

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
TAXATION COMMITTEE  
MONTANA STATE SENATE

JANUARY 9, 1979

The first meeting of the Taxation Committee was called to order on the above date in Room 415 of the State Capitol Building by Chairman Turnage at 8:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Roll call found all members present with the exception of Sens. Towe and Manning who were excused.

The meeting was an organizational meeting and Chairman Turnage stated there were plans to hold the next meeting on Thursday. He also went over, briefly, the other bills presently in the committee and explained they will be scheduled for hearing as soon as possible.

CONSIDERATION OF SB50 - Chairman Turnage, signer of the Department-requested bill, explained the bill stating it was merely a change in wording in subsection (d) which permitted the Department of Highways to deposit fees directly in the earmarked fund. This would save the Department costs in book-keeping, as well as being a more efficient method, according to the Chairman.

There followed a brief discussion on the bill and Chairman Turnage called for questions on the bill. There were no further comments.

Senator Watt then Moved SB50 Do Pass. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Chairman Turnage then asked Sen. Watt for comments on SB22. He explained that it was a part of HB122, a voluminous bill that was introduced in the 45th Legislative Session. The bill was broken down and made into a number of bills in an attempt to make the legislation itself more manageable. Senator Watt said some local governments are having trouble with some portions of the law, as a result of HB122, and the Attorney General had replied to their questions saying the law itself was very confusing - thus these attempts at clarification of the laws, changed by HB122.

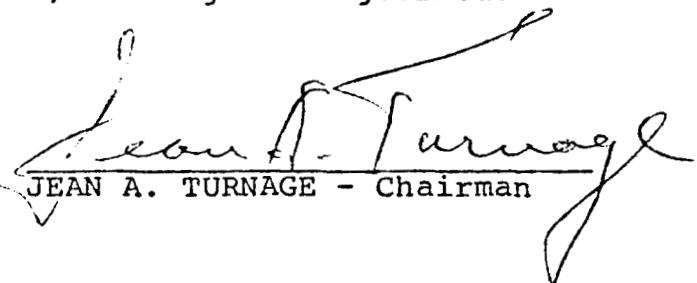
It was pointed out there were some substantive changes in the law and although Sen. Watt stated he did not necessarily support every change in SB22, he had agreed to introduce it in the hope that the laws could be amended for clearer understanding. He distributed a list of the subjects covered in SB22 for the committee members; this is Exhibit #1, attached.

Chairman Turnage then introduced Terry Cohea, Research from the Legislative Council who will assist the committee during the coming session, and the secretary of the committee.

Ms. Cohea said she had prepared an outline of the bills scheduled for hearing and would do the same for the remainder of the bills, if the committee preferred.

Senator McCollum said SB14 will be heard in Local Government Committee Saturday afternoon and since it too is a part of HB122, invited members of the Taxation Committee to attend that hearing.

Chairman Turnage then asked for suggestions from the members and after a request by Sen. Roskie for status sheets of committee bills for members' books, meeting was adjourned.

  
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JEAN A. TURNAGE - Chairman

Date JAN. 9

ROLL CALL

SENATE TAXATION COMMITTEE

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# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

.....January 9.....19 79.....

MR. PRESIDENT.....

We, your committee on .....TAXATION.....

having had under consideration .....SENATE..... Bill No. 50.....

Respectfully report as follows: That .....SENATE..... Bill No. 50.....

DO PASS

STATE PUB. CO.  
Helena, Mont.

  
JEAN A. TURNAGE, Chairman.