

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
TAXATION COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

January 13, 1981

The third meeting of the committee was called to order on the above date, Room 415 of the State Capitol Building, at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Pat Goodover.

ROLL CALL: All members present, with the exception of Senator Norman.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL 11: Senator Galt, principal sponsor of the bill, presented the bill at the request of the Revenue Oversight Committee. The bill allows for an all-beverage license to be transferred within a county. The present law reads that an all-beverage license can't be taken over 5 miles from the city. Chairman Goodover called for opponents or proponents of the bill. There were none, and at this time Senator Healy offered amendments to the bill (Attachment 1). Senator Galt said he had no objections to the amendments. The hearing was closed on Senate Bill 11.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILLS 6 and 20: Senator Towe presented the two bills together because of the background similarity. He then gave a summation of background leading to the present system. He said the problems with the present system are twofold: 1) some communities have grown substantially since 1947 and some have decreased, creating a large imbalance in license availability, and 2) there were too many exceptions. Exceptions are: a) grandfather clause, b) fraternal organizations, c) resort licenses where over \$500,000 is invested, d) airport licenses, e) special events licenses, f) catering licenses, generally an amendment to an existing license, and g) floater licenses. He showed the committee a license, in blank, that when properly filled out could be worth anywhere from \$80,000 to \$120,000, depending on the city where the license was granted, and said under the present system the value could rise to as much as \$250,000 in the next ten years. He asked if it was right for a person to make a profit on a license issued by the State of Montana as the license costs \$20,000 when originally purchased from the state. Because Senator Towe knows much money is invested in the licenses and a hardship would be created by eliminating the quota system all at once, he suggests Senate Bill 20 and a phase-out process over a 15-year period. The impact would be lessened because licensees could amortize out their investment.

Chairman Goodover called for proponents for this bill. There were none, so opponents were called to speak.

Donald W. Larson, registered lobbyist for the Montana Tavernowners Association, stated that Montana has a quota system because the State established the quota and it was in existence when he went into business. Through the quota system, licensees have updated them so they are worth much more, but much work was involved to make them more valuable. He felt he was entitled to a just profit on the license and urged the committee to vote do not pass on both bills.

Mr. Bob Durkee, representing the MTA, presented his testimony which is incorporated in the minutes (Attachment #2). He then introduced Philip Strobe, also representing the MTA. Mr. Strobe mentioned HB 21 has received broad support in the House and that he hopes to see that house bill in committee here soon. He wanted favorable consideration by the committee on HB 21 and Senate Bill 11 with amendments. He objected to the 15-year phase-out proposal and referred members to a report prepared by Terry Cohea which concluded that licenses were purchased and the licensee has a vested property right. Further, he said, the Montana Supreme Court has consistently said a liquor license is a property right and that recommendation of SB20 would be taking away a property right. He urged a do not pass vote on SB's 20 and 6.

Mr. George Langman and Mr. Tom Heisler were called next, and their statements are Attachments #3 and #4 to these minutes.

The Chairman asked for questions from the Committee. Mr. Strobe answered Sen. Manley's question of content of HB 21 by saying HB 21 adjusts the basis upon which licenses are issued under the quota. The present law says licenses are issued on the basis of the last official United States Census. HB 21 gives authority to the Revenue Dept. Liquor Division to use the annual population estimates that are used for impact monies, thus keeping population figures more current.

Senator Steve Brown said he was aware that the last liquor license meeting released 6 licenses and that he was told by license petitioners that the key to their business survival was the ability to sell liquor. Sen. Brown wondered how the committee was supposed to view and address this problem.

Mr. Larson responded that he feels just because he has a license he isn't automatically in business. He originally had no intention of getting a license for liquor in his business but that someone came along and said he should have one so he got one. He personally felt that good food brings people into his place, but that some people think that a license itself is the answer.

Senator Brown asked about the meaning of "floater". Mr. Strobe responded that the 1975 Legislature adopted floaters. If an area has issued more than 125% of its quotas, a license from that area

may be taken and moved to another that is under 125% of quota. There have been 12 licenses floated in the last six years. Senator Healy added to Sen. Brown's question by saying much business had been lost in Butte taverns because of Anaconda's clos-down. Six tavern licenses which were purchased by the Company because of pit enlargement had been recently available.

Senator Towe closed on Senate Bill 20 stating that less government control would be the result rather than more if SB 20 were adopted.

