

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE  
January 20, 1981

The House Local Government Committee met in Room 103 of the Capitol on Tuesday, January 20, 1981, at 12:30 p.m. with Chairman Verner Bertelsen presiding. All committee members were present, with the exception of Rep. Hurwitz and Rep. Pistoria who were excused.

HOUSE BILL 140 REP. RALPH EUDAILY, sponsor, introduced the bill at the request of the Attorney General and the Secretary of State. He agreed there is a need for the law because of an oversight when dealing with the election bill. Both the Attorney General and the Secretary of State offices would be involved should an initiative arise.

MIKE McGRATH, Attorney General's office, said the procedure as to requirements should be changed for several reasons. First, prior to circulation, a petition should be filed with the election administrator to prevent fraud. Every petition must be identical. It provides notice to the local government that a petition is pending, which will prevent flaws in drafting a petition. The other major provision is to require a local government attorney to write a statement prior to the time the petition is prefiled. This would contain 100 words explaining in easy language the purpose of the petition. The local government attorney would also prepare a short 25 word statement where you mark the ballot either for or against whatever is being voted on. Section 2 of the bill provides that all signatures must be gathered in 90 days.

PROPOSERS

JIM NUGENT, City Attorney for Missoula, said this is merely a housekeeping bill and urges support for HB 140.

DAN MIZNER, Montana League of Cities and Towns, said the Attorney General had many requests for such a bill, and he feels it is necessary legislation. He strongly urges support for HB 140. Other supporters signed the visitors' register.

OPPOSERS: There were none.

SPONSOR EUDAILY closed the hearing, stating this is a very good bill and urged committee members to support it.

QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD:

REP. KITSELMAN asked Mike McGrath about the time limit.

MIKE McGRATH said the statements must be written within three

weeks. If there are any objections to the petition, it must be done within 10 days.

There were no further questions on HB 140.

REP. NEUMAN moved that House Bill 140 DO PASS. Question being called, a vote was taken and it was unanimous that House Bill 140 DO PASS.

HOUSE BILL 150 REP. EARL LORY, sponsor, introduced the bill at the request of the County Commissioners of Missoula County. The act allows counties of the first and second class to award separate printing contracts which may be awarded on an annual or job basis. Prices are set by the Printing Board which meets in Helena. The County Commissioners shall contract with one newspaper to do all the printing for a county, including advertising required by law and all printed forms required by the County, at a rate not exceeding that set by the Board. Requirements for bids would still be allowed by bids from more than one newspaper. This bill allows small newspapers to ask for part of the printing providing they are in the county.

#### PROPOSERS

An unidentified person spoke in favor of HB 150, on behalf of the Missoula County Commissioners. He feels that the County can save from 10 to 15% by putting out bids on a competitive basis.

MIKE STEPHEN representing the Montana Association of Counties supports HB 150 as it gives some flexibility.

#### OPPOSERS

MIKE MELOY, representing the Montana Press Association, said they think the bill does some things which they do not feel the County wants. In lines 24 and 25, bottom of page 1, they struck "and in counties of the first class, the county commissioners may separate the printing contract into two parts." One shall provide for the publication of legal advertising only, and the other shall provide for all printed forms, materials, and supplies required by the county. The Montana Press Association doesn't feel this is a good bill. Testimony from the counties shows they can get the printing done more cheaply and they'd like to break the printing down into specific items and allow other printers in the area to get some of the jobs. This would not be a good idea for second class counties. County printing is done for the various departments within the county. It is very important that the county officers know specifically

who is doing the job in the event any changes are required. There is a benefit to be had by letting the printing to only one printer. He feels that if one firm gets the whole job, they'll do a better job. It will not be beneficial to contract the printing out individually.

MR. Meloy continued there are two things this affects. (1) The County lets out bids for letterheads, printed forms, materials, supplies, etc. and (2) you're taking out the requirements that the advertising be done within the county. I don't think this was Mr. Lory's intent.

