

## HOUSE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

Chairman, Rep. Jerry Metcalf, called the Business & Industry Committee to order on February 4, 1983, at 9:00 a. m. in Room 420 of the Capitol Building, Helena, Montana. All members were present.

### HOUSE BILL 576

REP. EARL LORY, District 99, sponsor, opened by saying the Larchmont Golf Course in Missoula is going broke and the land will be turned back to the federal government if some means of financial assistance is not found. HB 576 will allow the course to sell beer and wine to its golfers and make a nice profit. It is a county run golf course. The license would be limited to publicly owned courses and would be handled by the county or the governmental agency running the golf course. It would be cancelled if the golf course shuts down. Two years ago the legislature did give a hard liquor license to airports.

### PROPONENTS:

BARBARA EVANS, Chairman of the Board, Missoula County Commissioners, said this bill is very critical to Missoula County and its passage is very important to help the golf course survive. Because of delays in financing, increased interest charges, and only a partial year of play, the golf course is in grave financial danger. Current law limits the number of licenses available within a five mile radius of an incorporated municipality and does not provide for exception for public facilities that typically have beer and wine available. This bill would address both problems.  
(Exhibit #1)

DAN DESMOND, PGA Pro, Larchmont Golf Course, said there are 14 municipal courses in the state and this bill is not limited to helping Missoula. There are 9 that do not have beer and wine licenses. He said those who cannot afford to belong to a private course should have the full benefits of the game...He said the City of Spokane made a study which showed a "per round income" of \$1.29 in beer and wine sales. There will be 35,000 rounds played next summer at Larchmont.

BILL VERWOLF, City of Helena, said the City is looking to transfer the operation of the municipal course to an advisory commission and a board which will be responsible to run the golf course from on sight fees rather than Helena subsidizing the course. This bill would help them do that. It would help generate more business at the course.

### OPPONENTS:

Bob Durkee, Montana Tavern Association, said this bill is to bail out one defunct operation by getting a freebie license at the expense of those in this industry who have to pay for theirs.

Durkee, continued...

The most important point is that the voters of Missoula County were the only people who voted for Initiative 94 in 1982 to eliminate the beer/wine quota system. (Exhibit #2)

REP. LORY, in closing, said the local government owning the course would lease the license for use at the golf course only. He said this is a bill for the pleasure of the public.

QUESTIONS:

REP. ELLERD: Would you be opposed to buying a \$200 license?

Rep. Lory: The county quota is used.

REP. HARPER: Is the cost of a wine and beer license set by rule?

Mr. Durkee: By state law. Rep. Harper: They they would already have to pay into this bill if I read Section 3 right: Subject to all rules and statutes governing a retail beer license. Mr. HEFFELFINGER, Dept. of Revenue, said the bill is silent as far as he can see for any original purchase price of the original license. REP. FABREGA: What would a beer or wine license cost if one became available in Missoula County? Mr. Heffelfinger: Thirty or forty thousand dollars. REP. FABREGA: The people of Missoula spoke to this issue in voting for the Initiative. This may be a reason to give them an isolated license.

REP. LYBECK: Of the municipal golf courses that currently have beer and wine licenses, who owns those licenses and how would this bill affect them? Mr. Desmond: Of those that I have talked to, they purchased their licenses many years ago and they would have the option of going under this bill or keeping their license or disposing of it.

REP. ELLERD: What about a catering license? Rep. Pavlovich: It would cost \$35 a day which would be prohibitive.

REP. METCALF: Has Missoula approached any current beer and wine license holder to move to the course? Ms. Evans: We currently have our club house in a double-wide trailer. We do not have room for a big operation.

REP. JENSEN: I read where the county would not be putting any more money into this course. Would this bill be a determining factor whether the county would proceed or not proceed? Ms. Evans: I don't think we have any options. We will lose the land and lose the 1 1/2 million dollars we have put into the course.

REP. ELLERD: I believe there would be private corporations and individuals who would buy the course. Mr. Desmond: We have a bond on this course and they would have first mortgage.

HOUSE BILL 574

REP. TED NEUMAN, District 33, sponsor, opened by saying this is a simple bill which exempts armored cars from regulation as motor carriers. He said there are many businesses that use the services of armored cars and opening this field up will lower the rates.