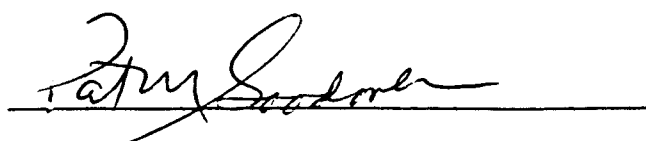
Senator Towe then addressed Senate Bill 6, his preference, because he believes it better protects investments already made. This bill proposes replacing the quota system by having appraisals made of the beer, wine, and all-beverage licenses in all first and second-class cities (cities with populations over 5,000). The bill continues to provide that the state may issue a license to qualified persons at the appraised value and this means that the value will stay up. He felt that buyers would rather go to the owner than the state to buy a license. The bill provides that a license may be transferred to a new location and new ownership only within the quota area for which it was originally issued and only when the department finds, after public hearing, that the public convenience and necessity would be served by such a transfer. He prefers this bill because resort licenses and floaters would be eliminated because there would be no quota system. Senator Towe felt there should be an effective date and he would suggest that Section XI be added at executive session to take care of this.

There being no proponents, opponents were called.

Mr. Durkee responded by saying that his group had directed their opposition in the folder handed out earlier, but he did feel that it would be physically impossible to appraise all licenses in the 6-month period with the July 1, 1981, cutoff date. Mr. Durkee further stated in answers to questions from Senators Elliott and Eck about the state making a profit on sale of licenses at appraisal, that he felt the State would be in a broker position. He felt that a license to sell liquor is a license to sell liquor and that no adjustment was ever made in license fees.

Senator Towe concluded by saying that if the State doesn't take in a nickel he would consider this bill successful. He said the bill wants to stop the escalating price on the licenses, trying to bring the price down so that other people can get in.

The hearing on SB's 20 and 6 was closed. After thanks from the Chairman to participants in the hearing for coming, the meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Pat M. Goodover", is written over a horizontal line.

PAT M. GOODOVER, CHAIRMAN

ROLL CALL

TAXATION COMMITTEE

47th LEGISLATIVE SESSION - - 1981

Date Jan. 13, 1981

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Goodover, Pat M., Chairman	✓		
McCallum, George, Vice	✓		
Brown, Bob	✓		
Brown, Steve	✓		
Crippen, Bruce D.	✓		
Eck, Dorothy	✓		
Elliott, Roger H.	✓		
Hager, Tom	✓		
Healy, John E. "Jack"	✓		
Manley, John E.	✓		
Norman, Bill		✓	
Ochsner, J. Donald	✓		
Severson, Elmer D.	✓		
Towe, Thomas E.	✓		

Each day attach to minutes.

BILLS NO. 6, 11, 20

(Please leave prepared statement with Secretary)

SB 11 AMENDMENT

1. Title, line 6.

Following: "CASES;"

Insert: "amend restrictions on transfer
of all-beverage licenses."

2. Page 5, line 5.

Following: "license."

Insert: "None of the restrictions of this
subsection will apply to an all-beverage
license transferred in subsection (a)
five (5) years after the date of transfer."

Secretary

SENATE TAXATION COMMITTEE

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TESTIMONY BY DONALD W. LARSON, REGISTERED LOBBYIST FOR THE MONTANA
TAVERN ASSOCIATION - TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1981. (SB6)

BEFORE THE SENATE TAXATION COMMITTEE, SENATOR PAT GOODOVER, Chairman:

Senate Bill 6 is clouded by the appraisal issue. The basic and underlying purpose of this bill is to destroy the quota system.

WHY THE QUOTA? WHY A CONTROL STATE?

Licensees didn't establish the quota system -- the State of Montana did over 30 years ago.

Montanans recognized the urgency of maintaining strong control over the dispensing of alcoholic beverages. They knew what happened before the quota was enacted, when the flood gates were opened and everybody who wanted a license could get one...and they wisely decided to call a halt.

The declaration of policy cited in the Montana Alcoholic Beverage Code specifically calls for the state, in the exercise of its police powers, to protect the welfare, health, peace, morals and safety of the people in the state. The quota system is the foundation for this protection.

I bought my license 20 years ago because I wanted to be in this business. Along with many others in this business, I hoped some day to be able to retire. If all I have worked for these past 20 years is to be rendered worthless...if the State of Montana suddenly pulls the rug out from under us and wipes out the time and investments we have made in building up our businesses...it will be a financial disaster to the many licensees who simply could not withstand the enormous loss.

Is the State of Montana entitled to reap the rewards of our efforts and investments to build up the value of our businesses, while at the same time destroying the very core...the value of the licenses in which we have a vested right?

I don't care what kind of effective date you put on a bill like this. From the time of its passage it would render every existing license worthless. There would be no conceivable way anyone could recover their investment.

Just because you have a liquor license doesn't guarantee your success in the liquor business. All of us licensees conduct our

businesses in an atmosphere of competition. We survive because we work hard to make it a success.

