not passed
out of Committee)
HB 446 - Table
HB 63 - Do Not Pass (Held in
Committee)
HB 476 - Table

HEARING ON SB 134

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Linda Nelson opened the hearing on SB 134, a bill which would allow a vote for a hospital district to levy 3 mills (out of I-105). {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.6.}

Proponents' Testimony:

None.

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.0.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Sen. Nelson closed. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.7.}

HEARING ON HB 497

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Hal Harper, House District 52, opened the hearing on HB 497. The bill would revise natural areas laws by transferring a portion of the bed tax to the natural areas account. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.3.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society. EXHIBIT 1. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.4.}

Jim Richard, Montana Wildlife Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.2.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Don Allen, Montana Wood Products Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.3.}

Keith Colbo, Montana tourist Coalition. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.8.}

Riley Johnson, Air Transport Association of America. **EXHIBIT 2.**
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 30.1.}

Greg Bryan, MIKA. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 32.4.}

John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrowers. {Tape: 1; Side: A;
Approx. Time Count: 34.4.}

Rep. Alvin Ellis, House District 23. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx.
Time Count: 36.6.}

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 36.9; Comments: Questions
are continued on Tape 1 B.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Harper closed. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count:
26.0.}

HEARING ON HB 516

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Bob Keenan, House District 75, opened the hearing on HB 516,
which was brought at the request of the County Treasurers. The
bill would revise property tax payment methodology. {Tape: 1;
Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 30.5.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Cort Harrington, on behalf of the County Treasurers. {Tape: 1;
Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 31.8.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 34.6.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Keenan closed the hearing. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 35.0.}

HEARING ON HB 480

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Duane Grimes, House District 39, opened the hearing. HB 480 would allow an income tax deduction for inorganic fertilizer produces as a byproduct. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 29.0.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Richard Dale, Golden Sunlight Mine. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 32.0.}

Angela Janacero, Montana Mining Association. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 36.0.}

Joe Scheeler, Ash Grove Cement. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 40.2.}

Troy Smith, Golden Sunlight Mine. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.2.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.5.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Grimes closed. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.4.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 134

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Ream moved that SB 134 be concurred in. On a voice vote, the motion passed 17 - 3, with Reps. Arnott, Wells and Jore voting no. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.3.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 480Motion/Vote:

Rep. Ellis moved that HB 480 do pass. On a roll call vote, the motion passed 17 - 3 with Reps. Harper, Raney and Ream voting no. *{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.5.}*

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 516Motion/Vote:

Rep. Hanson moved that HB 516 do pass. On a voice vote, the motion passed 19 - 1, with Rep. Arnott voting no. *{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 39.0.}*

Motion/Vote:

Following discussion, Rep. Carey moved to reconsider the action on HB 516. On a show of hands, the motion failed on a tie vote, 10 - 10. *{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.9.}*

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 446Motion/Vote:

Rep. Harper moved that HB 446 do pass. On a roll call vote, the motion failed 15 - 5, with Reps. ryan, Carey, Harrington, Harper and Ream voting yes. *{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.2.}*

Rep. Ellis moved to table HB 446 by reversing the vote on the previous motion. The motion passed, 15 - 5. *{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 11.3.}*

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 63Motion/Vote:

Rep. Harrington moved to amend HB 63. The motion passed 18 - 2, with Reps. Ellis and Bankhead voting no. *{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.2.}*

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Harrington moved hat HB 63 as amended do pass. The motion failed 12 - 8, with Reps. Ryan, Carey, Harrington, Bohlinger, Swanson, Taylor, Harper and Ream voting yes. *{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 32.7.}*

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Raney moved to amend HB 63. **EXHIBIT 3.** On a roll call vote, the motion passed 17 - 3 with Reps. Orr, Arnott and Jore voting no. *{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 33.4.}*

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 476

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Ellis moved that HB 476 do pass. On a roll call vote, the motion failed 11 - 9, with Reps. Carey, Harrington, Ellis, Bohlinger, Swanson, Harper, Raney, Ream and Hibbard voting yes. *{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.4.}*

Motion\Vote:

Rep. Rose moved to table HB 476. The motion passed 20 - 0.

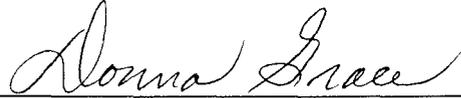
{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.6; Comments: Adjourn.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:20 p.m.



REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman



DONNA GRACE, Secretary

CH/DG