PROPONENTS:

DAVID BLATTER, Security Armored Cars, said he has been in the armored car business for 25 years. He bought a small business in Missoula two years ago and has tried to expand it outside Missoula. He has spent \$25,000 in attorney fees trying to break into the business but all he can contract with is federal agencies, not state government. He would like to see armored cars removed from the motor carrier classification.

JOHN CADBY, Montana Bankers Association, said they support this bill.

LEE TICKELL, S.R.S., said his department delivers \$22 million in food stamp certificates throughout the state and they use armored cars. Wells Fargo is the only one they can contract with. They spend \$28 thousand to \$51 thousand a year in this transaction. S.R.S. would like to be able to put out bids on this operation and this bill would allow that.

OPPONENTS: none

QUESTIONS:

REP. SCHULTZ: What's the PSC's reaction to this legislation?

Mr. Budt, PSC: They are neutral on it.

REP. KADAS: Why are they regulated by PSC? Mr. Budt: Transportation for Hire is regulated.

REP. METCALF: Why under the regulating system is there only one major armored car business in the state? Mr. Budt: As the system is set up, the law requires that a new carrier coming into the area must prove that there is a need for another service.

REP. HARPER: Is competition a need? Mr. Budt: No, that is not sufficient.

REP. METCALF: When you filed for an expanded certificate, did Wells Fargo file an objection? Mr. Blatter: Yes.

REP. LYBECK: How much does an armored car cost? Mr. Blatter: We just bought two trucks and spent in excess of \$90,000. This is a very expensive business and keeps anyone without experience out.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 16

REP. HAL HARPER, District 30, (in lieu of Rep. Menahan, sponsor) opened by saying he would have signed the bill had he had the chance. Instead of insuring a vehicle, this is going to insure the person driving the vehicle. Why should we have to insure every vehicle? It's the driver that should be insured. This idea appeals to me.

PROPONENTS:

GORDON BRUCE, Auditor - Insurance Dept., said he could answer any questions but he could not represent the Department on this bill.

REP. METCALF, said he thinks this is a good suggestion. It is an interim study request and it will have to go through the prioritization

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process. He had the experience recently of his insurance agent raising his limits and giving him more coverage than he wanted. He has had complaints from other people on this problem. He thinks we should study this now that insurance is required.

REP. FABREGA said he was in favor of this resolution. He believes it is important that the committee request a study.

REP. HART said alot of farm people are requesting this study be passed.

PAT MELBY, Alliance of American Insurers, said the idea of insuring the person instead of the vehicle has never been done in any other state. He said there are obvious problems with insuring the person and they don't know that this concept will work. If the bill is going to work, there has to be a study to see if it has a chance. They, therefore, support HJR 16.

#### OPPONENTS:

REP. KITSELMAN said Montana is a small state and to say that we are going to change the law is ridiculous. This is a very complicated issue. The system works well now. What about the person who is irresponsible and is not insured? We are going under the premise that people will insure themselves, but they will not. Each individual is so different. This bill will not work within all the other state laws.

REP. HARPER, in closing, said we have Rep. Kitselman saying this will not work and we have Pat Melby saying they are willing to make a study. Which one of you is trying to fool us?

Pat Melby: Rep. Menahan is going to bring this back time after time. I want to have the study made so it will show that the concept cannot be actualized.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

##### HOUSE BILL 574

REP. ELLISON made the motion that HOUSE BILL 574 DO PASS.  
Question: Motion carried unanimously.

##### HOUSE BILL 576

REP. KADAS made the motion that HOUSE BILL 576 DO PASS.

REP. FABREGA moved the amendment changing "municipal" to "publicly owned".

REP. HANSEN: What was the precedent for the beer and wine license at the airport?

REP. FABREGA: Golf courses are shut down in the winter. It would be out of the question for them to buy a license.

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REP. PAVLOVICH: The Montana Tavern Association backs the quota system. We were thinking the off-sale permit like they have in grocery stores would work in this case. People could go in and buy their beer and go outside to drink it.

REP. METCALF: There is a motion on the floor to change "municipal" to "publicly." Question: Motion carried unanimously.

REP. BACHINI: What about the open container law?

REP. METCALF: That applies to individual areas.