As there were no further opponents, REP. LORY closed the hearing on HB 150. He feels this bill would permit cheaper printing. When more than one bid is let, the firm giving the lowest bid would get the job. The purpose of the bill is to effect a savings to the county.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

REP. HANNAH: Mr. Meloy, the purpose of allowing bids is to obtain the cheapest price. Is there any reason why you don't want all counties to do this? MR. MELOY: Most of the counties have only one newspaper, so there is no need to put out bids. It makes more sense to have the local newspaper do the printing for the county, because the local newspaper is obliged to do the advertising for the county. The county gets many benefits from having the printing done in the county, namely in the case of ballots, if there is a problem, they can get the work done immediately.

REP. AZZARA commented the county commissioners have no intention of changing the provisions. All they want is to be able to separate the job if they prefer to do so.

REP. SALES asked Mr. McGrath if he agrees with Rep. Lory that there is nothing in the bill that prohibits the county from continuing the way they do it now. MR. McGRATH said first class counties would be able to get bids if there are more than one newspaper.

CHAIRMAN BERTELSEN said action would be withheld on HB 150 until Thursday, January 22, so he could present additional information.

#### HOUSE BILL 56

SPONSOR REP. KESSLER introduced the bill by referring to line 22. "Agricultural land shall not be annexed under the provisions of this part." The essence of the bill is that it eliminates in-

dustrial land and allows only agricultural land to not be annexed. Now it can be overridden by an industrial manufacturing firm in that area. This law would eliminate the right to override.

PROPOSERS TO HB 56

JIM NUGENT, City of Missoula, supports HB 56. It will give owners more flexibility.

DAN MIZNER, Montana League of Cities and Towns, said the committee looked at the problems regarding the industrial area. He feels this bill will provide for orderly growth in the community. He asked that the Committee delay action on HB 56 until a letter from the City of Billings arrives. He feels the legislature should look at the plight of cities and towns, but he does support HB 56.

ROSE LEAVITT, League of Women Voters of Montana, and THOMAS P. MCCARTHY, E. S. and NICHOLAS P. KAUFMAN with Sorenson and Company of Missoula support HB 56. Their written testimony is attached.

OPPONENTS OF HB 56

DAVE FISHER, Montana Volunteer Firemen's Association, Butte,

ART KORN, Montana State Volunteer Firemen's Association, Helena,

R. A. ELLIS, Montana State Volunteer Fireman, Helena and

TOM DOWLING, Montana Railroad Association, completed witness statements opposing HB 56.

BRUCE SUENRAM, Missoula Rural Fire District from Missoula, left written testimony, as attached to the minutes.

ROBERT HELDING, Montana Wood Products Association, Missoula, objected on the basis that wood industries are having serious problems. It causes them extra expense. The mills I represent all have their own services which the city would ordinarily furnish. They do not feel they should be burdened with an extra tax. I therefore strongly oppose this HB 56 and urge that it be killed.

DON ALLEN, Montana Petroleum Association, said their overall concern is of economics and economic health of the State. People in the refining industry have serious problems. One of the largest is the fact that we are importing oil from Canada at

about \$2 more per barrel in order to get crude oil. The Great Falls refinery is also having trouble getting crude oil. When you think about the extra cost of annexation, you can see why we don't wish to be annexed.

BOB BLOMEYER said the Conoco Company in Billings pays the highest price of any company in the State. They just can't afford any additional costs.

TOM DOWLING of the Montana Railroad Association said this would effect railroad property. They were here before the country opened up, but cities built around them. This was no fault of the railroad company. Railroads are taxed differently than other utility companies. They have a real tax problem. Annexation would add 65-70 mills to the tax load. Part of the railroad system in Missoula is annexed to the city, yet, they don't have fire protection. Railroad tracks don't burn. City police won't even respond if called should a car block the tracks. We don't feel we get sufficient city services to warrant the extra expense of annexation.

BOB GANNON, Montana Power Company, Butte, objects to annexation of property which would give them no benefit. The extra revenue the City of Billings would get in no way would apply to city services.

