

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Chase Hibbard, on February 18, 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 503 (2/11)
HB 465 (2/6)
HB 434 (2/5)

Executive Action: HB 434 - Do Pass as Amended
HB 433 - Table

HEARING ON HB 503Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Bill Carey, House District 67, opened the hearing on HB 503, a bill which would provide for a single payer health plan for Montana. EXHIBIT 1. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.0.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Dick Pattison, President, Montana Senior Citizen's Association. EXHIBIT 2. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.0.}

Doug Campbell, Member, Montana Senior Citizen's Association. EXHIBIT 3. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.0.}

Madelyn Cameron, Great Falls Senior Citizens. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.8.}

Tom Biladeau, Montana Education Association and Montana Federation of Teachers. EXHIBIT 4. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26.5.}

Verner Bertelson, Senior Citizen. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 33.5.}

Gene Hunter, Great Falls Senior Citizens. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 36.1.}

Elmer Fauth, Great Falls Senior Citizens. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 36.8.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Larry Ellison, Business Owner. EXHIBIT 5. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 39.0.}

Jerome Anderson, Shell Western, Inc., The Tobacco Institute. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 41.4.}

Tom Hopgood, Health Insurance Industry of Montana. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.1.}

Riley Johnson, National Association of Independent Business. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.6.}

Mark Staples, representing a broad spectrum of Montana citizens. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 4.0.}

Doug Abelin, citizen. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.0.}

Anita Bennett, Montana Logging Association. **EXHIBIT 6.** {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 7.0.}

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 8.2; Comments: Questions continued on Tape 2 A.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Carey closed. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.9.}

HEARING ON HB 465

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. "Red" Menahan, House District 57, opened the hearing on HB 465, a bill to increase the rate; allocations; and provide a deductibility of the "bed tax." {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.0.}

Proponents' Testimony:

None.

Opponents' Testimony:

Keith Colbo, Montana Tourism Coalition. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.1.}

Riley Johnson, Air Transport Association. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.1.}

Stuart Doggett, Montana Innkeepers Assoc. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.8.}

Informational Testimony:

Norma Nickerson, Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research. **EXHIBIT 7.** {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 18.5.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 19.2; Comments: Questions continued on Tape 2 B.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Menahan closed the hearing. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 16.4.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 434Motion/Vote:

Rep. Hibbard moved the amendments to HB 434. **EXHIBIT 8.** {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.5.} On a voice vote, the motion passed 19 - 0.

Motion\Vote:

Rep. Hibbard moved that HB 434 as amended do pass. On a roll call vote, the motion passed 13 - 7, with Reps. Orr, Arnott, Wells, Jore, Simpkins, Bankhead and Raney voting no. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 32.0.}

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.0; Comments: This side of the tape was not used.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 433Motion/Vote:

Rep. Arnott moved the amendments of HB 433 be adopted. On a voice vote the motion passed 18 - 0. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.3.}

Motion\Vote:

Rep. Ellis moved that HB 433 as amended do pass. On a roll call vote, the motion failed, 13 - 7, with Reps. Orr, Arnott, Wells, Ellis, Jore, Simpkins and Bankhead voting yes. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.5.}

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Ellis moved to table HB 433. On a voice vote, the motion passed (reverse the vote).

Tape 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.5; Comments: Adjourn.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:45 a.m.



REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman



DONNA GRACE, Secretary

CH/DG