

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
TAXATION COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

March 16, 1979

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

ROLL CALL: Roll call found all members present except Senator Manley, who was excused.

Chairman Turnage asked the committee to consider approving a bill draft as a committee bill, which would give tax relief to property owners and renters in Montana, \$65 per year to property owners and \$50 per year to renters. He stated further, if this bill met with the approval of the Legislature it could replace the existing Homestead Tax Relief Act.

Following several questions by the committee, and further discussion, the committee voted approval:

Senator McCallum Moved the draft be Accepted as a Taxation Committee bill. Motion carried. Note for the record Senator Watt cast a "No" vote.

Senator Watt stated he wished to go on record as opposing the bill and said he felt there was nothing equitable about the measure. He said further, his bill, SB240 would have solved the entire problem. Although he agreed the Homestead Tax Relief was not the answer to the problem, he felt this bill (later to be SB522) was not adequate.

The committee then moved to reconsider SB231. The motion was made by Senator Mcallum, motion carried.

Senator Towe then Moved SB231 Be Tabled. Motion carried.

Senator Norman's SB392 was next discussed and he said the bill did two things: 1) relates to inventories regarding goods or materials in the process of manufacturing or being changed into another product; and 2) it deals also with merchandise in, increase to market value for the LIFO concept.

There followed discussion on the inventory methods used by some business places in the state, the fact that Anaconda has a stock of ingots or anodes they are still valuing at 1946 values for tax purposes, keeping that portion of their inventory on the books at older and lower market values. Several of the committee members questioned the increased cost to grocery stores, as examples, who would then be required to reevaluate their inventories and thus be operating under the LIFO method of valuation.

Senator Norman Moved SB392 Do Pass. A roll call vote was taken which resulted in a 7-4 vote, to carry. Senator Manley was gone at the time of the vote.

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Senator Towe's severed mineral interests bill, SB245 was next up for committee consideration and there followed discussion on the bill. The question was raised on method by which an individual is notified as to the tax he owed on his mineral rights and explanation was given by the bill's sponsor.

Senator Towe had a number of amendments to make to the bill. The amendments were adopted by his motions, agreed to by the committee.

Senator Towe then Moved SB245 As Amended, Do Pass. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed 4-7. Without objection the bill is to come out of committee on a Majority-Minority Report and the vote will be reversed for a 7-4 Do Not Pass vote.

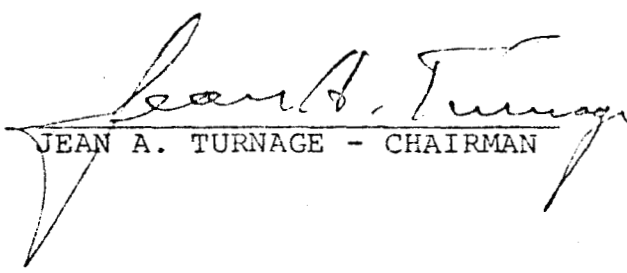
The committee then discussed tabling all of the Coal Tax bills which are still in committee, and it was so agreed:

Senator Towe Moved SB135, 158, 188, 294, 300 and 433 and HB373 be Tabled. Motion carried.

Next up for discussion was SB438, a bill to freeze appraised land values. The committee agreed it would be most difficult to do this and expressed their disapproval of the bill:

Senator Roskie Moved SB438 Do Not Pass. The motion carried, however, note for the record Senator Brown voted "No".

Following disposition of this bill, meeting adjourned.


JEAN A. TURNAGE - CHAIRMAN

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SENATE COMMITTEE TAXATION

Date 3-16 Sen Bill No. 392 Time 8:50 a.m.

NAME	YES	NO
SEN. GOODOVER (Vice Chairman)		X
SEN. BROWN	X	
SEN. HAGER		X
SEN. MANLEY <i>Gone time of Vote</i>		
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
Secretary

Jean A. Turnage
Chairman

Motion: Do Pass

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

SENATE COMMITTEE TAXATION

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Date 3-16- Sen. Bill No. 245 Time 9:10a.m

NAME	YES	NO
SEN. GOODOVER (Vice Chairman)		X
SEN. BROWN		X
SEN. HAGER		X
SEN. MANLEY		
SEN. MANNING	X	
SEN. McCOLLUM		X
SEN. NORMAN	X	
SEN. ROSKIE		X
SEN. SEVERSON		X
SEN. TOWE	X	
SEN. WATT	X	
CHAIRMAN TURNAGE		X
	4	7

Nita Fjeseth
Secretary

Jean A. Turnage
Chairman

Motion: Do Pass As Amended

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

SENATE COMMITTEE TAXATION

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Date 3-16 Sen. Bill No. 245 Time _____

NAME	YES	NO
SEN. GOODOVER (Vice Chairman)	X	
SEN. BROWN	X	
SEN. HAGER	X	
SEN. MANLEY		
SEN. MANNING		X
SEN. McCOLLUM	X	
SEN. NORMAN		X
SEN. ROSKIE	X	
SEN. SEVERSON	X	
SEN. TOWE		X
SEN. WATT		X
CHAIRMAN TURNAGE	X	
	7	4

Nita Fjeseth
Secretary

Jean A. Turnage
Chairman

Motion: As Am Do Not Pass

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. President

We, your committee on Taxation

having had under consideration Senate Bill No. 438

Respectfully report as follows: That Senate Bill No. 438

DO NOT PASS

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DO PASS

JEAN A. TURFACE Chairman

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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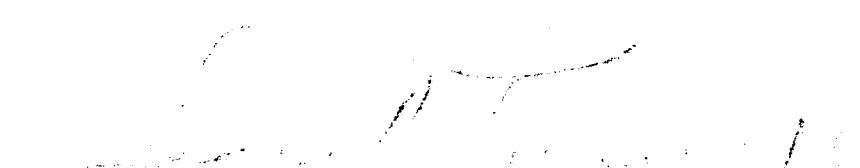
MR. President

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having had under consideration Senate Bill No. 392

Respectfully report as follows: That Senate Bill No. 392

DO PASS


JEAN A. TURNAGE - Chairman

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. President

We, your committee on / minority Taxation

having had under consideration Senate Bill No. 245

Respectfully report as follows: That Senate Bill No. 245, introduced bill, be amended as follows:

1. Page 2, line 18.

Following: "situated."

Insert: "[Sections 2 through 5] does not apply to lands or mineral interests owned by the state and administered by the department of state lands."

2. Page 3, line 24.

Following: "county"

Strike: "assessor"

Insert: "clerk"

3. Page 4, line 3.

Following: "intrest, the"

Strike: "assessor"

Insert: "clerk"

Senator Manning

Senator Norman

Senator Towe

Senator Witt

And, as amended,

DO PASS. *PA.*

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

*Note
From 415*

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Strike: "assessor"
Insert: "clerk"

Senator Goodover

Senator Brown

Senator Lager

Senator McCallum

Senator Rosale

Senator Severson

DO PASS
And, as amended,
DO NOT PASS *JD*

Date MAR. 16

ROLL CALL

SENATE TAXATION COMMITTEE

46th LEGISLATIVE SESSION - 1979

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SEN. GOODOVER (Vice Chairman)	✓		
SEN. BROWN	✓		
SEN. HAGER	✓		
SEN. MANLEY			✓
SEN. MANNING	✓		
SEN. McCOLLUM	✓		
SEN. NORMAN	✓		
SEN. ROSKIE	✓		
SEN. SEVERSON	✓		
SEN. TOWE	✓		
SEN. WATT	✓		
CHAIRMAN TURNAGE	✓		

Each Day Attach to Minutes.