

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
TAXATION COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

March 14, 1979

The forty-eighth meeting of the committee was called to order on the above date in Room 415 of the State Capitol Building for an executive session, Chairman Turnage presiding.

ROLL CALL: Roll call found all the members present.

Chairman Turnage announced to the committee the gas tax bills in the committee and asked their feelings about moving out one or more of the bills, amendments, and such. Senator Towe said his bill, SB402, is based on population and Senator Watt said his gas tax bill, SB324 is divided, portion to State Highway Department and portion to counties. The committee also discussed HB63 which puts 1¢ tax statewide and would raise about \$11 million per year, this amount to go towards completion of the interstate highways in the state.

It was brought out during ensuing discussion that representatives had testified at the hearing for HB63 that a number of eastern states had 'sat on' some of the matching federal funds, freezing them until they could match them. The funds had been released by Congress and thus, additional federal funds were available to the western states, if they had the 1 for 10 matching dollars. Discussion on the merits of the three bills continued and the committee opted to go with HB63.

Senator Goodover Moved HB63 Be Concurred In. Motion carried
on a 7-5 roll call vote.

Senator Watt then Moved to Reconsider their action on SB358 which was voted and tied and remained in the committee.

The committee suggested amending the bill so the people could vote on the special gas tax. They also discussed taking the state out of SB324. Senator Towe moved to Amend the bill, to let the 1¢ tax be divided between cities and counties according to the formula that is already set forth in the body of the bill.

Senator Watt then Moved SB324 As Amended, Do Pass. Motion failed on a 9-3 roll call vote. Without objection the committee voted to reverse the vote and Table the Bill by the 9-3 margin.

Motion Carried to Table SB324; vote was 9-3.

Following additional discussion on city street repair dollars versus the state's road repair dollars spent and comparing value received, the committee agreed to table SB402 as well.

Senator Towe Moved SB402 Be Tabled. Motion carried. Note for the record Senator Hager voted "No".

Senator Hager then Moved SB358 Do Pass. Motion carried on a 9-3 roll call vote.

The committee next considered SB405 which increases county road levies. They consulted the Montana Property Taxation books and after consideration, moved the bill:

Senator Towe Moved SB405 Do Pass. The motion failed 5-7 on a roll call vote.

Senator Manley then Moved SB405 be Tabled. Without objection the committee moved the vote on above-mentioned motion (Do Pass with 5-7 roll call) be reversed and the bill be tabled.

Next up for discussion was SB510. This was a bill to create agricultural districts and after questions and discussion, made the following disposition:

Senator McCallum Moved to Table SB510. Motion carried and "No" votes were cast by Senators Towe, Watt and Norman.

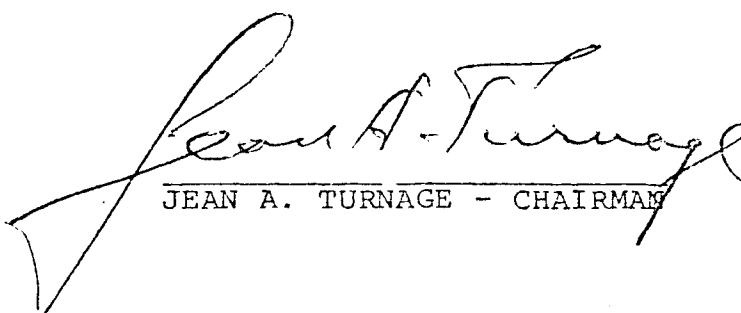
SB195 was brought to the committee's attention and they proposed an amendment that would give the governing body discretion to disapprove bondings. Senator Towe Moved this Amendment; it was carried.

Senator Towe then Moved SB195 As Amended Do Pass. The motion was carried unanimously.

Attention then by the committee to SB43. There was discussion on the matter of the revolving funds for the districts. The committee agreed there was a need for some RID and SID's around the state but felt the basic ill is in the delinquency payments and the fact that other taxpayers could be liable for the indebtedness.

Senator Norman then Moved SB43 be Tabled. Motion carried. Note for the record the absence at this time of Senator Roskie.

Following some additional discussion on bonding bills, meeting was adjourned.


