

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Chase Hibbard, on April 7, 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: SB 372 (4/2)  
SB 389 (4/2)  
SB 392 (4/2)  
SB 393 (4/2)

**Executive Action:** None.

HEARING ON SB 392Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Bruce Crippen, Senate District 10, opened the hearing on SB 392, a bill which would generally revise property tax laws, limits and appeals. He proposed an amendment. **EXHIBIT 1.**  
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.5.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Dennis Burr, Montana Taxpayers Association. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.1.}

Mike Mathew, Commissioner, Yellowstone County, and representative of the Montana Association of Counties. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.2.}

Mary Bryson, Director, Department of Revenue, representing Governor Racicot. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 11.4.}

Gordon Morris, Montana Association of Counties. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.2.}

Alec Hanson, League of Cities and Towns. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 18.9.}

John Schontz, Montana Association of Realtors. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 25.0.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.1; Comments: Questions and Discussion are continued on Tape 2 B and Tape 3 A.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Sen. Crippen made his closing statement. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.2.}

HEARING ON SB 389Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Larry Baer, Senate District 38, opened the hearing. SB 389 would provide a tax credit to offset the effects of the property tax reappraisal. **EXHIBIT 3.** {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.4.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Alec Hanson, League of Cities and Towns. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.6.}

Dean Randash, property owner. {Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 29.3; Comments: Continued on Tape 3 B.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Dennis Burr, Montana Taxpayers' Association. {Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.8.}

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.3.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Sen. Baer closed the hearing. {Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 20.1.}

HEARING ON SB 393Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Mike Taylor, Senate District 37, opened the hearing on SB 393 which would provide for a new job tax credit. **EXHIBIT 2.** {Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 22.8; Comments: Continued on Tape 4 A.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Riley Johnson, Federation of Independent Business. {Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.5.}

Gloria Paladichuck, Richland Development Corporation. {Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.9}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

*{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.6.}*

Closing by Sponsor:

Sen. Taylor closed.

HEARING ON SB 372Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Mignon Waterman, Senate District 26, opened the hearing on SB 372, a bill which would allow for prompt revision of tax records for change of ownership except in cases when there is a land split. *{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.7.}*

Proponents' Testimony:

Gordon Morris, Montana Association of Counties. *{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.3.}*

Judy Paynter, Department of Revenue. *{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 24.9.}*

John Schontz, Montana Association of Realtors. *{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26.8.}*

Bill Spilker, Real Estate Broker. *{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.1.}*

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

Mike Mathew, Commissioner, Yellowstone County. *{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 2.9.}*

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

*{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 4.8.}*

Closing by Sponsor:

Sen. Waterman closed the hearing. {Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx.  
Time Count: 14.7.}

{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 15.3; Comments: Adjourn.}

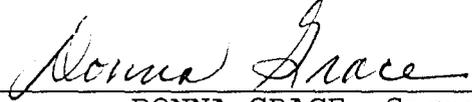
ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00 Noon.



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REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman



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DONNA GRACE, Secretary

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