

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
TAXATION COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

January 26, 1981

The twelfth meeting of the committee was called to order at 8:00 a.m., Room 415, State Capitol Building, Senator Pat Goodover presiding.

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL 213: Sponsoring Senator Harold Dover said this bill tries to approach motor vehicle fee licensing in two different ways: 1) trying to help counties keep their tax base, and 2) considering the weight of the vehicle for assessment. He said this bill doesn't address the first part of what he hoped to accomplish. He felt that by using weight to determine the fee this approach would also determines the quantity of fuel you use so this bill taxes for what the vehicle does for the individual owner.

PROPOSERS: Mike Stephen, Montana Association of Counties, said this bill is above par with many other fee bills being considered, as far as getting size of vehicles assessed and also to measure the effect on the environment.

In answer to a question by Senator Eck, Sen. Dover said he wasn't sure what the answer was as far as getting a Federal tax deduction credit if the charge was called a fee, rather than a tax. Sen. Dover also said the annual fee would be between \$50 and \$200.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL 130: Senator Etchart explained that this was a bill to exempt new agricultural implements and equipment held for sale by a dealer from property taxation. He explained that because of the long lead time required to get machines in stock a lot of this equipment is shipped to the dealers to hold but is still owned by the manufacturer. It sometimes happens that the dealer is assessed the property tax.

PROPOSERS:

Ed Swanson, Implement dealer from Glasgow, testimony is attachment #1.

Clark Pyfer, Montana Chamber of Commerce.

Lee Johnson, Glenn Gifford, and Jim Johnson, Great Falls.

OPPOSERS:

Mike Stephen, Montana Association of Counties, said the reason his

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group is against it is because it affects taxable valuation.

Senator Elliott mentioned a bill he has introduced dealing with status of inventory and said that bill would eliminate all business inventories from taxation and would include this bill.

Hearing was closed on Senate Bill 130.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL 102: Senator Himsl presented this bill, attachment #2, which is for an act to provide a graduated tax on property for certain low income and elderly persons and to adjust upward certain income qualifications for assessment of property tax. He asked Dennis Burr to comment on any fiscal ramifications.

Mr. Burr said the fiscal note places a price on this bill of 9 1/2 million dollars and he didn't think the revisions would make that amount of difference. He suggested asking for more information on the fiscal note.

PROPONENTS: Ed Sheehy, NARFE.

Questions from the committee revealed the fiscal note has a technical note asking for further definition of a person with dependent children.

Senator Himsl said he felt young single or divorced people needed the tax break as much as the elderly. Ellen Feaver said she would check with her staff to see if there is further information the committee would need to consider this bill.

Hearing on Senate Bill 102 was closed.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL 126: Senator Severson explained this fee bill which deals with valuation used on all types of vehicles. Presently, we are being taxed on retail value and he said he would attempt to show that taxpayers should be taxed on wholesale value, which is retail less the profit margin and reconditioning costs. He said House Bill 70 determined that market value was to be used for taxation purposes. The Department of Revenue established that that was retail value. Senator Severson handed out information dealing with book values, attachment #1, suggesting the penned figures be used. Attachments 2-7 are supportive arguments for his bill.

PROPONENTS: James Mockler, Montana Coal Board. He said he would like to propose an amendment to this bill and submitted it, attachment #8.

Ken Hoovestol, Montana Snowmobile Association and Montana Marine Trade Association suggested that we retain the word "watercraft" in the proposed amendment.

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Larry Huss, Montana Contractor's Association and Montana Taxpayers Association, felt wholesale valuation was fair.

Jerry Raunig, Montana Auto Dealer's Association, attachment #9.

Ben Havdahl, Montana Motor Carriers Association, said it is very difficult to come up with a blue book on large over-the-road trucks, but felt the average 80% percent in the bill is reasonable.

Avis Ann Tobin, Montana Hardware and Implement Association.

Jim Manion, Montana Automobile Association, said his membership supports a flat fee system for vehicles.