But the hard work and the money we have plowed back into our businesses has been justified because we had the pledge of our state that our licenses were personal property and we had vested rights in them. This is what creates the value, along with the location, the fixtures and equipment, the building that houses the license, and the good will that is generated.

We believe the Legislature and the liquor control system ought to be concerned about the health of the industry. Unlimited issuance of licenses only breeds unhealthy conditions and this is what our citizens do not need when you consider the products we handle.

The last industry that should foster marginal or sub-marginal operations is the liquor business. The impacts are far too great on society as a whole.

A healthy industry is what we are now experiencing. It must have...and it does have...healthy kinds of competition. But it will not survive in a climate which is designed to kill a highly regulated business such as ours.

I respect the fact that, in owning a license, I have been charged with the serious responsibility of handling and dispensing these highly sensitive products. I am proud of the industry in Montana that has strived to uphold these obligations.

I respectfully ask, on behalf of the Montana Tavern Association and the industry it represents, that this Committee reject this bill.

DONALD W. LARSON
Chairman of the Board
Montana Tavern Association

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE TAXATION COMMITTEE ON SB6 BY ROBERT A. DURKEE, REGISTERED LOBBYIST FOR THE MONTANA TAVERN ASSOCIATION, JANUARY 13, 1981.

Montana's liquor licenses have been held by the Supreme Court to be personal property. They can be transferred, sold, inherited, mortgaged, or otherwise subject to valid liens.

They are individual in nature and as such, there is great inconsistency in suggesting that values could be the same on all of them in an area.

As Mr. Larson has told you, in any sale of a retail beverage establishment, along with the license must go the value of the location, the building, fixtures, equipment, inventories, and so forth. Each is an integral part of the whole. Therefore, to suggest that any appraiser could separate one of the parts...the license...from the whole and arrive at an equitable value is inconceivable.

As personal property, the individual transactions involving sale rightfully belong to the buyer and the seller. We do not feel it is within the province of the government to interfere in private negotiations between interested parties involving the sale of any asset or personal property.

IS THE STATE OF MONTANA INCREASING ITS INVOLVEMENT IN PRIVATE ENTERPRISE?

We are convinced they are. The people of this state and the nation have clearly said they want less...not more...government intervention in their private and business matters.

We do not argue with the control of alcoholic beverages; we support it because we are well aware of the nature of the products we sell. We live with the laws that restrict our hours, set our fees, regulate from whom we can buy (the State of Montana) and to whom we can sell. We accept the rigid health standards that must be met because we, too, are concerned for the welfare of the citizens who are our customers. We have operated under laws which allow the State of Montana to compete with us in the sale of spirits and wine through state-owned stores, where the price and allowable discounts are the same to everyone...licensee or the public.

But, we must resist this cold, clinical intrusion into our rights as citizens and small businessmen and women. This bill would now put the State of Montana into the position of being able to set the value of our personal property and enter into competition for prospective buyers.

WHO WOULD BENEFIT BY A BILL SUCH AS THIS?

Surely not the business people who own licenses...those who have invested their life's savings and obligated themselves heavily to be in business.

Surely not the lending institutions which have...just as the licensee...relied upon the State to protect these investments.

Surely not the individuals who have elected to assume mortgages on businesses they have sold.

We have a supplement to this presentation which shows that 68% of Montana's all-beverage licenses have not only first mortgages, but second and third and beyond.

THE BILL:

A question arises as to the mechanics of putting the law into effect. For example, the effective date is July 1, 1981, and the title reveals that 16-4-105, 16-4-201, 16-4-202 and 16-4-208 (beer, all-beverage quotas, resorts and airports) are repealed as of that date. However, the final date of appraisal is December 31, 1981, as shown on page 1, line 13. Our question is: What is to prevent the Department of Revenue from issuing any number of licenses at the regular fee for first and second class cities during that 6-month period?

You will note that this bill deals only with first and second class cities, yet it breaks the quota for every city and county in the state.

Another question that arises: Is an appraised value of a license to be a "forever" one-time payment for an original license? The bill does not seem to indicate any reappraisal beyond December 31, 1981.

Another problem we have with the bill is that in the title it cites that it provides a "new licensing system"; yet there is no system spelled out in the body of the bill other than licenses will be issued by the Department of Revenue on the basis of need and necessity. That's not a new system.

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This bill was considered and rejected by the Revenue Oversight Committee after months of hearings and volumes of research. We respectfully ask that this committee do likewise.