JEAN A. TURNAGE - CHAIRMAN

SENATE COMMITTEE TAXATIONDate 3-14 11 Bill No. 63 Time 8:30

NAME	YES	NO
SEN. GOODOVER (Vice Chairman)	X	
SEN. BROWN	X	
SEN. HAGER		X
SEN. MANLEY		X
SEN. MANNING	X	
SEN. MCCOLLUM		X
SEN. NORMAN		X
SEN. ROSKIE	X	
SEN. SEVERSON		X
SEN. TOWE	X	
SEN. WATT	X	
CHAIRMAN TURNAGE	X	

Nita Fjeseth
SecretaryJean A. Turnage
ChairmanMotion: Be it done. 15

(include enough information on motion--put with yellow copy of committee report.)

SENATE COMMITTEE TAXATION

(2)

Date 3-14 Sen Bill No. 324 Time 8:45 a.m.

NAME	YES	NO
SEN. GOODOVER (Vice Chairman)		X
SEN. BROWN		X
SEN. HAGER	X	
SEN. MANLEY		X
SEN. MANNING		X
SEN. MCCOLLUM		X
SEN. NORMAN		X
SEN. ROSKIE		X
SEN. SEVERSON		X
SEN. TOWE	X	
SEN. WATT	X	
CHAIRMAN TURNAGE		X

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Nita Fjeseth
SecretaryJean A. Turnage
Chairman

Motion:

As Amended
No Pass

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SENATE COMMITTEE TAXATION

(3)

Date 3-14 Sen. Sen. Bill No. 358 Time 8:55

NAME	YES	NO
SEN. GOODOVER (Vice Chairman)	X	
SEN. BROWN	X	
SEN. HAGER	X	
SEN. MANLEY		X
SEN. MANNING	X	
SEN. McCOLLUM		X
SEN. NORMAN	X	
SEN. ROSKIE	X	
SEN. SEVERSON		X
SEN. TOWE	X	
SEN. WATT	X	
CHAIRMAN TURNAGE	X	

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Nita Fjeseth
SecretaryJean A. Turnage
ChairmanMotion: Do Pass As Amended.

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SENATE COMMITTEE TAXATION

(4)

Date Sen. Bill No. 405 Time 9:10

NAME	YES	NO
SEN. GOODOVER (Vice Chairman)	X	
SEN. BROWN		X
SEN. HAGER	X	
SEN. MANLEY		X
SEN. MANNING		X
SEN. MCCOLLUM		X
SEN. NORMAN		X
SEN. ROSKIE		X
SEN. SEVERSON		X
SEN. TOWE	X	
SEN. WATT	X	
CHAIRMAN TURNAGE	X	

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Nita Fjeseth
SecretaryJean A. Turnage
ChairmanMotion: Do Pass

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

.....March 14.....1979.....

MR. President.....

We, your committee on.....**Taxation**.....

having had under consideration.....**Senate Bill No. 195**.....

Respectfully report as follows: That.....**Senate Bill No. 195**,
introduced bill, be amended as follows:

1. Page 1, line 19.

Following: "body"

Strike: "shall"

Insert: "may, in its discretion, disapprove the bonds. It may"

2. Page 1, line 21.

Following: "approval"

Strike: "i
(a)"

3. Page 1, line 22.

Following: "interest"

Strike: ", including but not limited to prevention of environmental
hazards or degradation,"

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4. Page 1, line 24.

Following: "county"

Strike: remainder of line 24 and subsection (b) and (c) in
their entirety

Insert: ".

(3) The governing body shall publish its approval of the bonds in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality or county, and in that notice shall state whether it appears that the project to be financed by the bonds:

(a) will meet applicable environmental standards;

(b) will provide services or employment opportunities needed in the municipality or county, with due consideration given to existing services and employment opportunities; and

(c) will not present an unreasonable danger to the financial well-being of existing viable enterprises or facilities which have not received the direct benefit of a project and bond approval under this part.

(4) No governing body may approve the issue of bonds for projects constructed outside the boundaries of their local government unit.

(5) The governing body shall report to the department of community affairs all industrial development bonds it approves."

And, as ~~as~~ amended,

DO PASS

JILL A. TURNAGE - CHAIRMAN

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 14 1979

MR. President

We, your committee on Taxation

having had under consideration Senate Bill No. 358

Respectfully report as follows: That Senate Bill No. 358,
introduced bill, be amended as follows:

1. Page 1, line 10.

Following: line 9

Strike: "The governing body of a county or the"

Insert: "The"

2. Page 1, line 23.

Following: "1]"

And, as amended,

DO PASS

Date May 14, 1979

ROLL CALL.

SENATE TAXATION COMMITTEE

46th LEGISLATIVE SESSION - 1979

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