Slim Slattery, former bureau chief of the personal property division, DOR, said he came at the request of Senator Severson and felt rules would have to be changed or amended as the administrative process is hard to handle by county assessors. He said House Bill 70 caused the problem that all property must be taxed at fair market value.

Terry Murphy, Montana Farmer's Union, said he was concerned with the bill as it affects farmers and property.

Alice Fryslie, Montana National Farmers Organization and Montana Cattlemen's Association.


OPPONENTS: Mike Stephen, Montana Association of Counties, said that while only a small amount of money was involved, it still has an effect on local government.

Senator Severson closed by saying that page 4, section 2, line 5, lists what the present law is and said we're looking at a difference of opinion as to what value is.

Hearing was closed on Senate Bill 126.

RE-CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL 77: Senator Towe proposed two amendments to this bill. Because time was running short, it was decided to go over the amendment language at another time.

The meeting was adjourned.


PAT M. GOODOVER, CHAIRMAN

ROLL CALL

TAXATION COMMITTEE

47th LEGISLATIVE SESSION - - 1981

Date 1/26/81

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.

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VISITORS' REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	Senate BILLS #	Check One			
			Support		Oppose	
			102	126	102	126
ED SHERNY	RETIRED FARM EMPLOYEES		✓			
James O. Mockler	MONT. Coal Council			✓		
Jim MANION	MONT. AUTO ASSOCIATION			✓		
JERRY RAUNIG	MONT. Auto DEALERS ASSOC			✓		
LARRY HUGH	Mont Contractor Assoc			✓		
	Montax					
Dennis Lopez	Montana Taxpayers			✓		
Ben Hurdahl	MONT. MTR Carriers Assn			✓		
Quia Anna Tolpin	Mont Hdwex Impl Co			✓		
Clarence W. Swanson	Glasgow Drug Dealers			✓		
Os Brunner	U. I. F. E.					
Pat Blumenthal	MT. FARM BARRA					
Clark Pyke	Mont C of Commerce					
Ken Hoober to 1	MT. Snobmobile Assn.			✓		
Greg Johnson	Gt Falls			✓		
John G. Jefford	Gt. Falls			✓		
James Johnson	Gt Falls			✓		
Alicia Frydli	MT. N. F. O.			✓		
A. B. Staturey Sr	Helena - MT. Cattlemen			✓		
Mike Stephen	Helena.			✓		
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DATE Jan. 26, 1981

COMMITTEE ON Lawation

VISITORS' REGISTER

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(Please leave prepared statement with Secretary)

Glasgow Implement Dealers Assn.

24 January 1981

Pat Goodover, Chairman
Senate Taxation Committee
Montana Senate
Sta to Capitol
Helena, Montana 59601

Subject: SB 130 "Exempting New Agriculture
Equipment held by dealers from property
Tax"

Pat:

We greatly regret individually missing this opportunity to address SB 130 at the formal hearing 26 January 1981. Please accept this letter as a position on a bill the Glasgow Implement dealers unanimously feel is both appropriate and essential to a business so closely tied to Montana agriculture.

The sale of farm equipment is atypical and peculiar in an economic sense. Primarily because of the high cost of whole goods (Combines, Tractors, Haying Equipment in particular) and additionally because of the investment required to successfully operate such a business. To an even greater degree than the Automotive retailer, Farm Equipment retailing requires a greater diversification of inventory and higher seasonal variations. The movement of these inventories is frustrated not only by the weather and the farmers ability to purchase but by the irregular distribution patterns forced on the dealer by manufacturers. It is not unusual to order whole goods a year to a year and a half in advance of the inventory date. This means the dealer must speculate on a market that may or may not be there when he gets inventory. This is a situation that is unparalleled by any other Montana Retailing that we are aware of.

Inventory taxes are a cost of doing business that necessarily are reflected in the cost to the Farm/Ranch consumer. This adds to the burden of profitably managing an ag business in times when it is failing miserably in a game attempt to keep up with rising costs and inflation. Having to pay more for essential equipment only compounds the problem and eliminating the taxes as per SB130 would be an accommodation to Montana Agriculture.