GEORGE BENNETT, Montana-Dakota Utilities Company, objects for the same reasons stated by Mr. Gannon.

GENE PHILLIPS, Pacific Power & Light Co., Kalispell objects for the same reasons, and strongly urges a DO NOT PASS for HB 56.

BILL STERNHAGEN, Helena, representing the Northwest Mining Association, stated this bill would increase the cost of mining and asked that the bill DO NOT PASS.

Other opponents signed the visitors' register.

REP. KESSLER closed the hearing on HB 56. He stated he feels the basic thing running through the minds of all opponents is that they think the only reason a city wants to annex them is to increase their tax base. He doesn't think this is true. If areas are asked to annex, it is because the areas around them are already receiving city services.

DON ALLEN again responded that because of the economic state of the country some industries are vulnerable. Utilities do have to pass on the increase to their consumers. If this is the price

you must pay for being in the city, "Why are some areas or some businesses being granted certain exemptions?" It is difficult to explain to Billings people why these businesses are not paying city taxes.

#### QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

REP. AZZARA said he is with the Intermountain Company. He asked Mr. Holding why he feels he should be given an exemption? If we didn't annex the industries, there wouldn't be any cities. What is so special in your case?

MR. HOLDING said the exemption we put into effect in 1935. He asked what services they were receiving from the city. He stated they are receiving fire protection from the rural fire department, use their own water supply, etc. Again, he said, "I don't see any value to us in being annexed." When the wood industry went into business, they were a long way from the city, but the city built towards us. We didn't ask the city to move out here. Why should we have to be annexed now when we don't use your services?

JIM NUGENT of the City of Missoula replied: You have advantages of traffic control; maintenance of streets, etc.

REP. KESSLER: Agricultural lands do not generate the type of traffic that industrial businesses do. Agricultural land is considered totally rural land.

REP. DUSSAULT asked Mr. Allen if he truly feels that his industry has absolutely no impact upon the city? She couldn't seem to get a conclusive answer, so said she'd skip the matter.

REP. WALDRON: I work at the sawmill. The trucks go into the city day in and day out causing traffic congestion. Do you actually feel they are not causing a necessity for additional police services. MR. ALLEN: I think most of the trucks use state highways.

REP. SALES: If we get rid of the exemption in this part of the law, is there any other relief that would allow you to avoid annexation? Answer: no.

At this point, Chairman Bertelsen called for a short recess, after which the committee would go into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

HOUSE BILL 54- REP. KITSELMAN recommended that HB 54 DO PASS, seconded by Rep. Sales.

Question: All present voted "aye", with the exception of Rep. Gould who voted "no".

HOUSE BILL 59- REP. BERGENE moved that HOUSE BILL 59 DO NOT PASS.

REP. SWITZER opposes the bill as he wants to protect private property rights of those who do not live on the land. REP. ANDREASON feels any individual who pays taxes should have some say as to what happens to land. He also opposes the DO NOT PASS motion.

REP. WALDRON: We must admit that a lot of the land is corporate land and I support HB 59.

REP. BERTELSEN said if corporations are going to be permitted to vote, they should be subject to the rules of annexation. Since they have had no vote, there may be an effect on the total package.

REP. BERGENE: I don't think it should be necessary to run down non-resident landowners. I come from a first class city and this would entail too much time.

REP. DUSSAULT commented that if we take the time to run down the landowners, we are providing them with power. Don't you feel they should have the same privileges as the resident freeholder. We'd be creating a bigger obstacle than we now have.

REP. MATSKO asked Rep. Bergene if we should allow the city the ultimate right of annexation without looking up the non-resident landowners. The city does enjoy the right that they can annex without the non-resident landowner's consent.

REP. SWITZER said taxes on all property must be paid annually or they become delinquent. If the taxes are paid annually, there is some source of entity with the owner of the land. We cannot ignore him just because he isn't always available.

REP. KITSELMAN said the important thing is that you notify every property owner within 300 feet of the annexation. It would be a total neglect not to let the person express their view either for or against annexation.