REP. LYBECK: What we are setting here is a precedent. A lot of other businesses are in the same position.

REP. FAGG: Ninety percent of golf courses have beer and wine. This golf course is in trouble. Are we going to give them the opportunity to help save themselves? The quota system is wrong to begin with.

REP. HARPER: I don't agree with the quota system either. There is no way, however, that this bill is going to save the course. They can sell a six pack for \$6 and it still won't make enough profit to help.

REP. METCALF: They have the option of getting an off premises license if they want.

REP. HARPER: They would be buying a pipe dream.

The motion that HOUSE BILL 576 DO PASS AS AMENDED carried 12-7.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 16

REP. FABREGA made the motion that HJR 16 DO PASS.

REP. ELLISON: Mr. Melby is willing to bet that the study will show this bill is not feasible. It's the best way to get rid of it.

Question: The motion that HJR 16 DO PASS carried unanimously with Rep. Kitselman abstaining.

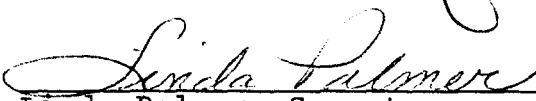
#### HOUSE BILL 351

REP. FABREGA made the motion that HOUSE BILL 351 be TABLED.

Question: Carried unanimously.

The hearing adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

  
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REP. JERRY METCALF, CHAIRMAN

  
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Linda Palmer, Secretary

# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

February 4

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## SPEAKER:

MR. ....

We, your committee on BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

HOUSE

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having had under consideration ..... Bill No. ....

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING A MUNICIPAL  
GOLF COURSE BEER AND WINE LICENSE; AND PROVIDING AN  
IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

HOUSE

576

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

### BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Title, line 4  
Strike: "MUNICIPAL"  
Insert: "PUBLICLY OWNED"
2. Page 1, line 9  
Strike: "Municipal"  
Insert: "Publicly owned"
3. Page 1, line 12  
Strike: "municipal:"  
Insert: "publicly owned"
4. Page 1, line 19  
Strike: "municipal"  
Insert: "publicly owned"
5. Page 1, line 23  
Strike: "municipal"  
Insert: "publicly owned"

AS  
ENDED

DO PASS

# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

February 4

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MR. **SPEAKER:**

We, your committee on **BUSINESS & INDUSTRY**

having had under consideration **HOUSE** Bill No. **574**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN ARMORED  
MOTOR VEHICLES FROM LAWS REGULATING MOTOR CARRIERS; AMENDING  
SECTION 69-12-102, MCA."**

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE** Bill No. **574**

DO PASS

# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

February 4

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## SPEAKER:

MR. ....

## BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

We, your committee on .....

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

having had under consideration ..... Bill No. 16

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF PROVISIONS  
GOVERNING MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE IN MONTANA.

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

Respectfully report as follows: That ..... Bill No. 16

DO PASS



	Date: No:	Date: No:	Date: No:	Date: No:	Date: No:	Date: No:
	110-576 2-4 DO PASS AMENDED					
PAVLOVICH, Bob	yes			WALLIN, Norm	yes	
BACHINI, Robert	no			METCALF, Jerry	no	
ELLERD, Bob	yes					
ELLISON, Orval	no					
FABREGA, Jay	yes					
FAGG, Harrison	yes					
HANSEN, Stella Jean	yes					
HARPER, Hal	no					
HART, Marjorie	yes					
HOWE, Romona	no					
JENSEN, William	yes					
KADAS, Mike	yes					
KITSELMAN, Les	no					
LYBECK, Ray	no					
NISBET, Gerald	yes					
SAUNDERS, Glenn	yes					
SCHULTZ, Jim	yes					

yes  
12-7 no



# MISSOULA COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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February 2, 1983  
BCC-83-58

The Honorable Jerry Metcalf, Chairman  
House Business and Industry Committee

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee.

My name is Barbara Evans. I am chairman of the Board of County Commissioners from Missoula. I would like to speak today in favor of HB #576 which would allow beer and wine licenses for Municipal Golf Courses. This bill is very critical to Missoula County and its passage is very important to help the golf course survive. This is Missoula's only 18 hole publicly owned golf course and due to delays in financing, increased interest charges, and only a partial year of play, the golf course is financially in grave danger.