Farm Equipment whole goods typically retail for amounts up to and exceeding \$100,000. This constitutes a major capital expenditure. It also encourages purchasing patterns over long distances, often out of Montana. It is not unusual for example for goods to be purchased at retail by Montana farmers and ranchers from Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota, Canada etc. In many states like North Dakota, dealers are not burden with the tax on inventories as we know them in Montana. Canadian dealers either. This puts a Montana dealer at a competitive disadvantage.



FARM EQUIPMENT
SALES, INC.



MARKLE'S
IMPLEMENT



TOWN & RANCH
SERVICENTER



VALLEY IMPLEMENT
CO., INC.



ZERBE BROTHERS

Glasgow Implement Dealers Assn.

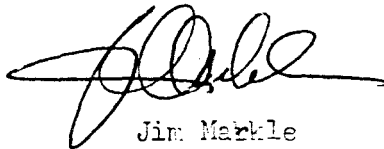
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Farm Equipment whole goods are also subject to transfer from a dealers inventory. The movement of whole good inventory from one dealer to another is a standard prpcedure in the industry, esp. in Montana where we are so far removed from the primary Distribution centers. Once taxed inventory is transferred it is likely he will not recoup the tax. A transfer can be out of state.

In Montana, the Automotive Dealer is relieved for good reason of the inventory tax on his new goods. The Montana Farm Equipment dealer now pays an inventory tax on inventory he can ot control. Inventory he later will pay income tax on. This is double taxation to a degree. He also pays tax on inventory he will eventually transfer and not sell. He is placed at a competative disadvantage with dealers in neighboring states and Canadian dealers that also have an additional advantage of priveleged foreign exchange rates. Keep in mind Farm Machinery does move across the border without problem.

This bill is timely and appropriate. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in supporting SB 130 and voting to approve the exemption of New Agriculture Equipment held by dealers from Property Taxation.

Thank You.



Jim Markle
President

cc: Markle's - Tom Markle
Farm Equipment Sales - Ed Swanson
Town & Ranch Servicenter - Don Potter
Valley Implement - Larry Logare
Zerbe Bros - Paul Zerbe



FARM EQUIPMENT
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ZERBE BROTHERS

S.B. 102 would change a section of Class 4 property tax application by increasing the level of income from all sources for relief, but the amount of relief would be determined by an income scale to which would be applied a percentage of the normal rate.

The first qualification would be that the beneficiary be a 60 year-old Montana resident where annual income from all sources would not exceed \$12,000 for a single person and \$15,000 for a married couple.

Also qualifying would be any person with dependent children whose income did not exceed \$12,000. The old law was limited to widows or widowers--this suggested change would extend possible relief to young divorcees.

This bill would also raise the income levels for retirees qualifying special tax relief on campers and mobile homes--again to \$12,000 for single and \$15,000 for married couples. See page 4, line 6.

Further, this bill would increase the level for disabled veterans in meeting certain residence exemptions, again raising to \$12,000 for a single person and \$15,000 for a married couple.

The reason for raising the qualifying level is to include income from all sources. For example, as it is now--a married couple might get \$4800 from Social Security and \$4,000 from another pension, and at \$8800 he is without any relief, yet he cannot afford to pay a tax of 300 mills on a \$25,000 home

for a tax bill of \$641.25.

Also, it should be understood that this tax relief applies to only the first \$35,000 or less of the market value on any improvement on real property--that is homes, trailer or mobile home used as a permanent dwelling and on land not exceeding 5 acres or under contract for deed and actually occupied at least 10 months out of the year as a primary dwelling.

I am told under our appraised standards, that in effect such property is appraised on a so-called market value, but actually is estimated to be about 45% of the selling price--so there is little in the \$35,000 ceiling--\$35,000 value could mean a place selling for \$77,777.

The problem is a serious one for retired people, a couple retires on -- say \$6,000 income from social security and another \$6,000 from a retirement program so have \$12,000 a year. They buy a modest little place for \$20,000. The man is a bit handy, he adds a room so the kids can visit, adds a car port, the wife has always wanted a fire place, he paints the place and decorates with fancy shutters--and then the appraiser comes by and says they have at least a \$35,000 house. So under our present law our retirees cannot qualify for relief and their tax bill in a popular city would be \$897.75--2.56% of the appraised value and 7.48% of their income for just property tax--this does not include interest, insurance nor maintenance. This makes a total cost beyond their means to support, and they have to sell.

