

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Chase Hibbard, on April 19, 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. Dan W. Harrington (D)  
Rep. Rick Jore (R)  
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)  
Rep. John "Sam" Rose (R)  
Rep. Richard D. Simpkins (R)  
Rep. Emily Swanson (D)  
Rep. Lila V. Taylor (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Hal Harper (D)  
Rep. Bob Raney (D)  
Rep. William M. "Bill" Ryan (D)  
Rep. Jack Wells (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Lee Heiman, Legislative Services Division  
Donna Grace, Committee Secretary

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: None.  
Executive Action: None.

Chairman Hibbard stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review and make final decisions on a statement to be issued by the House Taxation Committee. Copies of a statement prepared by Jim Standaert, Office of Budget and Program Planning, based on information provided by the Committee and compiled by Rep. Simpkins, were distributed. **EXHIBIT 1.** {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 0.9; Comments: .}

Committee discussion of the draft document. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.9; Comments: .}

Discussion on disagreement on Principles of Taxation, Section 2-B, page 1. Modification of language. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.0; Comments: .}

Discussion on Assumption #3 - language modification. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.8; Comments: .}

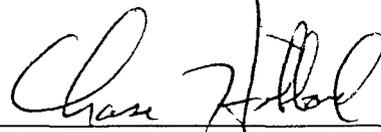
Discussion on Points of Agreement #6 and #5 - language modification. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .}

Chairman Hibbard read a preamble to be included in the statement. The Committee approved the language. A final copy will be prepared for distribution to Committee Members for further additions or corrections. A copy of the final document is attached to these minutes as **EXHIBIT 2.** {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.1; Comments: .}

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.0; Comments: Adjourn..}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:55 a.m.



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REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman



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DONNA GRACE, Secretary

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