

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
January 27, 1983

The meeting of the Local Government Committee was called to order by Chairman Kathleen McBride, January 27, 1983, 12:30 p.m., in Room 224A. All members were present except Reps. Keenan and Waldron, who were absent.

HOUSE BILL 343

REP. SPAETH, sponsor. This is a bill which would eliminate the cap on the municipal fire department levy. Right now, there is a 2-mill levy for buying equipment for municipal volunteer fire departments. The city and the rural fire departments, for all practical purposes, are combined. The rural mill levy is determined by the county commissioners. I would like to see the City Council set the cap essentially and have the same power as the County Commissioners so mill levies would be equal to those inside the city and those outside the city.

PROPOSERS:

ALEC HANSEN, Montana League of Cities and Towns, stated that the League supports this bill. He said it is a realistic approach of financing fire protection in those cities who do not have fulltime service. A 2-mill levy is not sufficient to cover these costs. This bill would provide cities some flexibility.

OPPOSERS: None

REP. SPAETH, in closing, said they were not giving the cities any unusual power. We are just giving them the same power the county commissioners have.

QUESTIONS:

REP. KITSELMAN: Is this put before the people before equipment is acquired.

REP. SPAETH: The mill levy is determined by the City Council. The municipal volunteer fire departments go and request the equipment necessary and then the governing body sets the mill levy. In the same way the rural volunteer fire departments go to the county commissioners.

REP. KITSELMAN: Would the City Council decide the mill levy without any public input?

REP. SPAETH: It is determined by the regular process.

ALEC HANSEN: The levies of the volunteer fire departments would be set the same way other levies are set without normal limitations.

CHAIRMAN McBRIDE: There are two ways a city or town might raise the mill levies for its volunteer fire department. One of them is the all-purpose mill levy, if they choose to go that route. In that circumstance, they have no limit. The other way that a city or town might choose to go is to take each of the mill levy limits as they currently exist, being constrained by whatever those limits are.

CHAIRMAN McBRIDE asked REP. SPAETH if he knew whether he was under the all-purpose mill levy in his city or town.

REP. SPAETH: That is where the problem has arisen. The city has interpreted that to mean a two-mill levy and the rural areas are up to 4 mills.

CHAIRMAN McBRIDE: You are saying that the towns have not opted to go with the all-purpose mill levy?

REP. SPAETH: That is a separate cap and funding appropriations would be subverting policies as presently set up. It has not been litigated.

The hearing on HOUSE BILL 343 closed.

HOUSE BILL 319

REP. MANUEL, sponsor, stated that the main thrust of this bill is to permit rural fire departments to cross county lines to fight fires.

PROPOSERS:

DICK VAN AUKEN, Teton Rural Fire Council, said there is a legal problem as they have a section that says they can organize but gives no power to do anything more than that. They relied on Section 7-3321-2201 which deals with formation of fire crews and how the county can use those crews to provide fire protection in unincorporated areas. They feel that with the mutual aid problem, they have some trouble with the county attorneys saying that they, as volunteer fire companies, have no legal status as part of the county--that they cannot go into mutual aid agreements with surrounding areas. The thrust of this bill was to define what their purpose is. They changed "county-wide" to "areas not covered under protection as a municipality as a rural fire district or under state lands". We want to define what county requirements are for rural fire protection where there is no fire district and it is not a city. This accomplishes two things: (1) It gives us some areas where we can have some boundaries to go in, and (2) We can go into mutual aid agreements with these other agencies to cross county lines legally. Because of general mill levies, all taxpayers in the county are paying for rural fire protection. By changing the definition, they have taken fire districts and municipalities out from underneath this section of the statutes.

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ART KORN, Secretary-treasurer for the Montana State Volunteer Fire Association, stated that even though it may be taxable to everyone in the county, in these various lands in the county there is fish and game land and forest service land. Local volunteer fire departments will be sent first to protect the public's interest. He is in support of HOUSE BILL 319.

PETE HOWARD, Teton County Rural Fire Council, asked for support of this bill because it enables them to better administer rural fire law.