Under this bill on a sliding scale--a married couple with a \$12,000 a year income on a property appraised at \$35,000 value, the mill levy is 300, the tax would be \$538.65 or 4.48% of their income.

<u>Single Person</u>		<u>Tax</u>
Appraisal	\$ 8,000	none
Income	2,995	

<u>Single Person</u>		<u>Tax-Present</u>	<u>Under Bill</u>
Appraisal	15,000		
Income	9,980	384.75	230.85
Appraisal	18,000		
Income	11,500	461.70	415.50

<u>Married</u>		<u>Tax-Present</u>	<u>Under Bill</u>
Appraisal	15,000		
Income	8,800	384.75	173.35
Appraisal	25,000		
Income	14,000	641.25	577.12

Appraised house = $\$25,000 \times .0855 = 2137.50$
Taxable $2,137.50 \times 300 \text{ mills} = \641.25

Mrs. A--Proposed Single

Selling price	\$25,000
Market Value (40)	10,000
Total Income	4,800 Social Security
	<u>3,600 Pension</u>
	8,400

\$8400 leads to 60% rate

60% of 8.55 = 5.13

10,000 x 5.13 = \$5.13 taxable

513 x .334 (mills) = \$171.34 tax

Presently=

10,000 x 8.55 = 855 x .334

\$285.57

Mr & Mrs. Rich Married

Selling Price	\$50,000
Market Value (40%)	20,000
Total Income	13,000

13,000 rate 90%

90% of 8.55 = 7.70

20,000 x 7.70 = 1540 taxable

1540 x .334 = \$514.36

Presently

20,000 x 8.55 = 1710 x

334 = \$571.14

Selling Price 10,000 Single

Market Value (40)	4,000
Total Income	4,800

4800 → 30% of 8.55

30% of 8.55 = 2.57

4,000 x 2.57 = \$102.80 taxable

102.80 x .334 = \$34.34

Presently

4,000 x 4.275% = 171

171 x .334 = \$57.11

FORD F 250	79	78	77	76	75	74	73
Resale value	5100	4100	3700	2975	2675	2100	1725
Taxable value	663	533	481	387	348	273	224
Tax mils (.250)	166	133	120	97	87	68	56
Ave. trade in	4300	3350	2975	2325	2050	1525	1175
Taxable value	559	435	387	302	266	198	153
Tax mils (.250)	140	109	97	76	67	49	38

