

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Chase Hibbard, on February 20, 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 537 (2/17)
SB 195 (2/10)

Executive Action: HB 561 - Do Pass as Amended
HB 536 - Do Pass as Amended

HEARING ON SB 195Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. John Harp, Senate District 42, opened the hearing on SB 195, a bill which would delay the current property reappraisal.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.7.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Al Kington, Montana Tree Farm System. EXHIBIT 1. *{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.7.}*

Mick Robinson, Governor's Office. *{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.3.}*

Dennis Burr, Montana Taxpayers Association. *{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.8.}*

Andy Skinner, citizen. EXHIBIT 2. *{Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 27.2.}*

Dean Randash, property owner. EXHIBIT 3. *{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 30.4.}*

David Owen, Montana Chamber of Commerce. *{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 33.6.}*

Riley Johnson, Association of Independent Business. *{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 34.5.}*

John Baucus, Montana Woolgrowers. *{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 35.7.}*

Jim Peterson, Montana Stockgrowers. *{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 39.7.}*

John Schontz, Montana Realtors Association. *{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 42.2.}*

Don Allen, Montana Wood Products. *{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.1.}*

Ronda Carpenter, Montana Housing Providers. *{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.1.}*

Roger Hagan, homeowner. *{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.6.}*

Rep. John Mercer, House District 74, Speaker of the House. *{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.6.}*

Opponents' Testimony:

Charles Brooks, representing Billings Chamber of Commerce and Yellowstone County Commissioners. **EXHIBIT 4a AND 4b.** Mr. Brooks also presented a statement from Mike Mathew, Yellowstone County Commissioner. **EXHIBIT 5.** {Tape: 1; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 9.6.}

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 15.5; Comments: Questions continued on Tape 2 A.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Senator Harp closed. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.2.}

HEARING ON HB 537Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Marian Hanson, House District 1, opened the hearing on HB 537. The bill provides for distribution of oil and gas taxes to municipalities based on increased production. **EXHIBIT 6 and 7.** {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 32.7.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Alec Hanson, League of Cities and Towns. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 35.7.}

Kevin Dukart, City of Baker. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 41.3.}

Randy Ketterling, Chief of Police, Baker. {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 43.0.}

Don Rieger, Fallon County Commissioner. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.7.}

Carter Christiansen, resident, Fallon County. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.0.}

Tom Daubert, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties. **EXHIBIT 8.** {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.3.}

Gloria Pladichuk, Richland Development. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 7.2.}

Gordon Morris, Montana Association of Counties. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 12.1.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

Don Hoffman, Department of Revenue. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.4.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 14.8.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Hanson closed.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 561

Motion:

Rep. Harper moved the amendments to HB 561 do pass. EXHIBIT 9. On a voice vote, the motion passed 20 - 0. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 39.3.}

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Harper moved that HB 561 do pass as amended. On a voice vote, the motion passed 18 - 2, with Reps. Jore and Arnott voting no. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.7.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 536

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Bohlinger moved the amendments to HB 536. EXHIBIT 10. On a voice vote, the motion passed 18 - 1. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.3.}

Motion\Vote:

Rep. Bohlinger moved that HB 536 as amended do pass. On a roll call vote, the motion passed, 15 - 5, with Reps. Orr, Wells, Jore, Simpkins and Bankhead voting no. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.4; Comments: Discussion on the motion and the vote are continued on Tape 3 B.}

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 7.1; Comments: Adjourn.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00 Noon



REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman



DONNA GRACE, Secretary

CH/DG