ROSS FITZGERALD, Teton County Rural Fire Council, said to solve this liability problem in crossing county lines would greatly enhance ability to serve the community. They are dealing with antiquated statutes which have reference to fire crews and they are fire companies. He urged support of this bill.

CHUCK O'REILLY, Montana Sheriffs' and Peace Officers, supported the bill but felt amendments were needed (EXHIBIT 1).

RICHARD SANDMAN, Department of State Lands and the Division of Forestry, stated they have an agreement in the area of wild fire protection. They have found that volunteer fire companies are the most affective initial attack fire crews available. In the state of Montana we have hundreds of the volunteer fire companies who are not a legal entity. They cannot sign mutual aid agreements with other people. They cannot borrow money to purchase equipment. The Internal Revenue Service, in clarifying the tax exemption for interest on obligations of volunteer fire departments, said that a volunteer fire department must be qualified with respect to political subdivision of the state. The people throughout the state have expressed an interest in forming volunteer fire companies and the changes in HOUSE BILL 319 will allow for a locally controlled flexible funding system to establish basic firefighting services. He recommended some minor changes (EXHIBIT 2) explaining only one. By adding the statute that is listed, it would exempt a charge against those people inside the forest fire districts.

DAVE FISHER, Montana State Volunteer Firemen's Association, supported the bill.

TOM O'HARA, president of the Cascade County Rural Fire Council, read sentences from a recent news article describing a major fire in Cascade. Firemen from two counties were called to the scene. This bill takes away the antiquated provisions of the law that has to be dealt with.

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LYLE NAGEL, Simms Fire Department, said that since they were not a legal entity, if suit should be brought against them, every fireman would be involved and a large claim could wipe out all the people in the area financially.

CLEM DUAIME, Montana State Firemen's Association, went on record as being in support of this bill.

ARTHUR W. HABEL, Dutton, went on record as being in support of HOUSE BILL 319.

OPPONENTS: None

REP. MANUEL closed HOUSE BILL 319 by stating that this is a very dangerous job and these volunteer fire departments have been crossing these lines to put these fires out. It would be well to have some liability so if something happened, they would have coverage.

QUESTIONS:

REP. VINGER: They are not entitled to any compensation but could the county have the option to pay them something?

DICK VAN AUKEN: Payment of wages is mentioned in the old statute.

REP. KITSELMAN brought up the question of paying the district fire chief.

MR. SANDMAN: HOUSE BILL 319 will deal with that. If the rural fire chief is going to be paid, he should be a regular county employee.

REP. WALLIN: With passage of this bill, would a legal entity be sued or would the people who are fighting the fire be sued?

LLOYD GREEN: The liability problem comes into play any time you exceed the boundaries of your county. It would go back to the individual.

REP. WALLIN: If you are in your district, are you protected?

LLOYD GREEN: Yes--for organized fire district fires.

CHAIRMAN McBRIDE closed the hearing on HOUSE BILL 319.

HOUSE BILL 318

REP. MANUEL, sponsor, said this bill permits a county to levy a tax on certain property within the county for general fire

control activities and to levy a countywide tax for fire emergencies--raising money that is available from \$15,000 to \$40,000.

PROPONENTS:

DICK VAN AUKEN, Teton Rural Fire Council, said they tried to split the funding out of the rest of the bill. They thought funding could be handled better as a separate bill dealing with the legal issues at the same time. He stated the counties would have the legal ability to contract. If they had a small area that was not covered by fire districts and municipalities and didn't want to form a fire company, they would have the authority to contact a municipality or a fire district to provide that service for them. The reason funding was split in two parts, they were taxing only the areas that were not paying protection from some other source. They did not feel they should be double taxed. The same thing with municipalities and fire districts--they didn't feel they should tax those lands as they are providing their fire protection in a different way. They decided to tax lands that are not getting fire protection from these areas that are paying for fire protection. A mill levy tax will be set. The second section deals with fire fund emergencies. They would be able to have a \$40,000 fund set up so if an emergency came up, the county would have funding available.