Percentage
Difference

119 122 124 128 130 138 147
84% 81% 80% 78% 76% 72% 68%

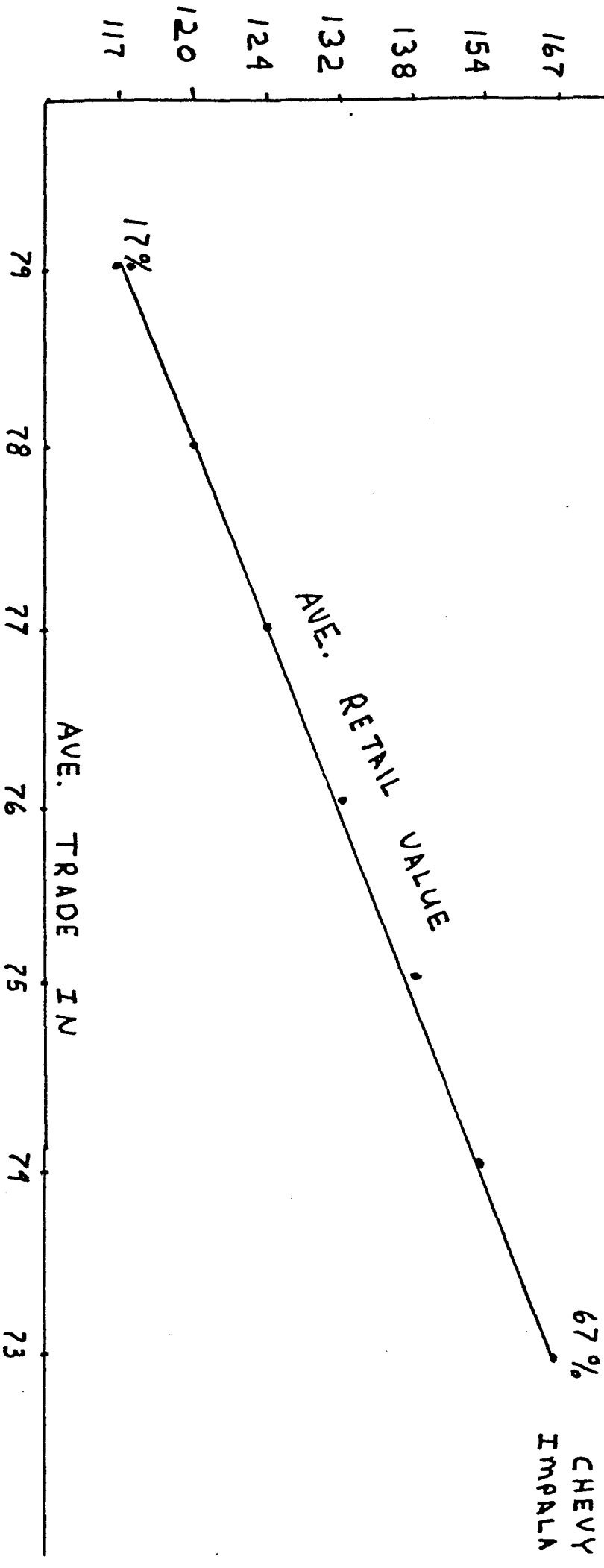
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Chevy Impala	79	78	77	76	75	74	73
Resale value	5125	4150	3275	2350	1900	1425	1125
Taxable value	744	539	426	305	247	185	146
Tax 250 mls	186	135	106	76	62	46	37

Ave. Trade in	4375	3450	2650	1775	1375	925	675
Taxable value	569	448	344	231	179	120	88
Tax .250 mls	142	112	86	58	45	30	22

Percentage Difference	117	120	124	132	138	154	167
	85%	83%	81%	75%	72%	65%	60%

PERCENTAGE
DIFFERENCE



YEARS 73-79

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

Mo. Papers
Model 621 Series B
Caterpillar

	78	77	76	75	74	73
Resale Value	155,000	135,000	117,500	102,500	87,500	71,000
Taxable Value (11%)	17,050	14,850	12,925	11,275	9,625	7,810
Tax Mil (.250)	4,262	3,712	3,231	2,819	2,406	1,953

Ave. trade in	107,500	90,000	77,500	65,000	54,000	43,000
Taxable Value (11%)	11,825	9,900	8,525	7,150	5,940	4,730
Tax Mil (.250)	2,956	2,475	2,131	1,787	1,485	1,183

Percentage
Difference

144	150	152	158	162	165
69%	66%	66%	63%	62%	60%

SUMMARY OF REVIEW SHOWING PERCENTAGE OF WHOLESALE
VALUE TO RETAIL OR RESALE VALUE

Farm Equipment	80%
Boats	75%
Motorcycles	73%
Construction Equip.	69% to 60%
Pickups	84% to 68%
Cars	85% to 60%

Sen. Elmer Severson

STATEMENT OF INTENT

Section 2 of Senate Bill No. 126 requires that the Department of Revenue adopt rules to implement the provisions relating to "average wholesale value" contained in sections 1 and 2.