REP: HANNAH: What if we don't know the address of the owner?

NASWER: Send the notice to the last known address listed on the tax records.

STAFF RESEARCHER LEE HEIMAN said we must send a notice to the owner or whoever pays the taxes.

QUESTION:

Since there was a quorum present, all voted for a DO PASS of House bill 59 with the exception of Rep. Switzer who voted "NO."

CHAIRMAN BERTELSEN asked for a motion on HOUSE BILL 112.

Staff Researcher reported on what he had come up with in the way of amendments.

REP. WALDRON moved the HOUSE BILL 112 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

REP. ANDREASON asked LEE HEIMAN: Would it not do the same thing if we state specifically "the methods currently used?"

LEE HEIMAN said no, because the current method used is on a lineal foot basis.

REP. ANDREASON: I'd like to have the method specified in the bill.

REP. HANNAH: Could the City of Missoula bring the plan to the people and let them vote on it? We have to protect the rights of the people involved. We shouldn't leave it open to the governing body, so they could change their method every year. Could we add: "anything agreed upon by the majority vote of the people."

REP. DUSSAULT: With the new language on line 23, we are providing them with new methods of assessment.

REP. SALES moved that we strike everything on line 23-25 following 76-5-114 (1).

QUESTION: Since a quorum was present. all vote "aye" for the amendment, with the exception of Rep. Holiday, who voted "no".

REP. SALES moved that HB 112 DO NOT PASS AS AMENDED. All present voted "aye" with the exception of Representatives Holiday and Gould who voted "no."



HOUSE BILL 28

REP. KEYSER explained the proposed new amendments to HB 28.

REP. WALDRON moved that HB 28 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

REP. KEYSER asked for the following amendments to HB 28:  
That on Page 8, line 18, after "department." and lines 19 and 20 in total be stricken.

That on Page 9, lines 5 thru 9 be deleted in their entirety.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWER on HB 28.

REP. KESSLER: I do not want to force a county into a building code which does not apply to them within the 10 mile limit and then only on public buildings.

REP. KEYSER: They will have to enforce it.

REP. WALDRON: If a county does not adopt a plan of their own, the State Building Code applies in that county and it will be enforced.

REP. KEYSER: I do not want to force a county into a plan they do not want.

REP. BERTELSEN: If we leave lines 5-9 in, and somebody says "You're making it mandatory that every county have a building code," is that true. LEE HEIMAN said "No."

REP. HOLIDAY wondered if we would accomplish what we want by leaving in lines 5 to 9 on page 9, if we changed the word "the" on line 5 to "a." ANSWER: The present law states the county can only enforce public buildings within their jurisdictional area.

REP. ANDREASON: I think the bill is the same with or without the section.

LEE HEIMAN: May I define county jurisdiction and throw it into the definition section of the front of the bill?

QUESTION: Are you going to lift the applicability clause out of 201 section?

LEE HEIMAN: I'll just put it there for the sake of speeding things up by adding "jurisdictional area not covered by the municipality."

CHAIRMAN BERTELSEN asked if there were any other changes Rep. Hannah want to make?

REP. HANNAH: Just those we've mentioned for housekeeping.

LEE HEIMAN said he was going to suggest that all this would do would be to clarify what you intend it to do.

REP. HANNAH moved that in line 5, page 9 following "IF" the words "THE ADOPTED" be stricken and the letter "A" be inserted.

QUESTION:

All in favor of the motion: "Aye." Motion carried unanimously.

REP. DUSSAULT moved that the title be amended to include the definition of the jurisdictional area in the county.

LEE HEIMAN: This will amend the title, line 8, following 50-60-101, insert "50-60-102,"

REP. DUSSAULT- so moved.

QUESTION: All members voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

REP. DUSSAULT moved that the following amendment be considered: Page 4, following: line 13, insured: "(15) "County jurisdictional area" means that area in a county outside of a municipality or municipal jurisdictional area and includes only single family dwellings and public places as provided in 50-60-102."