ART KORN, Secretary-treasurer for the Montana State Volunteer Fire Association stated he supported the bill.

TOM O'HARA, President of the Cascade County Rural Fire Council, wanted to go on record supporting HOUSE BILL 319.

LYLE NAGEL, Simms Fire Department, said their fire equipment is very antiquated. The large portion of their funds is raised through drives. They barely make enough to cover expenses so they cannot replace the equipment as needed. He supported HOUSE BILL 318.

RICHARD SANDMAN, Department of State Lands and the Division of Forestry, said that there are two problems with the bill. One is that \$15,000 was not enough money to fund an emergency situation. It would fund about one 100-acre timber fire. The second problem is that the money is collected county-wide but it is not spent county-wide. The last part of the statute spells out that \$40,000 is to be spent on emergencies. He supported HOUSE BILL 318.

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DAVE FISHER, Montana Volunteer Firemen's Association, supported this bill.

CLEM DUAIME, President, Montana State Volunteer Firemen's Association, went on record in support of this bill.

LLOYD GREEN, Hamilton Volunteer Fire District, also supported this bill.

ROSS FITZGERALD, President, Teton Rural Fire Council, said this will help us to gain some independency and not have to draw outside state sources. He supported this bill.

OPPONENTS: None

REP. MANUEL closed.

QUESTIONS:

CHAIRMAN McBRIDE: What is the definition of a fire protection facility?

REP. MANUEL: The facility will house the truck or equipment.

CHAIRMAN McBRIDE: How is that provided for?

REP. MANUEL: The City of Fairfield provides the stall or place to keep the truck or equipment.

CHAIRMAN McBRIDE: In referring to page 2, lines 11 and 12, why is an immediate effective date necessary?

REP. MANUEL: The sooner you can get this law passed, the sooner the County Commissioners can get it into their budget. It would be October 1, otherwise.

REP. SALES: Can areas be taxed even though they are not in a district. Would this encourage those areas that are not now in districts to join a district?

RICHARD SANDMAN, Department of State Lands and the Division of Forestry: You have rural fire districts and then you have some volunteer fire companies formed in areas where there is not enough structural buildup. Some people are getting free rides--they pay nothing and expect services.

REP. SWITZER asked REP. MANUEL if there is a cap on the millage--referring to line 13 of page 1--counties being authorized to provide and take care of equipment. What makes it necessary to have more authority, page 2, line 9?

REP. MANUEL: With reference to page 1, it just adds to the maintenance. Page 9, it would give them additional, not to exceed \$40,000.

REP. SWITZER: Is there a cap on the 1/4 mill.

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DICK VAN AUKEN: There is a permissive levy of \$15,000.
There is no mill levy as per mill; it is just a dollar limit.

The hearing closed on HOUSE BILL 318.

HOUSE BILL 421

REP. THOFT, sponsor, said this bill was brought before you because of an attorney general's opinion, who said it was not possible to levy the 4 mills for the firemens' fund over and above the all-purpose levy. A lot of the cities are levying the 4 mills. This bill simply makes it legal.

PROPONENTS:

LLOYD GREEN, Hamilton Volunteer Fire District, said that up until 1980, this pension fund was always funded by a special levy. It is not an optional levy on the part of the city. The amount that they must levy is under state law. They had to cut services in other areas to fund it. All other pension funds paid by the city are not covered by the all-purpose mill levy. All we are asking for is the actual consideration.

ART KORN, Montana State Volunteer Fire Association, stated this bill not only affects Hamilton; it affects all the towns of Montana. They support this bill.

CLEM DUAIME, President, Montana State Volunteer Fireman's Association, would like to go on record as supporting this bill.

ALEC HANSEN, League of Cities and Towns, supports this bill. He said that the volunteer fire departments pension program should be outside the all-purpose levy.

DAVID FISHER, Montana Volunteer Firemen's Association, supports this bill.

OPPONENTS: None

REP. THOFT closed the hearing on HOUSE BILL 421.

QUESTIONS:

REP. HAND: Do first and second-class cities have paid fire departments.

Reply: Yes.