Since different national appraisal guides use various language to describe "average wholesale value" it is the intent of the Legislature that in preparing "average wholesale value" tables, in instructing departmental employees on the use of national appraisal guides and in establishing rules to govern the administration of sections 1 and 2, the following terms shall be used:

<u>National appraisal guide</u>	<u>Column that denotes "average wholesale value" is marked</u>
<u>National Automobile Dealers Association: Official Used Car Guide</u> (McLean, Va: National Automobile Dealers Used Car Guide)	Av'g Trd-In
<u>Green Guide: The Handbook of New and Used Construction Equipment Values</u> (Palo Alto, California: Equipment Guide-Book Company)	Whsle.
<u>Blue Book: Outboard Motor Trade-In Guide; Fresh Water and Salt Water</u> (Overland Park, Kansas: ABOS Marine Publications Division)	Estimated Current Value Less Repairs: High
<u>Blue Book: Boat Trailer Trade-In Guide</u> (Overland Park, Kansas: ABOS Marine Publications Division)	Estimated Current Value Less Repairs: High
<u>Blue Book: Outboard Boat Trade-In Guide</u> (Overland Park, Kansas: ABOS Marine Publications Division)	Estimated Current Value Less Repairs: High
<u>Blue Book: Inboard/Outdrive Boat Trade-In Guide</u> (Overland Park, Kansas: ABOS Marine Publications Division)	Estimated Current Value Less Repairs: High
<u>Motorcycle, Moped and Mini-Bike Trade-In Guide</u> (Overland Park, Kansa: ABOS Marine Publications Division)	Estimated Current Value Less Repairs: High

Official Guide: Tractors and
Farm Equipment (St. Louis, Mo.
National Farm and Power Services,
Inc.)

Av'g As Is

Truck Blue Book (Chicago, Ill:
National Market Reports, Inc.)

Avg Retail Value*

* It is the intent of the Legislature that the department will use a factor of 80% of the "Avg Retail Value" indicated in the Truck Blue Book cited above.

COUNTY FISCAL IMPACT OF SB 126
(Tax Year 1980 Data)