Following: above insertion Insert: "'Section 2, Section 50-60-102, MCA," is amended to read:

"50-60-102. Applicability. (1) Outside municipalities and their jurisdictional area, as defined by 50-60-101(9), parts 1 through 4 apply only to single family dwellings and to "public places", as defined in 50-60-101(11).

(2) Where good and sufficient cause exists, a written request for limitation of the state building code may be filed with the department for filing as a permanent record.

(3) The department may limit the application of any rule or portion of the state building code to include or exclude:

(a) specified classes or types of buildings according to use or other distinctions as may make differentiation or separate classification or regulation necessary, proper or desirable;

(b) specified areas of the state based upon size, population density, special conditions prevailing therein, or other factors which make differentiation or separate classification or regulation necessary, proper, or desirable."

Renumber: subsequent sections.

QUESTION: The chairman called for a vote. All members voted "aye" and the amendment and the motion passed unanimously.

REP. DUSSAULT moved that the following amendment be considered. Page 8, line 16, following: "(2)", strike: "As a minimum standard, a"

Following: "A" insert: "A"

QUESTION: All committee members voted "aye" and the amendment passed unanimously.

REP. DUSSAULT moved that the following amendment be considered: Page 8, line 17. Following: "may" strike "must" and insert "may" Following "only" insert "only".

QUESTION: All committee members voted "aye" and the amendment passed unanimously.

REP. MATSKO moved that the following amendment be considered: On Page 9, line, following "IF", strike: "THE ADOPTED" and insert "A"

QUESTION: All committee members voted "aye" and the amendment passed unanimously.

REP. SALES moved that HOUSE BILL 28 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

QUESTION: All committee members present voted "aye", with the exception of Rep. Switzer who opposed the bill. Motion carried and HB 28 cleared committee with a DO PASS AS AMENDED VOTE.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

  
VERNER L. BERTELSEN, Chairman  
Local Government Committee

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HOUSE Local Govt COMMITTEE

Date January 20, 1981

SPONSOR      Rep. Eudaily

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## VISITORS' REGISTER

HOUSE Local Govt COMMITTEE

LL No. 56

Date Jan. 20, 1981

SPONSOR Rep. Kessler

NAME	RESIDENCE	REPRESENTING	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
<del>Paul M. Suenram</del> Bruce Suenram	Helena 2521 S. Ave. West Missoula Mt.	Missoula Rural Fire	X	X
James G. Gaffney	14922 HELLGATE 241 TULSA MT	MISSOULA RURAL FIRE		X
Don Allen	Helena	MT. P. & M. Assn		X
Jim Nugent	Missoula Montana Hamilton	City of Missoula Thomas	X	
Gene Pigeon	MT. D. HELENA	MONT. D. H. VI.		X
Tom Downing	Glendive	M. D. H.		X
Bob Gannon	Helena	Mont. R. R. Assn		X
Bob Harding	Butte	MT. Power		X
Ben Hovdahl	Helena	MT. WOOD PRODUCTS		T
EVE PHILLIPS	Helena	MT. MTR. CAR. ASSN.		X
Bill Strohman	KALISPELL	Pacific Power & Light		X
Bill Hand	Helena	Northwest Mining Assn		X
Ann M. Cyle	"	MT. Mng. Assn		X
John Thayer	HELENA	City of Helena	X	
Rose Leavitt	San Thom			
	Helena	LWV	X	

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NAME Rose Leavitt BILL No. 56  
ADDRESS 318 Harrison - Helena DATE January 20, 1981  
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT League of Women Voters of Montana  
SUPPORT yes OPPOSE  AMEND

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

Montana law allows unusually broad exemptions to annexation of contiguous land compared to other states.

In the past this law may have been justified as protection against municipal "land grabs", but today the exemptions are far too inclusive. Many industries have chosen to locate within city limits because of the services needed by them. Also industrial revenue bonds underwritten by municipalities have encouraged some industries to locate in cities.