ANALYSIS OF MORTGAGES HELD ON EXISTING ALL-BEVERAGE LICENSES

January 1980

County	1ST MORTGAGE			Licenses Issued	Pct. 1st Mtg.	2ND MORTGAGE		Third Mtg.
	Banks	Indiv./ Corps.	Govt. Entities	Total		Banks	Indiv./ Corps.	
BEAVERHEAD	7	11		18	58%		3	
BIG HORN	5	4	1	10	67		1	
BLAINE	3	7	1	11	65		2	1
BROADWATER	5	2		7	70		2	1
CARBON	9	14		23	70		5	
CARTER		3		3	50			
CASCADE	40	32	1	73	68	4	20	3
CHOUTEAU	5	4		9	56		3	
CUSTER	3	8		11	50	2	4	2
DANIELS	3	5		8	73		1	
DAWSON	6	2		8	67			
DEER LODGE	13	8	1	22	55		2	
FALLON	3	5		8	89			
FERGUS	4	10		14	56		4	
FLATHEAD	22	34		56	80	2	17	4
GALLATIN	12	24		36	75	2	7	
GARFIELD	1	2		3	75		1	
GLACIER	7	8	2	17	74			
GOLDEN VALLEY	2	1		3	75		1	
GRANITE	4	9		13	93	1	1	
HILL	13	9		22	76	1	3	1
JEFFERSON	4	4		8	57		3	

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ANALYSIS OF MORTGAGES HELD ON EXISTING ALL-BEVERAGE LICENSES

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January 1980

County	1ST MORTGAGE				Licenses Issued	Pct. 1st Mtg.	2ND MORTGAGE		Third Mtg.
	Banks	Indiv./ Corps.	Govt. Entities	Total			Banks	Indiv./ Corps.	
JUDITH BASIN	2	6		8	10	80%		3	
LAKE	7	21	1	29	34	85		6	
LEWIS & CLARK	23	26	1	50	59	85	3	7	1
LIBERTY	1	4		5	6	83			
LINCOLN	17	12	1	30	34	88		5	
MADISON	8	7	1	16	28	57		3	
McCONE	4	1		5	8	63			
MEAGHER		8		8	12	67		2	
MINERAL	5	9		14	16	88		1	1
MISSOULA	21	46		67	85	79	4	16	5
MUSSELSHELL	3	3		6	17	35	1		
PARK	8	18		26	36	72	1	13	2
PETROLEUM	1			1	1	100		1	1
PHILLIPS	5	6		11	17	65		1	
PONDERA	6	6		12	13	92		2	
POWDER RIVER		1		1	3	33			
POWELL	4	7		11	18	61		3	
PRAIRIE		3		3	5	60		1	
RAVALLI	5	18		23	32	72		8	4
RICHLAND	1	9	1	11	15	73	1	2	
ROOSEVELT	10	6		16	23	70		1	1
ROSEBUD	3	7		10	17	59		1	

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ANALYSIS OF MORTGAGES HELD ON EXISTING ALL-BEVERAGE LICENSES

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January 1980

County	1ST MORTGAGE			Licenses Issued	Pct. 1st Mtg.	2ND MORTGAGE		Third Mtg.
	Banks	Indiv./ Corps.	Govt. Entities	Total		Banks	Indiv./ Corps.	
SANDERS	3	13		16	84%	1	2	
SHERIDAN	6	3		9	60			
SILVER BOW	12	27	2	41	43		7	
STILLWATER	2	9		11	92		5	1
SWEET GRASS	2	4		6	67			
TETON	4	7		11	73	1	2	
TOOLE	5	13		18	72			
TREASURE	1	1		2	100		1	
VALLEY	7	8		15	58	1	1	
WHEATLAND		6		6	60			
WIBAUX	2	2		4	80			
YELLOWSTONE	19	23		42	51	3	8	4
TOTALS.....	368	546	13	927	68%	28	182	31

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LIENS FILED AGAINST LICENSES

	<u>State of Montana</u>					<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Credit</u>
	<u>Inc.</u>	<u>ESD</u>	<u>SRS</u>	<u>Labor</u>	<u>IRS</u>	<u>Ct.</u>	<u>Assoc.</u>
	<u>Tax</u>			<u>Dept.</u>			
Beaverhead		1					
Big Horn (None)							
Blaine					1		
Broadwater (None)							
Carbon (None)							
Carter (None)							
Cascade		3			4		
Chouteau							2
Custer							1
Daniels	2	1					
Dawson					1		
Deer Lodge (None)							
Fallon		1					
Fergus					1		
Flathead (None)							
Gallatin	2	2			6		
Garfield		1					
Glacier	1						
Golden Valley (None)							
Granite		1			1		
Hill	1	1			2		
Jefferson (None)							
Judith Basin (None)							
Lake		1	1				
Lewis & Clark		3			7		
Liberty (None)							
Lincoln					2	1	
Madison					6		
McCone (None)							
Meagher (None)							
Mineral (None)							
Missoula	2				3	1	1
Musselshell					1		
Park				1	1		
Petroleum					1		
Phillips (None)							
Pondera (None)							
Powder River (None)							
Powell (None)							
Prairie (None)							
Ravalli		2					
Richland					1		
Roosevelt					1		
Rosebud (None)							
Sanders (None)							
Sheridan							1
Silver Bow	2				2		2
Stillwater					1		
Sweet Grass (None)							
Teton (None)							
Toole		2					
Treasure (None)							
Valley		1			1		2
Wheatland (None)							
Wibaux (None)							
Yellowstone	3						2
	13	20	1	1	43	2	11

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(Source: Dept. of Revenue, Liquor Division)

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QUOTA INFORMATION FROM D.I.S.C.U.S.