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CHAIRMAN McBRIDE: Why does this specifically have an effective date upon passage and approval?

REP. THOFT: It would have to go into effect so that it could be on assessment rolls by July 1.

CHAIRMAN McBRIDE closed the hearing on HOUSE BILL 421.

HOUSE BILL 293

REP. DOZIER, sponsor. This bill raises the interest rates from 6% to 12% and the time spread from 8 years to 12 years.

PROPOSERS:

KEN HAAG, Director of Public Works, City of Billings, stated that previous legislatures did remove the interest ceilings on special improvement district bonds but because of the placement of this in the code, it was overlooked. So we were looking at a situation where we did have an interest cap as well as a time cap on these paid warrants. The way that this operates--we advertise and award contracts and the contractors are paid with these warrants. With the cap on it, it discounts their bid price. They increase their bid price to make up the difference between the present interest cap of 12%. Effectively, what this does is very seriously limit the amount of competition, because he has to be a large contractor before he will get into this type of thing. By raising the cap, we could have several smaller contractors who are interested in bidding this work and get the work back down to where it should be. The other change is from 8 years to 12 years. It would be better to spread the payment over a 12-year period to decrease payment.

ALEC HANSEN, League of Cities and Towns, stated that the League supports this bill for reasons described.

OPPOSERS: None

REP. DOZIER closed.

QUESTIONS:

REP. SALES: Why couldn't we take the cap of all together.

MR. HAAG: I have no problem with that.

CHAIRMAN McBRIDE closed the hearing on HOUSE BILL 293.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

HOUSE BILL 293

REP. DOZIER, sponsor. This bill raises the interest rates from 6% to 12% and the time spread from 8 years to 12 years.

REP. KITSELMAN: Moved HOUSE BILL 293 DO PASS.

REP. SALES: Made an amendment to remove the interest rate.

LEE HEIMAN: He could use the exact words that were in SENATE BILL 13.

The amendment PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Committee PASSED UNANIMOUSLY HOUSE BILL 293 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

HOUSE BILL 421

REP. THOFT, sponsor. This bill provides that a tax levy for the firefighters' disability and pension fund imposed by a third-class city or town must be made in addition to the all-purpose mill levy.

REP. HAND: Moved HOUSE BILL 421 DO PASS.

CHAIRMAN McBRIDE asked LEE HEIMAN if there is any problem with having this refer only to third-class cities.

LEE HEIMAN: The others are on a different system.

The motion that HOUSE BILL 421 DO PASS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

HOUSE BILL 343

REP. SPAETH, sponsor. This bill would eliminate the 2-mill levy limit for municipal volunteer fire departments.

REP. SALES: Moved HOUSE BILL 343 DO PASS.

Question was called and the motion that HOUSE BILL 343 DO PASS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

HOUSE BILL 319

REP. MANUEL, sponsor. This bill would revise the provisions concerning rural fire protection; permitting a county governing body to organize county volunteer fire companies, enter into mutual aid agreements for fire protection, and provide for a board of trustees and a rural fire council to assist the county in administering its fire protection duties.

REP. SALES: This bill needs some amendments.

CHAIRMAN McBRIDE appointed a subcommittee consisting of REPS. DARKO, SCHYE and SALES to work out the two sets of amendments that were submitted in testimony.

HOUSE BILL 126

REP. KITSELMAN, sponsor. This bill provides that preparation of annual assessment rolls is a cost of the improvement for a rural special improvement district; allowing counties to add a maximum 3% of the principal to any bond or warrant issued to cover incidental or general fund expenses; allowing counties to include a maximum of 5% of the principal amount as a cost of rural special improvement districts to be deposited in the revolving fund.

REP. KITSELMAN: Moved HOUSE BILL 126 DO PASS. He then moved the amendments DO PASS.