On the other side of the coin, some land used totally or in part for industrial purposes has obstructed orderly community growth. By being able to opt out of annexation by merely refusing to give written consent, these lands have held themselves outside the statutory annexation procedures.

The League of Women Voters supports HB 56 and encourages the committee to consider this proposal in relationship with HB 59.

NAME NICHOLAS P. KAUFMAN HOUSE Bill No. 56  
THOMAS P. McCARTHY, E.S.  
ADDRESS 1700 Murphy, Missoula, Montana DATE 1/19/81  
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Sorenson & Company  
SUPPORT xx OPPOSE                      AMEND                     

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

(See attached letter dated Jan. 19, 1981)

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January 19, 1981

Paul Pistoria  
Local Government Committee  
Montana State Legislature  
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Paul Pistoria: (56)

I would like to share with you our comments regarding HOUSE BILL NO. 46 ENTITLED "AN ACT DELETING RESTRICTIONS ON ANNEXATION OF LAND USED FOR INDUSTRIAL, MANUFACTURING, AND OTHER PURPOSES".

Sorenson and Company is an engineering, surveying and planning consulting firm that has been doing business in Montana since 1967. In that time period we have been involved in many annexation projects in cities large and small, including Malta, Glasgow, Thompson Falls, Kalispell and Missoula.

We support the removal of restrictions to annexation of mining, smelting, refining, transportation, manufacturing and industrial property as proposed in HOUSE BILL 56. Our support is based upon two facts:

1. High value property such as industry and manufacturing need the services provided by municipalities. Principal among the prerequisites for industrial uses are adequate police and fire protection. Central sewer and water systems are also important. The insurance savings resulting from a central water supply providing industrial fire flows combined with a quick response fire department are strong locational incentives in themselves.
2. Sorenson and Company was recently involved in a 690 acre annexation along Reserve Street here in Missoula. At the time of the annexation, June 18, 1979, the majority of the property was undeveloped. Since that time, the following industrial subdivisions have been approved in the annexation area:



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Grant Creek Center. An industrial subdivision which consisted of 81.7 acres was platted in 1980. Phase I was in the annexed area. Phase II consisted of 36.82 acres and was later annexed to obtain city services including city sewer, police and fire protection.

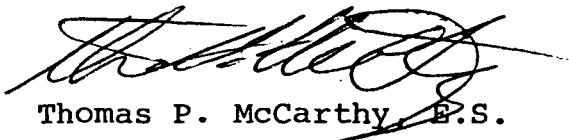
Stockyard Industrial Park. A 10 acre industrial subdivision was platted and approved in 1980 relying again on the availability of city services.

Burlington Northern: Reserve Street Industrial Center. A 172 acre industrial subdivision which is designed for the rail oriented user was given preliminary approval on January 12, 1981. A portion of the property, 55 acres, was in the county and annexed because city services were necessary to the development of the site.

We feel that these three industrial subdivisions were made possible by the annexation of the unplatted sites. I would note that the BN site had 9 existing industrial users, none of whom were opposed to the annexation. The Reserve Street experience proves that in the market place, the designers and owners of industrial developments prefer city services. It also illustrates that existing industrial and manufacturing uses benefit from city services.

I hope our observations will be of help to you in developing sound annexation legislation for the State of Montana and I urge you to support HOUSE BILL 56.

Sincerely,



Thomas P. McCarthy, P.S.

Sincerely,



Nicholas P. Kaufman

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WITNESS STATEMENT

Name Tom Downing Date 1/20/81  
Address 2030 W. Nutan Support ?         
Representing Mut. R.R. Assn Oppose ? ✓  
Which Bill ? H.B 56 Amend ?       

Comments:

Please leave prepared statement with the committee secretary.

WITNESS STATEMENT

Name R. H. Ellis Date 1/20/51  
Address 1735 Sierra Helena Mont Support ?         
Representing Mont State Vol Fireman Oppose ? X  
Which Bill ? HB 56 Amend ?       

Comments:

Please leave prepared statement with the committee secretary.