CONTROL STATES

<u>Population</u>	<u>No Stat. Prov.</u>	<u>Local or ABC</u>	<u>Other</u>
Idaho	Maine	Iowa	N.C. - No on premise
Michigan	Alabama	Mississippi	Utah - No on premise
Montana	Vermont	Virginia	(State can set up their
New Hampshire			store in restaurants to
Ohio			sell miniatures to be
Oregon			opened at table)
Pennsylvania			W.Va. - Private clubs
Washington			
Wyoming			
(9)	(3)	(3)	(3)

OPEN STATES

Alaska	Connecticut	Colorado	Kan. - No on premise
Arizona	Georgia	Delaware	Okla. - No on premise
Arkansas	Louisiana	Hawaii	S.C. - Restaurants,
California	Nebraska	Illinois	Hotels & Private Clubs
Florida	Nevada	Missouri	
Indiana	N. Dakota	New York	
Kentucky	Texas	Tennessee	
Maryland			
Minnesota			
Massachusetts			
New Jersey			
New Mexico			
Rhode Island			
S. Dakota			
Wisconsin			
(15)	(7)	(7)	(3)

- 24 states use population as quota basis
- 10 states have no statutory provision
- 10 states - Local or ABC control on numbers issued
- 4 states - no on premise licenses issued
- 2 states - Private clubs, restaurants, hotels only

APPENDIX B

MONTANA TAVERN ASSOCIATION TESTIMONY PRESENTED TO THE REVENUE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
REGARDING LC 18 AT THE MAY 10, 1980 Meeting

	1980 Est.	1983 Lic.	1985 Est.	1987 Lic.	1990 Est.	1991 Lic.	1995 Est.	1995 Lic.	Now Issued	Added Licenses	Over Quota
<u>BEAVERHEAD</u>											
	3,250	4	3,250	6	3,250	9	3,250	18	15	3	
Dillon	4,600	6	4,600	8	4,600	10	4,600	12	14		2
Lima	350	2	350	3	350	4	350	5	2	3	
<u>BIG HORN</u>											
	7,350	9	8,000	14	8,650	23	9,000	50	3	47	
Hardin	3,150	5	3,400	6	3,700	7	3,800	8	12		4
Lodge Grass	900	2	1,000	4	1,050	5	1,100	6	0	6	
<u>BLAINE</u>											
	3,750	5	3,650	7	3,650	10	3,650	20	6	14	
Chinook	1,800	3	1,800	4	1,750	5	1,750	6	7		1
Harlem	1,150	3	1,150	4	1,100	5	1,100	6	4	2	
<u>BROADWATER</u>											
	1,400	1	1,400	3	1,400	4	1,400	8	5	3	
Townsend	1,700	3	1,700	4	1,700	5	1,700	6	5	1	
<u>CARBON</u>											
	4,250	5	4,400	8	4,600	12	4,900	27	10	17	
Bearcreek	50	2	50	3	50	4	50	5	1	4	
Bridger	1,100	3	1,100	4	1,200	5	1,250	6	4	2	
Fromberg	450	2	450	3	500	4	500	5	3	2	
Joliet	550	2	600	3	600	4	650	5	2	3	
Red Lodge	2,500	4	2,600	6	2,750	8	2,850	10	13		3
<u>CARTER</u>											
	1,200	1	1,200	2	1,100	3	1,050	6	2	4	
Ekalaka	600	2	600	3	600	4	550	5	4	1	
<u>CASCADE</u>											
	21,600	28	22,350	40	23,450	63	24,450	136	25	111	
Belt	700	2	700	3	750	4	800	5	4	1	
Cascade	700	2	750	3	800	4	800	5	4	1	
Great Falls	62,500	44	65,100	88	67,900	136	71,050	188	73	115	
Neihart	100	2	100	3	100	4	100	5	2	3	

