

HEARING ON SB 184

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Mike Foster, Senate District 20, opened the hearing on SB 184, a bill to allow an individual income tax credit for dependent care services. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.2.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Laurie Koutnik, Executive Director, Montana Christian Coalition. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.0.}

Verner Bertelson, Montana Senior Citizens. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.3.}

Irene Thuerer, AARP. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.9.}

Steve Yeakle, Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.1.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.9.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Senator Foster closed the hearing. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.6.}

HEARING ON SB 184

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Mike Foster, Senate District 20, opened the hearing on SB 184, a bill which would expand the \$800 elderly interest income exclusion to include dividend income. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.0.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Dennis Burr, Montana Taxpayers Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.4.}

Verner Bertelson, Montana Senior Citizens. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.3.}

Karin David, H and R Block, Helena. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.6.}

Irene Theuerer, AARP. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26.2.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26.9.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Sen. Foster closed the hearing. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 32.8.}

HEARING ON HB 596

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Bill Wiseman, House District 41, opened the hearing on HB 596, a bill which would exempt common trust funds from corporation license tax. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 35.0.}

Proponents' Testimony:

David Denney, Trust Corporation. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 37.6.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 39.6; Comments: Questions continued on Tape 1B.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Wiseman closed the hearing. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.1.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 424**Motion:**

Rep. Jore moved that HB 424 do pass. EXHIBIT 1. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.5.}

Discussion:

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

Discussion included a straw poll to determine the Committee's interest. Discussion continued.

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Arnott proposed a conceptual amendment to phase in over eight years beginning December 31, 1997. The motion failed 11 - 9, with Reps. Orr, Ryan, Arnott, Wells, Jore, Bankhead, Bohlinger, Hanson and Raney voting yes. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 32.1.}

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Jore moved to table HB 424. The motion passed 12 - 8, with Reps. Orr, Arnott, Wells, Jore, Bankhead, Bohlinger, Hanson and Raney voting no. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 34.8.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 184**Motion:**

Rep. Story moved that SB 184 be concurred in. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 35.6.}

Discussion:

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 37.0.}

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Harper moved to remove the contingent voidness clause from the bill. The motion passed 18 - 2, with Rep. Harrington and Ream voting no. EXHIBIT 2. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 40.1.}

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Arnott moved to delay the effective date to December 31, 1998. The motion failed on a tie vote 10 - 10 with Reps. Story, Carey, Rose, Harrington, Simpkins, Swanson, Harper, Raney, Ream and Hibbard voting no. *{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.5.}*

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Story moved to concur as amended. The motion passed 11 - 9, with Reps. Story, Carey, Rose, Jore, Simpkins, Taylor, Hanson, Ream and Hibbard voting no. (Note: The Committee Chairman did not sign the House Standing Committee Report on SB 184.) *{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 18.5.}*

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 177

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Ryan moved that SB 177 be concurred in. The motion passed 15 - 5, with Reps. Story, Orr, Jore, Taylor and Hibbard voting no. (Note: The Committee Chairman did not sign the House Standing Committee Report on SB 177.) *{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.6.}*

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 596

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Hanson moved that HB 596 do pass. The motion passed unanimously, 20 - 0. *{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.8.}*

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 433

Motion:

Rep. Jore moved to remove HB 433 from the table for the purpose of amendment. The motion passed 11 - 9 with Reps. Ryan, Carey, Rose, Harrington, Swanson, Hanson, Harper, Raney, and Ream voting no. *{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.0.}*

Motion:

Rep. Jore moved the amendments to HB 433. **EXHIBIT 3.** *{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.7.}*

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Ellis moved to segregate the amendments and to adopt amendments one and two. The motion passed 11 - 9, with Reps. Ryan, Carey, Rose, Harrington, Swanson, Hanson, Harper, Raney and Ream voting no. *{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 8.7.}*

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Jore moved that HB 433 as amended do pass. The motion failed 12 - 8, with Reps. Story, Orr, Arnott, Wells, Ellis, Jore, Simpkins and Bankhead voting yes. *{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 10.9.}*

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Ream moved to table HB 433. The motion passed 14 - 6 with Reps. Orr, Arnott, Wells, Jore, Simpkins and Bankhead voting no. *{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.1.}*

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Chairman Hibbard presented information on a tax plan being proposed by House leadership which would freeze property tax at the current level and provide for a study group to report back to the Legislature in January 1998. The plan could be accomplished by amending SB 195. Discussion followed. Speaker Mercer responded to questions. *{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.1; Comments: Discussion continued on Tape 3B.}*

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 27.3; Comments: Adjourn.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:50 a.m.



REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman



DONNA GRACE, Secretary

CH/DG