This is not just a relief bill for Missoula County. This bill can or will benefit other cities and counties who now or in the future operate publicly owned golf courses such as Great Falls, Helena, Billings and Hamilton.

The land for Missoula's golf course was a grant from the Federal government and under the terms of the Grant we must either maintain the golf course as a recreational facility or repay the government approximately \$530,000.

We are struggling in every way possible to save this course and ask that you help us in this effort.

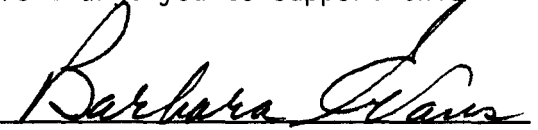
The State of Montana has interest in the golf course too. The Federal Grant was channeled through the State Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. They technically are the granting agency and we must answer to them for the use of the funds.

Current law limits the number of licenses available within a five mile radius of an incorporated municipality and does not provide for exception for public facilities that typically have beer and wine available. This bill would address both problems.

This procedure is not unusual. Airports have already been granted similar exemptions from the quota requirement.

I would ask one very important change in wording. The bill specifically states "Municipal" and I would ask that the term be changed to "Publicly Owned". Technically, a County is not a Municipality.

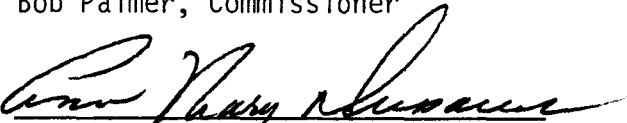
On behalf of the Missoula County Commissioners I urge you to support this bill.

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Barbara Evans, Chairman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob Palmer", written over a horizontal line.

Bob Palmer, Commissioner

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ann Mary Dussault", written over a horizontal line.

Ann Mary Dussault, Commissioner

MONTANA



## Tavern Association

Affiliated and Associated with the NLBA

STATE HEADQUARTERS / 7 EDWARDS / LIVESTOCK BLDG. / P. O. BOX 851  
HELENA, MONTANA 59624-0851 / PHONE 406-442-5040STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION TO HB576 BEFORE HOUSE B&I COMMITTEE - 2/4/83

HB576 is strongly opposed by the Montana Tavern Association.

This is a bill for one golf course...Larchmont in Missoula. The attached news release from the Missoulian dated January 21st tells you why they want to sell beer and wine. They're broke and they want to bail out their defunct operation by getting a freebie license at the expense of those in this industry who have to pay for theirs.

If Larchmont hasn't been able to make it as a golf course, where is the equity in putting the burden on an already hard-pressed industry to solve their financial problems?

Perhaps the most important point is the fact that Initiative #94 proposed to eliminate the beer/wine quota. This went to the voters of Montana on November 2, 1982, and it was defeated by a 3 to 2 margin. The only county in the state that voted for I-94 was Missoula. The other 55 counties said NO, we do not want to eliminate the quota system.

In addition to defying the expressed will of the voters of Montana, this bill is unjust. Tavern owners PAY for their licenses; municipal golf courses would not. Tavern owners PAY taxes on their businesses; municipal golf courses would not. Then HB576 allows this tax-free, nonquota license to be leased out. Montana tavern operators are prohibited by statute from doing this.

Bills like this have come before the Legislature in session after session, only to be rejected because they are local, self-serving issues. But they could impact on every community and every on-sale retail licensee in the state.

We urge the Committee to likewise reject HB576.

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# Plan would permit beer on golf courses

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By JEFF COLE  
of the Missoulian

The connection between beer and golf, says one Missoula duffer, is as natural as that between dog and bone.

Applying that logic, county officials have convinced a local legislator to propose a law making it easier to serve beer and wine at the city's financially strained Larchmont municipal golf course.

The bill, requested by county Commissioner Barbara Evans, would exempt the state's public courses from the quota system limiting the number of liquor licenses to be used in a given area.

It is being drafted by the Legislative Council and Rep. Earl Lory, a Missoula Republican, said this week that he will sponsor the measure.

Larchmont's newly appointed finance coordinator, county Budget Officer Paul Dwight, said that he has been trying to find a way to provide beer and wine sales at the course.

While he still doesn't know if the course could acquire the necessary license, Dwight said, "I feel in the back of my mind that it (the change) can't hurt, that it can only help."