Attachment #9
SB 126

COUNTIES	TAXABLE VALUE OF THIS PROPERTY 1	20% DECREASE IN TAXABLE VALUE 2	AVG. LEVY IN MILLS FOR COUNTY & SCHOOLS	ESTIMATED REVENUE CURRENT TAXABLE VALUE	ESTIMATED REVENUE 20% DECREASE IN TAXABLE VALUE	ESTIMATED REVENUE LOSS 3
Beaverhead	\$ 2,532,002	\$ 2,025,602	184	\$ 465,888	\$ 372,711	\$ 93,177
Big Horn	6,519,273	5,215,418	88	573,696	458,957	114,739
Blaine	3,113,898	2,491,118	130	404,807	323,845	80,962
Broadwater	1,518,834	1,215,067	176	267,315	213,852	53,463
Carbon	2,922,639	2,338,111	166	485,158	388,126	97,032
Carter	1,764,395	1,411,516	194	342,293	273,834	68,459
Cascade	11,286,247	9,028,998	236	2,663,554	2,130,844	532,710
Chouteau	6,734,330	5,387,464	158	1,064,024	851,219	212,805
Custer	3,660,690	2,928,552	253	926,155	740,924	185,231
Daniels	2,450,340	1,960,272	206	504,770	403,816	100,954
Dawson	4,264,886	3,411,909	232	989,454	791,563	197,891
Deer Lodge	1,431,165	1,144,932	277	396,433	317,146	79,287
Fallon	2,006,990	1,605,592	106	212,741	170,193	42,548
Fergus	5,102,637	4,082,110	205	1,046,041	836,833	209,208
Flathead	4,476,069	3,580,855	235	1,051,876	841,501	210,375
Gallatin	10,493,861	8,395,089	232	2,434,576	1,947,661	486,915
Garfield	1,566,150	1,252,920	176	275,642	220,514	55,128
Glacier	2,583,623	2,066,898	147	379,793	303,834	75,959
Golden Valley	805,085	644,068	169	136,059	108,848	27,211
Granite	824,361	659,489	196	161,575	129,260	32,315
Hill	6,804,135	5,443,308	188	1,279,177	1,023,342	255,835
Jefferson	1,309,015	1,047,212	231	302,383	241,906	60,477
Judith Basin	1,887,989	1,510,391	188	354,942	283,953	70,989
Lake	3,626,757	2,901,406	192	696,337	557,070	139,267
Lewis & Clark	9,431,302	7,545,042	269	2,537,020	2,029,616	507,404
Liberty	2,491,625	1,993,300	152	378,727	302,982	75,745
Lincoln	4,381,053	3,504,842	201	880,592	704,473	176,119
Madison	2,296,579	1,837,263	172	395,012	316,009	79,003
McCone	2,999,734	2,399,787	184	551,951	441,561	110,390
Meagher	864,482	691,586	193	166,845	133,476	33,369
Mineral	420,176	336,141	283	118,910	95,128	23,782
Missoula	14,338,489	11,470,791	261	3,742,346	2,993,876	748,470
Musselshell	1,267,158	1,013,726	134	169,799	135,839	33,960
Park	2,724,022	2,179,218	201	547,528	438,023	109,505
Petroleum	567,178	453,742	122	69,196	55,357	13,839
Phillips	2,617,573	2,094,058	140	366,460	293,168	73,292
Pondera	3,632,873	2,906,298	179	650,284	520,227	130,057
Powder River	2,170,267	1,736,214	94	204,005	163,204	40,801
Powell	1,580,817	1,264,654	196	309,840	247,872	61,968
Prairie	1,135,990	908,792	185	210,158	168,127	42,031
Rawlley	6,245,945	4,996,756	190	1,186,730	949,384	237,346
Richland	7,248,565	5,798,852	128	927,816	742,253	185,563
Roosevelt	3,947,436	3,157,949	185	730,276	584,221	146,055
Rosebud	3,116,746	2,493,397	95	296,091	236,873	59,218
Sanders	1,667,218	1,333,774	201	335,111	268,089	67,022
Sheridan	4,184,818	3,347,854	113	472,884	378,308	94,576
Silver Bow	9,658,020	7,726,416	259	2,501,427	2,001,142	500,285
Stillwater	2,230,551	1,784,441	187	417,113	333,690	83,443
Sweet Grass	1,241,724	993,379	168	208,610	166,888	41,722
Teton	3,734,565	2,987,652	200	746,913	597,530	149,383
Toole	3,758,091	3,006,473	138	518,617	414,893	103,724
Treasure	764,782	611,826	165	126,189	100,951	25,238
Valley	4,899,880	3,919,904	205	1,004,475	803,580	200,895
Wheatland	888,072	710,458	209	185,607	148,486	37,121
Wibaux	1,324,735	1,059,788	133	176,190	140,952	35,238
Yellowstone	19,099,921	15,279,937	207	3,953,684	3,162,947	790,737

FOOTNOTES

1. The actual decreases vary from 20% to 50%, so the 20% decrease is a lower bound estimate of the decrease in taxable valuation.
2. This average levy applies only to county and school levies. City and town levies are not included, thus the revenue estimates are probably undervalued.
3. The estimated revenue loss would be larger if city and town levies could be added to the average levy.

Amendments to SB 126

Page 4: line 9, delete "automobiles, motor"

Page 4: line 10, delete the line through "agricultural"

Page 4: line 12, delete entire line

Page 4: line 13, delete "boats"

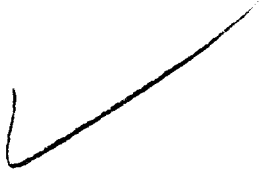
Paragraph (b) would then read:

(b) The market value of all tools, implements, machinery, vehicles of all kinds, and all watercraft is the average wholesale value shown in national appraisal guides and manuals or the value of the vehicle before reconditioning and profit margin. The department of revenue shall prepare valuation schedules showing the average wholesale value when no national appraisal guide exists.

WITNESS STATEMENT

Name JERRY RAUNIG Date 1-26-81
Address HEBENA. Support ? X
Representing MT. Auto Dealers Assoc Oppose ?
Which Bill ? SB 126 and SB 213 Amend ?

Comments:
WE support the concept of a uniform fee system but not the schedule of fees as outlined in SB 213. These fees as listed in SB 213 would generate far more revenue than our present system and many people would pay more than they are now depending upon the age of their vehicle(s).



Please leave prepared statement with the committee secretary.