	1980 Est.	1983 Lic.	1985 Est.	1987 Lic.	1990 Est.	1991 Lic.	1995 Est.	1995 Lic.	Now Issued	Added Licenses	Over Quota
<u>CHOUTEAU</u>	3,300	4	3,250	6	3,150	9	3,100	17	4	13	
Big Sandy	800	2	800	3	800	4	750	5	4	1	
Fort Benton	1,850	3	1,800	4	1,800	5	1,700	6	6	0	
Geraldine	350	2	350	3	350	4	350	5	2	3	
<u>CUSTER</u>	3,350	4	3,400	6	3,450	9	3,500	19	3	16	
Ismay	50	2	50	3	50	4	50	5	0	5	
Miles City	9,700	9	9,950	14	10,000	19	10,150	24	19	5	
<u>DANIELS</u>	1,350	1	1,250	2	1,200	3	1,200	7	3	4	
Flaxville	200	2	200	3	250	4	200	5	2	3	
Scobey	1,550	3	1,450	4	2,250	8	2,200	10	6	4	
<u>DAWSON</u>	4,650	6	4,650	8	4,700	13	4,800	27	1	26	
Glendive	6,150	7	6,150	10	6,150	13	6,250	16	10	6	
Richey	400	2	400	3	350	4	350	5	1	4	
<u>DEER LODGE</u>	4,950	6	4,850	7	4,750	13	4,650	26	7	19	
Anaconda	8,550	9	8,450	12	8,250	16	8,050	20	33		13
<u>FALLON</u>	1,250	1	1,250	2	1,250	3	1,250	7	1	6	
Baker	2,650	4	2,650	6	2,650	8	2,650	10	6	4	
Plevna	200	2	200	3	200	4	200	5	2	3	
<u>FERGUS</u>	5,500	7	5,500	10	5,500	15	5,550	31	5	26	
Denton	400	2	400	3	400	4	400	5	2	3	
Grass Range	200	2	200	3	200	4	200	5	2	3	
Lewistown	6,800	7	6,800	10	6,800	13	6,850	16	12	4	
Moore	200	2	200	3	200	4	200	5	2	3	
Winifred	200	2	200	3	200	4	200	5	2	3	

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<u>FLATHEAD</u>	25,550	34	27,450	49	29,050	79	30,650	170	30	140	
Columbia Falls	3,300	5	3,500	6	3,750	7	3,900	8	11		3
Kalispell	16,150	13	17,350	24	18,350	37	19,350	48	19	29	
Whitefish	3,900	5	4,200	6	4,450	7	4,700	12	10	2	
<u>GALLATIN</u>	13,750	18	14,950	27	15,800	43	16,700	93	13	80	
Belgrade	1,950	3	2,150	6	2,250	8	2,400	10	4	6	
Bozeman	21,300	17	23,150	32	24,550	49	25,900	68	15	53	
Manhattan	950	2	1,050	4	1,100	5	1,150	6	3	2	
Three Forks	1,450	3	1,550	4	1,650	5	1,750	6	5	1	
West Yellowstone	800	2	850	3	950	4	1,000	6	8		2
<u>GARFIELD</u>	1,250	1	1,250	2	1,200	3	1,200	7	1	6	
Jordan	550	2	550	3	500	4	500	5	3	2	
<u>GLACIER</u>	5,500	7	5,550	10	5,700	15	5,850	33	8	25	
Browning	1,800	3	1,800	4	1,850	5	1,900	6	4	2	
Cut Bank	3,900	5	3,950	6	4,050	7	4,150	8	11		3
<u>GOLDEN VALLEY</u>	500	0	500	0	500	1	500	3	0	3	
Lavina	200	2	200	3	150	4	150	5	2	3	
Ryegate	300	2	300	3	250	4	250	5	2	3	
<u>GRANITE</u>	1,200	1	1,300	2	1,300	4	1,300	7	4	3	
Drummond	500	2	500	3	500	4	500	5	4	1	
Phillipsburg	1,000	3	1,000	4	1,000	5	1,000	6	6	0	
<u>HILL</u>	6,850	9	7,000	13	7,150	19	7,400	41	9	32	
Havre	11,100	10	11,400	16	11,750	22	12,100	32	18	14	
Hingham	250	2	300	3	300	4	300	5	2	3	

