

TAXATION COMMITTEE
45TH LEGISLATURE

Rep. Herb Huennekens, Chairman, called the Taxation Committee to order at 9:00 a.m., April 8, 1977, in room #434, Capitol Building, Helena. All members were present except Reps. Severson and Fagg. Senate Bills 44 and 193 were to be considered.

Rep. Dassinger moved that SENATE BILL 44 Be Concurred In.

Rep. Waldron moved that SB 44 be amended (amendments are incorporated in the attached copy). This motion carried with 13 voting Yes, Fabrega voting No, and Reps. Fagg, Lien and Severson were absent.

There was a great deal of discussion regarding the division of this coal trust fund money. MHD Institute and the Montana Energy Research and Development Institute receive federal grants amounting to \$50 million dollars. Money for the Renewable Resource Development Company is by loan through bonds backed up by the coal tax fund.

Rep. Dassinger moved that the deleted language on page 2, section 1, lines 17 and 18 be reinserted; and following DETERMINE strike the balance of lines 18 and 19. Motion carried unanimously. Reps. Severson, Fagg, and Fabrega were absent.

Rep. Lien moved to take 1% out of the coal area highway share and transfer it back to the county for general use. This is accomplished on page 2, line 15 following MINED. Motion carried unanimously.

SENATE BILL 44 AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN under Rep. Dassinger's motion was adopted unanimously. Reps. Severson and Fagg were absent.

SENATE BILL 193. Rep. Dassinger moved SB 193 Not Be Concurred In.

Rep. Fabrega moved that SB 193 Be Concurred In as a substitute motion. This bill is quite inequitable. Revenue from it would go to Helena, and be reallocated to each county. There was the question of what effect inflation would have on the value of automobiles. A flat fee would remain the same while a tax could be changed to suit needs and situations.

Rep. Fabrega moved that the committee accept the amendments for automobiles, trailers, motorcycles offered by the DOR. Motion carried unanimously. Reps. Uhde, Severson, Fagg were absent.

A roll call vote was taken on Rep. Fabrega's motion of Be Concurred In. This motion failed by a 9-6 vote. So SENATE BILL 193 will be recommended NOT BE CONCURRED IN. Reps. Fagg and Severson were absent.

Committee adjourned at 10:30 a.m.


REP. HERB HUENNEKENS, CHAIRMAN