After much discussion regarding the amendments, he withdrew his amendments and asked LEE HEIMAN to review them. The motion of DO PASS was withdrawn and it was agreed to bring it to the next Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Kathleen McBride

CHAIRMAN KATHLEEN McBRIDE

Geri Brust
Secretary

HOUSE BILL 319

AMENDMENTS

Page 3, lines 7 through 10...strike in entirety

Page 4, line 17...after "...duties." insert "the county rural fire
include members to be appointed from rural fire district and
council shall ~~be composed of the fire chiefs of~~ the various volunteer
fire ~~district~~ companies throughout the county *if such districts & companies exist.*"

Page 4, line 17 & 18...strike "the county rural fire chief shall be
chairman of the council." and insert "the council members shall elect
a chairman and appoint one member to act as secretary."

HOUSE BILL #319

Testimony by Richard J. Sandman
Chief, Fire Bureau
Montana Division of Forestry

Support approval with possibly the following alterations:

A. Page 1--line 24:

Chapter 11, part 1.^a, or Title 76, chapter 13, parts 1 and 2.

B. Page 2--line 6:

organization and training of volunteer rural fire control crews to

Note: It appears that this change, coupled with the addition as proposed under lines 8, 9 and 10 would allow the repeal of 7-33-2207.

C. Page 3: (Eliminate the references to "he".)

Line 5:

The duties of this office and who he is not entitled to

Lines 8 and 9:

regular county employee., and he is not entitled to additional compensation for his service as a volunteer fire company

Line 14:

company chief or his deputy may enter private property ~~or~~ and

D. Page 4, line 4:

against natural or manmade disasters, with the ~~consent~~ concurrence of

VISITOR'S REGISTER

HOUSE _____ LOCAL GOVERNMENT _____ COMMITTEE _____

BILL _____ HOUSE BILL 319 _____

DATE 1-27 _____

SPONSOR _____ MANUEL _____

NAME	RESIDENCE	REPRESENTING	SUP- PORT	OP- POSE
Richard Sandman	Missoula	State Forestry	✓	
Thyng King	Hamilton	HVFD	✓	
Sam M. [unclear]	HAMILTON	HVFD	✓	
Joe O'Sullivan	ULM	Cascade County	✓	
Chuck O'Reilly	Mont Shrop's Peace office	Helena	Amend ✓	
Dick Van Aken	Fairfield	Teton Rural Fire Council	✓	
Ed. Howard	CHOTEAU	Teton Co. Rural Fire	✓	
Ross H. Fitzgerald	POWELL	" " " "	✓	
Arthur H. Hessel	DUTTON	" " " "	✓	
ART KORN	BUTTE	MT. ST Vol Fire Assoc	✓	
Lyle Nagel	Simms	Fire Dept	✓	
Clem Duime	BUTTE	President MT. ST Vol Fire Assoc	✓	
Dave Fisher	BUTTE	MT ST Vol Fire Assoc	✓	
John S. Hill	Boz.	MT. Street Peace	Amend	

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SPONSOR MANUEL _____

NAME	RESIDENCE	REPRESENTING	SUP- PORT	OP- POSE
Richard Sandman	Missoula	State Forestry	✓	
Thyde King	Hamilton	HVFD	✓	
DAMIAN KARP	HAMILTON	HVFD	✓	
Mike O'Hara	Ulm	Cascade County	✓	
Dick Van Arken	Fairfield	Teton Rural Fire Council	✓	
ROSS H. FITZGERALD	POWELL	" " " "	✓	
John L. Howard	CHOCOMA	Teton Co. Rural Fire	✓	
Arthur W. Hugel	Dutton	" " " "	✓	
ART KORN	BUTTE	MT. ST VOL FIRE Assoc	✓	
Lyle Nagel	Simms	Fire Dept.	✓	
Clem Duaine	BUTTE	President MT. ST. Vol. Fire Assoc	✓	
Dave Fisher	BUTTE	MT. ST Vol Fire Assoc	✓	

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HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

COMMITTEE

BILL HOUSE BILL 421

DATE 1-27-83

SPONSOR THOFT

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WITNESS STATEMENT

Name Ken Haag Committee On Local Govt
Address 2634 Louise Ave, Billings Date 1/27/83
Representing City of Billings Support X
Bill No. HB 293 Oppose _____
Amend _____

AFTER TESTIFYING, PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

1. Previous legislation removal interest ceiling on SID Bonds - neglected to change this section -
2. Limits competition for bids to large contractors
3. Cost can be excessive per year with eight year limit based on Today's costs
- 4.