WITNESS STATEMENT

Name ART KORN Date JAN 20-81  
Address 1916 SO WASH Support ?         
Representing MT. ST VOL FIREMEN ASSOC Oppose ? X  
Which Bill ? H.B. 56 Amend ?       

Comments:

Please leave prepared statement with the committee secretary.

WITNESS STATEMENT

Name James Fisher Date 1-20-81  
Address 1918 S Washington St. Bldg. 2100 Support ?         
Representing National V.L. Farmers Assoc Oppose ? ✓  
Which Bill ? 41551 Amend ?         
Comments:

Please leave prepared statement with the committee secretary.

WITNESS STATEMENT

Name John J. [unclear] Date 1-20-8  
Address [unclear] Support ?         
Representing [unclear] Oppose ? ✓  
Which Bill ? HR 56 Amend ?         
Comments:

Please leave prepared statement with the committee secretary.

WITNESS STATEMENT

Name Don Allen Date 1/20/81  
Address 2030 - 11<sup>th</sup> (17) Helene Support ?         
Representing Mustang Petroleum Assoc. Oppose ? ✓  
Which Bill ? HR 56 Amend ?       

Comments:

Please leave prepared statement with the committee secretary.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
WITNESS STATEMENT

Name Bruce Suemam Date 1/20/81  
Address 2521 South Ave West. Mole Mt. Support ?         
Representing Missoula Rural Fire District. Oppose ? ☒  
Which Bill ? HB 56. Amend ?       

Comments:

We oppose this bill because if passed it would create a unfair burden on the rest of the fireholders in the remaining portion of the Fire District.

We oppose the bill because it would create significantly higher taxes for an already fragile wood products industry. This bill may be the straw that breaks the back of the wood products industry in Missoula. The industry also would not receive a significant increase in services to offset the increase in taxes.

Finally we oppose the bill because it will take away the right of protest that helps industry protect itself from increased taxes.

Please leave prepared statement with the committee secretary.



# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

January 27 ..... 19 51 .....

MR. SPLAUR .....

We, your committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT .....

having had under consideration HOUSE ..... Bill No. 56 .....

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DELETING RESTRICTIONS  
ON ANNEXATION OF LAND USED FOR INDUSTRIAL, MANUFACTURING,  
AND OTHER PURPOSES; AMENDING SECTION 7-2-4603, MCA;  
REPEALING SECTION 7-2-4303, MCA."

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE ..... Bill No. 56 .....

DO NOT PASS

~~DO PASS~~

# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

.....January 22,..... 19 21.....

MR. ....SPLAKE.....

We, your committee on .....LOCAL GOVERNMENT.....

having had under consideration .....HOUSE..... Bill No. ....140.....

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES; TO REQUIRE APPROVAL AS TO FORM  
OF PETITIONS AND PREPARATION OF BALLOT STATEMENTS."

Respectfully report as follows: That .....HOUSE..... Bill No. ....140.....

DO PASS

# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. SPEAKER

We, your committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT

having had under consideration HOUSE Bill No. 150

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING COUNTIES OF THE FIRST AND SECOND CLASS TO AWARD SEPARATE PRINTING CONTRACTS WHICH MAY BE AWARDED ON AN ANNUAL OR JOB BASIS; AMENDING SECTION 7-5-2411, MCA."

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE Bill No. 150

Amend House Bill 150:

1. Title, line 5.

Following: "FIRST"

Strike: "AND SECOND"

2. Page 1, line 25

Following: "may"

Insert: "and in counties of the first class, the county commissioners may"

3. Page 2, line 5.

Following: "County"

Strike: ", which"

Insert: ". This"

Following: "contract"

Insert: "or one separated under 2(b)"

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4. Page 2, line 6.

Following: "establishment"

Insert: "or establishments, as the case may be"

5. Page 2, line 9.

Following: "first"

Strike: "or second"

6. Page 2, line 10.

Following: line 9

Strike: "separate county printing needs"

Insert: "printed forms, materials, and supplies required by the counties"

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