Larchmont's municipal golf course board was disbanded by the commissioners last month and replaced with Dwight, who is charged with reorganizing the debt-troubled course.

Larchmont, valued at \$2.6 million, was started with a \$530,000 federal recreation grant almost five years ago. The 18-hole course is just west of Reserve Street and south of Missoula Community Hospital, near Fort Missoula.

To complete the course, the commissioners approved the sale of \$1.1 million in bonds in 1981. But construction delays and cost overruns,

coupled with high, 13.5 percent interest rates on the bonds, brought serious financial woes on the course by the end of its first partial season last summer.

Last fall, the commissioners lent the course \$100,000 from the tax-supported county general fund.

And golf course board members arrived before the commissioners in December in search of another \$100,000 loan.

The commissioners refused, instead appointing Dwight to salvage the operation.

He said this week that he believes the course can survive with a strong season and turnout during the next few years. "We're still here," he said. "We're going on a day-to-day basis."

Dwight said he has spent much of the last several weeks re-negotiating debts with course creditors.

"They want us to survive," Dwight said, and local businessmen in particular "have been very, very helpful."

Both Dwight and Dan Desmond, course pro and manager, said that local golfers have also been offering to help in any way possible.

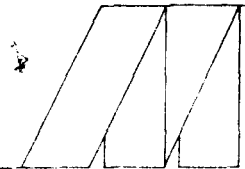
Desmond said that if the proposed change in law ultimately means they can serve alcohol, "It definitely would have a very positive effect on cash flow for us."

While there's no way to tell exactly how much money could be raised through liquor sales, Desmond said, a similar Spokane, Wash., course earns about \$30,000-\$40,000 annually from beer and wine sales.

He said that during last summer's partial season, golfers frequently left for a cold, alcoholic beverage after playing several rounds.

If the drinks were available at the course, he added, "they might very well be inclined to play another round."

