

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE  
AMENDMENTS TO HR 4  
April 6, 1981

1. Title, line 4.

Following: "HOUSE OF"

Strike: "REPRESENTTIVES"

Insert: "REPRESENTATIVES"

2. Page 2.

Following: line 5

Insert: "WHEREAS, the Deer Lodge Research Unit, having been involved in an on-going drug research program since 1966, has made a significant contribution to the body of knowledge available concerning the impact of new drugs on human beings; and"

3. Page 2.

Following: line 12

Insert: WHEREAS, the Deer Lodge Research Unit provides a useful summer training program for pharmacy students from the University of Montana; and

WHEREAS, drug research of the nature conducted at the Deer Lodge Research Unit benefits the entire nation; and"

4. Page 2, line 14.

Following: "at"

Insert: "Federal Register"

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1. Page 2, line 22.

Following: "communities;"

Strike: "and"

2. Page 2, line 25.

Following: "institutions"

Strike: "."

Insert: "; and

(4) the effectiveness and adequacy of public and private services and programs designed to assist youth and families in dealing with problems to prevent youth from having to be removed from their homes."

3. Page 3, line 7.

Following: "Services,"

Insert: "Department of Institutions,"

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HUMAN SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE  
April 6, 1981

REPRESENTATIVE SIVERTSEN called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in Room 103 of the Capitol Building. The other subcommittee member present was Representative Pavlovich. Also present was John Clark, Deputy Director of Department of Revenue, Roger Tippy, Mt. Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association, Tom Harrison, Industry Environmental Council of Montana, Al Doutherty, U. S. Brewers Association, Budd Gould, and Russ Josephson, Committee Counsel.

JOHN CLARK told the committee that if there was much administrative cost, there would be no benefit to the bill as it will only generate about \$300,000. He felt that language should be added to the bill, or it will be voluntary in nature. Those in businesses affected by the bill can either obey or ignore the law as written, he said.

TOM HARRISON presented a set of proposed amendments.

JOHN CLARK said the Department of Revenue won't spend the time enforcing a voluntary law that won't bring in much revenue. He said it was likely that the big stores would pay as they prefer this to a "bottle bill", but many of the smaller businesses would ignore the law.

HARRISON said it would mostly be a voluntary situation, similar to income tax returns. Most people file an income tax return, and most people would obey this law, he felt.

REP. GOULD said the smaller stores belong to the Grocery Association because of coupons and insurance advantages. GOULD was told by Tom Haines, president of the association that the grocers want this bill to work. They will see a direct benefit and won't object to paying, he was told.

REP. SIVERTSEN asked if the Revenue Department would administer the law. John Clark said the department assumes they are to enforce any law passed. He suggested taxing at the distributor level.

TIPPY said the Nebraska legislature placed a somewhat higher tax at the distributor level. He said his "reading" from the beer wholesalers group was that wholesalers' tax would be workable.

REP. PAVLOVICH suggested that the businesses take a percentage on their gross income. Those figures are readily available and the amount to pay would be easily figured, he thought.

JOHN CLARK said that Sears Roebuck sells some items that would

be included in this bill, but that is a fairly small part of their business. It would be difficult to determine how much would be taxable. He pointed out to the committee that the language in Section 8 is not "strong" enough, that language for appropriation and disbursement should be added.

TIPPY said that if the wholesalers were taxed it would have to be figured differently than if the retailers were taxed.

JOHN CLARK said that a business license could be used to determine who should pay.

SIVERTSEN asked how the committee felt about passing the bill "as is", and observing how it works for two years, possibly amending the law at the end of that time.

DOUGHERTY felt the brewing industry would be cooperative, because they are used to being taxed. He didn't know about cooperation from small grocery stores, gas stations, or tobacco shops.

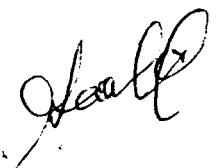
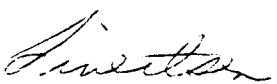
TIPPY read and explained his amendments.

REP. SIVERTSEN went through the amendments with the committee.

REP. GOULD suggested looking at a "triggering mechanism" saying the percentage point could be .15 or .02 or .025. At the end of the first 6 months a review could be made to judge the revenue. It could be raised or lowered according to the revenue raised.

REP. SIVERTSEN asked those present to study the amendments and consider ways of administering the law. He announced that the next meeting of the subcommittee would be at 7:30 a.m. the next morning.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

  
  
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ROBERT SIVERTSEN, Representative