Itemize the main argument or points of your testimony. This will assist the committee secretary with her minutes.

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HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

BILL HOUSE BILL 293

DATE 1-27-83

SPONSOR REP. DOZIER

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HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

BILL HOUSE BILL 343

DATE 1-27-83

SPONSOR SPAETH

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WHEN TESTIFYING PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

February 5, 1983

MR. SPEAKER

We, your committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT

having had under consideration HOUSE Bill No. 318

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PERMITTING A COUNTY TO LEVY A TAX ON CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE COUNTY FOR GENERAL FIRE CONTROL ACTIVITIES AND TO LEVY A COUNTYWIDE TAX FOR FIRE EMERGENCIES; AMENDING SECTION 7-33-2209, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE Bill No. 318

DO PASS

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MR. SPEAKER

We, your committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE PROVISIONS CONCERN-
ING RURAL FIRE PROTECTION; PERMITTING A COUNTY GOVERNING BODY TO
ORGANIZE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES, ENTER INTO MUTUAL AID
AGREEMENTS FOR FIRE PROTECTION, AND PROVIDE FOR A BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AND A RURAL FIRE COUNCIL TO ASSIST THE COUNTY IN ADMINISTERING ITS
FIRE PROTECTION DUTIES; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-33-2291 THROUGH 7-33-2293
AND 7-33-2298, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 7-33-2204, MCA; AND PROVIDING
AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE Bill No. 319

be amended as follows:

1. Page 1, line 19.
Following: "services to"
Strike: "rural"

2. Page 1, line 24.
Following: "part 1"
Insert: "or chapter 13, parts 1 and 2"

3. Page 2, line 6.
Following: "organization"
Insert: "and training"

~~DO NOT~~

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4. Page 3, line 14.

Following: "property"

Strike: "or"

Insert: "and"

5. Page 4, line 4.

Following: "with the"

Strike: "consent"

Insert: "concurrence"

6. Page 4, lines 17 through 18.

Following: "duties."

Strike: "The county rural fire chief shall be the chairman of the fire council."

Insert: "The rural fire council shall include members to be appointed from the various rural fire districts and volunteer fire companies throughout the county. The council members shall elect a chairman and a secretary of the council."

AND AS AMENDED
DO PASS

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

..... January 27, 19 **83**

MR. **SPEAKER**

We, your committee on **LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

having had under consideration **HOUSE** Bill No. **343**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ELIMINATING THE 2-MILL LEVY
LIMIT FOR MUNICIPAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS; AMENDING SECTION
7-33-4111, MCA."**

Respectfully report as follows: That..... **HOUSE** Bill No. **343**

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MR. **SPEAKER**

We, your committee on **LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

having had under consideration **HOUSE** Bill No. **421**

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT A TAX LEVY FOR THE FIREFIGHTERS' DISABILITY AND PENSION FUND IMPOSED BY A THIRD-CLASS CITY OR TOWN MUST BE MADE IN ADDITION TO THE ALL-PURPOSE MILL LEVY, AMENDING SECTIONS 7-6-4453 AND 19-11-503, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE** Bill No. **421**

DO PASS

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MR. **SPEAKER**

We, your committee on **LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

having had under consideration **HOUSE** Bill No. **293**

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE ALLOWABLE RATE OF RETURN ON WARRANTS DRAWN ON THE SPECIAL ALLEY APPROACH FUND; AND INCREASING THE ALLOWABLE DURATION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR SIDEWALKS, CURBS, GUTTERS, AND ALLEY APPROACHES; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-14-4109 AND 7-14-4110, MCA."

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE** Bill No. **293**

BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Page 3, line 4.

Following: "rate"

Strike: "of up to 12% a year"

Insert: "pursuant to 17-3-102"

AND AS AMENDED

DO PASS