

HEARING ON HB 609Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Duane Grimes, House District 39, presented HB 609, a bill to provide for a gradual gambling tax increase to offset a reduction in business equipment tax. EXHIBITS 1, 2 AND 3. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.7.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Ellen Engstedt, Don't Gamble with the Future. EXHIBIT 4. {Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 16.7.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Mark Staples, Montana Tavern Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.8.}

Alec Hanson, League of Cities and Towns. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.6; Comments: Continued on Tape 1 B.}

Dennis Burr, Montana Taxpayers' Association. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.9.}

Rick Miller, President, Gaming Association. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.5.}

Matt McDonald, Casino Owner, Billings. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 5.1.}

John Tooke, Golden Spur, Inc. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.3.}

Jerry Driscoll, Montana Independent Machine Owners' Association. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 9.6.}

Larry Akey, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 12.1.}

Informational Testimony:

Don Laine, C.P.A., Anderson Zurmuehlen, Inc. EXHIBIT 5. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 16.8.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 20.1; Comments: Continued on Tape 2 A.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Grimes closed the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 194Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Toni Hagener, House District 90, informed the Committee that HB 194 was a recommendation of the Governor's Task Force. The bill would establish a historic and cultural preservation fund. **EXHIBIT 6.** {Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.0; Comments: Rep. Hagener's comments are continued on Tape 2 B.}

Proponents' Testimony:

John Ellingston, Curator, Virginia City and Nevada City. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1.4.}

Brian Cockhill, Director, Montana Historical Society and Member of the Governor's Task Force. **EXHIBIT 7 (Option and Appraisal).** {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 10.9.}

Mona Jamison, National Trust for Historic Preservation. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 14.2.}

Terry Fox, Virginia City. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 22.5.}

Jeanette McKee, Governor's Task Force. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 24.8.}

Mark Weber, President, Virginia City Preservation Association. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 26.2.}

Marilyn Tucker, Virginia City Chamber of Commerce. {Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 27.0.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Candace Torgerson, Montana Car Rental Association. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.1.}

Steve Costley, Montana Car Rental Association. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.0.}

Robert Ward, Vice President and General Manager, Enterprise Rent a Car. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.0.}

Riley Johnson, representing Larry Akey of National Association of Independent Insurers, and Ron Aasheim of State Farm Insurance. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.4.}

Mike Lucero, Hertz Rent a Car, Bozeman. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.7.}

Rob Doyle, Avis Rent a Car. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.4.}

Margaret Hartman, Hertz Rent a Car. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.8.}

Wayne Stotts, Hertz Rent a Car. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.2.}

Rob DeMarois, Budget Rent a Car. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.6.}

Andy Wilcox, National Car Rental. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.9.}

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.7; Comments: Continued on Tape 3 B.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Hagener closed the hearing. {Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 18.5.}

HEARING ON HB 597

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Sam Rose, House District 87, opened the hearing on HB 597, a bill which would exempt livestock from taxation and revise the per capita levy. EXHIBIT 8. {Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 23.5; Comments: Continued on Tape 4 A.}

Proponents' Testimony:

John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrowers. Also presented letter from Tom Younggren, EXHIBIT 9. {Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.1.}

Nancy Espy. {Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.0.}

Tim Gill, Montana Livestock Ag Credit, Inc. {Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.7.}

Scott Kulbeck, Montana Farm Bureau. {Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.5.}

Lester Graham, Montana Cattlewomen Association, Montana Dairy Association, Montana Livestock Auction Association. EXHIBIT 10. {Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.5.}

Larry Brown, Agricultural Preservation Association. {Tape: 4;
Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.0.}

Riley Johnson, Association of Independent Business. {Tape: 4;
Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.3.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Gordon Morris, Montana Association of Counties. {Tape: 4; Side:
A; Approx. Time Count: 17.0.}

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.4; Comments: Continued
on Tape 4 B.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Rose closed the hearing. {Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time
Count: 5.7.}

HEARING ON HB 451

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Dick Simpkins, House District 49, opened the hearing on the
bill which would provide a tax credit for federal retirees who
failed to timely file for a tax refund. {Tape: 4; Side: B;
Approx. Time Count: 8.5.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Carl Wolganot, retired federal employee. {Tape: 4; Side: B;
Approx. Time Count: 14.3.}

Don Eastman, National Association of Retired Persons, Glasgow.
{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 16.2.}

Rep. Hal Harper, House District 52. {Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx.
Time Count: 18.0.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Dave Woodgerd, Department of Revenue. {Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx.
Time Count: 19.1.}

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 23.0.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Simpkins closed the hearing. {Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx.
Time Count: 25.0.}

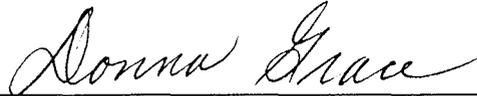
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:05 p.m.



REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman



DONNA GRACE, Secretary

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