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<u>JEFFERSON</u>											
Boulder	4,750	6	5,400	10	5,550	15	6,550	36	5	31	
Whitehall	1,100	3	1,100	4	1,100	5	1,100	6	4	2	
	1,450	3	1,500	4	1,550	5	1,750	6	5	1	
<u>JUDITH BASIN</u>											
	2,000	2	1,900	3	1,750	5	1,700	9	5	4	
Hobson	200	2	200	3	200	4	150	5	2	3	
Stanford	500	2	500	3	450	4	450	5	3	2	
<u>LAKE</u>											
	12,600	16	12,950	23	13,300	36	13,650	76	12	64	
Polson	3,000	5	3,100	6	3,150	7	3,850	8	9		1
Ronan	1,500	3	1,550	4	1,550	5	1,600	6	7		1
St. Ignatius	900	2	900	3	900	4	900	5	6		1
<u>LIBERTY</u>											
	1,500	2	1,450	3	1,400	4	1,400	8	1	7	
Chester	1,000	3	950	3	900	4	900	5	5	-	
<u>LINCOLN</u>											
	12,350	16	12,450	22	12,600	34	12,800	71	17	54	
Eureka	1,050	3	1,100	4	1,100	5	1,100	6	3	3	
Libby	3,250	5	3,300	6	3,350	7	3,400	8	6	2	
Rexford	150	2	150	3	150	4	150	5	2	3	
Troy	1,100	3	1,100	4	1,100	5	1,150	6	6	-	
<u>McCONE</u>											
	1,550	3	1,550	3	1,450	4	1,400	8	4	2	
Circle	1,050	3	1,050	4	1,050	5	1,000	6	4	2	
<u>MADISON</u>											
	3,450	4	3,500	6	3,500	9	3,450	19	13	6	
Ennis	550	2	600	3	600	4	550	5	4	1	
Sheridan	750	2	750	3	750	4	750	5	4	1	
Twin Bridges	750	2	750	3	750	4	750	5	3	2	
Virginia City	200	2	200	3	200	4	200	5	4	1	

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<u>MEAGHER</u>	900	1	900	1	900	2	900	5	5	0	
White Sulphur Spgs.	1,400	3	1,400	4	1,400	5	1,400	6	7		1
<u>MINERAL</u>	2,100	2	2,200	3	2,200	5	2,300	12	10	2	
Alberton Superior	500 1,100	2 3	500 1,100	3 4	550 1,150	4 5	550 1,150	5 6	2 4	3 2	
<u>MISSOULA</u>	38,200	50	40,800	72	43,050	116	46,000	255	32	223	
Missoula	31,300	23	33,300	46	35,250	70	37,600	100	53	47	
<u>MUSSELSHELL</u>	1,750	2	1,850	3	1,850	5	1,850	10	1	9	
Melstone Roundup	250 2,400	2 4	250 2,500	3 6	250 2,500	4 8	250 2,500	5 10	2 14	3	4
<u>PARK</u>	5,200	6	5,350	9	5,500	14	5,650	31	15	16	
Clyde Park Livingston	300 7,300	2 7	300 7,450	3 11	300 7,700	4 16	300 7,850	5 20	2 19	3 1	
<u>PETROLEUM</u>	450	0	400	0	400	1	350	1	0	1	
Winnett	250	2	200	3	200	4	150	5	1	4	
<u>PHILLIPS</u>	2,650	3	2,550	4	2,550	6	2,500	13	4	9	
Dodson Malta Saco	200 2,300 350	2 4 2	150 2,250 350	3 6 3	150 2,200 350	4 8 4	150 2,200 350	5 10 5	2 9 2	3 1 3	
<u>PONDERA</u>	3,050	4	3,000	5	2,950	7	2,900	16	4	12	4
Conrad Valier	3,350 700	5 2	3,300 700	6 3	3,200 650	7 4	3,150 650	8 5	6 3	2 2	

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<u>SANDERS</u>	5,150	6	5,100	9	5,250	14	5,450	30	10	20	
Hot Springs	700	2	750	3	750	4	750	5	3	2	
Plains	1,200	3	1,250	4	1,250	5	1,300	6	3	3	
Thompson Falls	1,550	3	1,600	4	1,650	5	1,700	6	3	3	
<u>SHERIDAN</u>	2,400	3	2,300	4	2,300	6	2,250	12	4	8	
Medicine Lake	350	2	350	3	350	4	350	5	2	3	
Outlook	100	2	100	3	100	4	100	5	1	4	
Plentywood	2,300	4	2,200	6	2,200	8	2,150	10	6	4	
Westby	250	2	250	3	250	4	250	5	2	3	
<u>SILVER BOW</u>	16,950	22	16,850	30	16,750	45	16,750	93	5	88	
Butte	22,950	18	22,850	32	22,750	46	22,750	60	88	4	28
Walkerville	1,000	3	1,000	4	1,000	5	1,000	6	2		
<u>STILLWATER</u>	4,150	5	4,100	7	5,100	13	4,900	27	9	18	
Columbus	1,350	3	1,300	4	1,700	5	1,600	6	3	3	
<u>SWEET GRASS</u>	1,450	1	1,450	2	1,600	4	1,600	8	3	5	
Big Timber	1,850	3	1,750	4	2,100	8	2,100	10	6	4	
<u>TEION</u>	3,600	4	3,600	6	3,500	9	3,450	19	6	13	
Choteau	1,650	3	1,650	4	1,650	5	1,600	6	4	2	
Dutton	400	2	400	3	400	4	400	5	2	3	
Fairfield	650	2	650	3	650	4	650	5	3	2	
<u>TOOLE</u>	1,650	2	1,700	3	1,700	4	1,750	9	10		1
Kevin	200	2	200	3	200	4	200	5	3	2	
Shelby	2,900	4	2,950	6	2,950	8	3,000	8	10		2
Sunburst	550	2	550	3	550	4	550	5	2	3	