COUNTIES	Precincts	Registration	Total Vote Cast	De	Initiative No. 94		Initiative No. 95		COUNTY SEATS
					BEER AND WINE QUOTA SYSTEM		INVESTING COAL TAX TRUST REVENUE IN MONTANA ECONOMY		
					For	Against	For	Against	
*Beaverhead .....	16	4672	3637	1099	2395	2360	938	*Dillon	
Big Horn .....	18	6319	4980	1528	2702	2606	1565	Hardin	
Blaine .....	14	3527	2771	871	1763	1968	681	Chinook	
*Broadwater .....	7	2116	1642	511	1047	1124	379	*Townsend	
Carbon .....	20	5440	4429	1460	2768	2909	1109	Red Lodge	
Carter .....	13	1190	962	292	570	560	248	Ekalaka	
Cascade .....	51	37520	28106	9395	16803	17616	7245	Great Falls	
Chouteau .....	17	3837	3208	945	2146	2113	854	Fort Benton	
Custer .....	15	7083	5421	1583	3111	3319	1642	Miles City	
Daniels .....	16	1785	1458	366	959	789	446	Scobey	
Dawson .....	10	6338	4824	1426	3214	3076	1286	Glendive	
*Deer Lodge .....	10	6625	5043	1692	2842	3167	1211	*Anaconda	
Fallon .....	6	2221	1826	439	1193	1157	378	Baker	
Fergus .....	16	7747	6158	1877	3932	3738	1834	Lewistown	
*Flathead .....	34	28678	21516	8197	12622	14105	5572	*Kalispell	
*Gallatin .....	32	27685	18730	8352	9626	12339	4915	*Bozeman	
Garfield .....	8	1172	988	279	628	596	221	Jordan	
*Glacier .....	14	5225	3720	1248	2204	2271	1041	*Cut Bank	
Golden Valley .....	2	678	588	155	406	333	170	Ryegate	
*Granite .....	4	1660	1321	423	845	883	307	*Philipsburg	
Hill .....	24	10011	7691	2144	4531	5036	1968	Havre	
*Jefferson .....	10	3964	3121	1235	1759	2072	716	*Boulder	
Judith Basin .....	11	1807	1492	407	1016	953	399	Stanford	
*Lake .....	28	10267	8178	2876	4988	5244	2098	*Polson	
*Lewis and Clark .....	40	27275	18966	8229	10084	13017	4752	*Helena	
*Liberty .....	4	1477	1220	328	801	742	318	*Chester	
*Lincoln .....	22	8786	6240	2427	3534	4322	1501	*Libby	
*Madison .....	6	3543	2850	916	1789	1753	683	*Virginia City	
McCone .....	8	1671	1446	378	993	853	374	Circle	
*Meagher .....	5	1287	1059	339	651	697	278	*White Sulphur Springs	
*Mineral .....	6	2171	1566	612	868	1083	323	*Superior	
*Missoula .....	61	45902	29781	15567	12112	21607	6231	*Missoula	
Musselshell .....	10	2891	2470	763	1578	1538	689	Roundup	
*Park .....	7	7588	6033	2150	3584	4168	1318	*Livingston	
Petroleum .....	1	378	288	84	194	194	70	Winnett	
Phillips .....	21	3109	2463	664	1606	1492	616	Malta	
*Pondera .....	14	3883	3193	753	1909	1988	852	*Conrad	
Powder River .....	11	1647	1394	464	822	844	363	Broadus	
*Powell .....	12	3611	2868	940	1730	1757	799	*Deer Lodge	
Prairie .....	5	1196	1025	245	705	568	305	Terry	
*Ravalli .....	20	13477	10008	3764	5848	6700	2534	*Hamilton	
Richland .....	17	6125	4379	1245	2883	2678	1217	Sidney	
Roosevelt .....	20	4897	3559	1112	2177	2017	1023	Wolf Point	
Rosebud .....	14	6244	4163	1491	2480	2702	1170	Forsyth	
*Sanders .....	14	4951	3848	1446	2148	2559	925	*Thompson Falls	
Sheridan .....	16	3221	2576	776	1601	1436	745	Plentywood	
*Silver Bow .....	34	21430	16576	6629	9126	10671	3616	*Butte	
Stillwater .....	9	3518	2895	924	1800	1848	755	Columbus	
Sweet Grass .....	4	2058	1701	514	1093	1065	468	Big Timber	
Teton .....	10	3921	3256	927	2167	2098	821	Choteau	
*Toole .....	19	3478	2752	820	1778	1778	696	*Shelby	
Treasure .....	5	699	603	165	408	337	192	Hysham	
Valley .....	23	6041	4674	1412	2819	2543	1362	Glasgow	
Wheatland .....	5	1436	1113	359	712	668	324	Harlowton	
Wibaux .....	3	891	691	177	347	382	213	Wibaux	
Yellowstone .....	88	59519	40616	15658	18307	21190	12119	Billings	
TOTALS	929	445888	328082	121078	182724	207629	84875		



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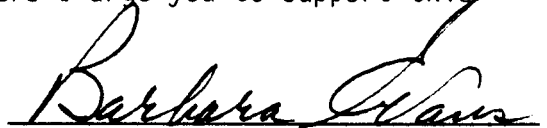
The State of Montana has interest in the golf course too. The Federal Grant was channeled through the State Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. They technically are the granting agency and we must answer to them for the use of the funds.

Current law limits the number of licenses available within a five mile radius of an incorporated municipality and does not provide for exception for public facilities that typically have beer and wine available. This bill would address both problems.

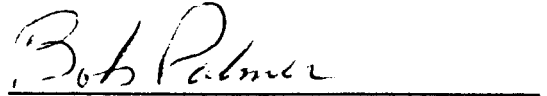
This procedure is not unusual. Airports have already been granted similar exemptions from the quota requirement.

I would ask one very important change in wording. The bill specifically states "Municipal" and I would ask that the term be changed to "Publicly Owned". Technically, a County is not a Municipality.

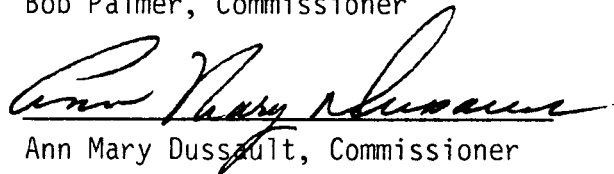
On behalf of the Missoula County Commissioners I urge you to support this bill.

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Barbara Evans, Chairman

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Bob Palmer, Commissioner

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Ann Mary Dussault, Commissioner



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