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<u>POWDER RIVER</u>	1,850	2	1,850	3	1,850	5	1,850	10	1	9	
Broadus	750	2	750	3	750	4	750	5	2	3	
<u>POWELL</u>	2,850	3	2,900	5	2,950	7	3,000	16	8	8	
Deer Lodge	5,150	6	5,300	8	5,350	10	5,500	12	8	4	
<u>PRAIRIE</u>	900	1	900	1	850	2	850	4	2	2	
Terry	900	2	900	3	850	4	850	5	3	2	
<u>RAVALLI</u>	15,300	20	16,000	28	16,900	45	17,850	99	13	86	
Darby	550	2	550	3	550	4	550	5	3	2	
Hamilton	3,350	5	3,500	6	3,800	7	3,900	8	11		3
Stevensville	1,300	3	1,350	4	1,450	5	1,500	6	5	1	
<u>RICHLAND</u>	4,550	6	4,550	8	4,450	12	4,450	24	4	20	
Fairview	1,000	3	950	3	950	4	900	5	3	2	
Sidney	4,850	6	4,800	8	4,800	10	4,750	12	8	4	
<u>ROOSEVELT</u>	3,850	5	4,000	7	4,050	10	4,100	22	2	20	
Bainville	200	2	200	3	200	4	200	5	2	3	
Brockton	400	2	400	3	400	4	400	5	1	4	
Culbertson	850	2	850	3	900	4	900	5	3	2	
Froid	300	2	300	3	300	4	300	5	2	3	
Poplar	1,450	3	1,450	4	1,500	5	1,550	6	5	1	
Wolf Point	3,650	5	3,700	6	3,750	7	3,850	8	8	0	
<u>ROSEBUD</u>	8,000	10	8,750	15	8,750	24	8,850	49	7	42	
Forsyth	2,100	4	2,350	6	2,350	8	2,350	10	10	0	

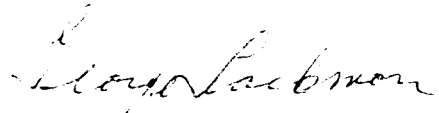
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<u>TREASURE</u>	600	0	550	0	500	1	450	2	0	2	
Hysham	600	2	550	3	500	4	450	5	2	3	
<u>VALLEY</u>	6,950	9	6,850	12	6,800	18	6,750	37	9	28	
Glasgow	5,400	6	5,300	8	5,250	10	5,200	12	11	1	
Nashua	600	2	600	3	600	4	600	5	3	2	
Opheim	350	2	350	3	350	4	350	5	3	2	
<u>WHEATLAND</u>	1,000	1	1,000	1	1,000	2	950	5	2	3	
Harlowton	1,350	3	1,350	4	1,350	5	1,300	6	6	0	
Judith Gap	150	2	150	3	150	4	150	5	2	3	
<u>WIBAUX</u>	850	1	850	1	850	2	800	4	0	4	
Wibaux	650	2	650	3	650	4	600	5	5	0	
<u>YELLOWSTONE</u>	24,950	33	28,150	50	31,100	84	34,200	190	20	170	
Billings	77,350	54	87,050	118	96,150	193	105,750	280	53	227	
Broadview	100	2	100	3	100	4	100	5	2	3	
Laurel	7,300	7	8,200	12	9,050	19	9,950	24	7	17	
TOTALS.....		976		1,510		2,222		3,754	1,365	2,462	73

Senate Taxation Committee

Hearing on SB 6

January 13, 1981

My name is George Lackman and I am speaking on behalf of the Missoula County Tavern Owners Association. My association fully agrees with the reasons for opposing SB 6 as given by the representative of the Montana Tavern Association.



George Lackman
Legislative Chairman

Missoula County Tavern
Owners Association

Senate Taxation Committee

January 13, 1981

Hearing on SB 20

My name is Tom Heisler and I am here on behalf of the Cascade County Tavern Owners Association. Our association fully concurs with the statements made by the representative of the Montana Tavern Association in opposition to Senate Bill 20.



Tom Heisler
Legislative Chairman
Cascade County Tavern
Owners Association