MINUTES OF THE MEETING TAXATION COMMITTEE MONTANA STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 18, 1985

The twenty-eighth meeting of the Taxation Committee was called to order in Room 312-1 of the state capitol at 8:03 a.m. by Chairman Gerry Devlin.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>: All members were present except for Representative Harrington, who was excused. Also present were Dave Bohyer, Researcher for the Legislative Council, and Alice Omang, secretary.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 815: Representative Hayne, District 10, offered amendments to this bill. See Exhibit 1. She explained that this bill would provide funds for a program that is called "Agriculture in Montana Schools" and was formed a few years ago by representatives of most of the agricultural organizations in this state.

Connie Townsend, Chairman for Agriculture in Montana Schools, stated that they felt this was a vitally important part of a national program, which is called, "Ag in the Classroom" and they feel that every generation of school children are farther and farther away from agriculture and from the farm. See Exhibit 2. She also handed out Exhibits 3 and 4 to the committee.

Keith Kelly, Director of the Department of Agriculture, explained that the department had a meeting with agricultural groups and they indicated to these groups that if this was going to be a successful program, it should start out with the grassroots effort. He informed the committee of what the fiscal impact would be.

Leonard Lombardi, who works for the Office of Public Instruction in Vocational Agriculture, stated that he serves as liason for the Office of Public Instruction and the Ag in Montana Schools' Committee and testified in support of this bill. Taxation Committee February 18, 1985 Page Two

Nina Baucus, representing the Montana Woolgrowers, stated that not only the students, but the teachers and parents do not understand where the food they eat comes from and how it got to their house. She supported this bill.

Averill Keller, representing the Cow Belles, gave a statement in support of this bill.

Stuart Doggett, representing the Montana Stockgrowers' Association, said they wanted to go on record in support of this bill and they feel that agriculture is the backbone of Montana's economy and this program will help them tell their story.

Marg Green, representing the Montana Farm Bureau, expressed their support for this bill.

Lavina Lubinus, representing Women Involved in Farm Economics, stated that they have been involved in this program and encouraged the committee to pass this bill.

Jo Brunner, representing the Montana Farmers' Union, the Montana Grange, the Montana Cattle Feeders and the Montana Cow Belles, stated that they all fully support this program.

There were no further proponents.

OPPONENTS: There were none.

QUESTIONS ON HOUSE BILL 815: Representative Williams asked if anyone was allowed to make a contribution.

Mr. Kelly responded that that was correct and they had a hard time trying to make a guess as to how much revenue they would receive, but it is wide open to anyone.

Representative Williams asked if the estimate on the contributions could not be doubled.

Mr. Kelly replied that that is possibly correct and they hoped that it would be \$35,000.00 or \$40,000.00, but they have no way of trying to guess that. Taxation Committee February 18, 1985 Page Three

Representative Koehnke asked what does the fiscal note cover.

Mr. Kelly answered that they were showing around \$250.00 administrative costs for a total of about \$500.00 and this would include about four mailings that go out, employees and department time.

Representative Ream noted that the account would be administered by the Department of Agriculture, but he wondered how it relates to the O.P.I.

Mr. Kelly responded that the department would receive money from the checkoff program and whoever applied or contracted for that money, we would basically be a passthrough.

Representative Ream asked if they had also applied for funding through appropriations so they can do the program right.

Mr. Kelly replied that this program is relatively new nationwide and there has not been any money at the federal level and if they try to blanket all Montana schools, it would take a substantial amount of money. He said that he did not know what it would cost to do this on a statewide level, but he would expect it would be very expensive.

There were no further questions.

Representative Haynes emphasized that this is a very worthwhile program and she hoped that they would pass this bill.

The hearing on this bill was closed.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 752: Representative Nisbet, District 35, said that this bill would allow the counties to levy up to 3 mills for the purpose of controlling dogs within the county. He informed the committee that in 1978, legislation was passed that stated that the governing body of a county has the power to regulate and prohibit Taxation Committee February 18, 1985 Page Four

the running of dogs at large, but he said the problem with this is that the bill did not provide any funding to carry out this particular authority.

PROPONENTS: Representative Pistoria, District 36, gave a statement in support of this bill.

There were no further proponents.

OPPONENTS: There were none.

Representative Williams asked if on a county-wide mill levy would this include everyone in the incorporated city.

Representative Nisbet replied no, the city would not be involved.

Representative Pistoria clarified that the city has their own powers and in Great Falls, the city and county try to cooperate, but the county has no funds.

Chairman Devlin asked if they have a program in the county at all now.

Representative Nisbet replied that they do not have any at all.

Chairman Devlin asked about the city's program.

Representative Devlin answered that he thought the city mill levy took care of the animal shelter.

Representative Williams said that he was under the impression that, under the present system, all county-wide levies are paid by the residents inside the cities and he has little difficulty with that.

Representative Pistoria responded that the city has no authority outside the city limits.

Representative Williams asked if the county has authority inside the city limits.

Representative Pistoria replied that he would suppose if the sheriff was called to do it, he doesn't do anything about it. Taxation Committee February 18, 1985 Page Five

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Representative Williams claimed that there has been a debate at the present time over law enforcement - the city claims that they pay for the operation of the sheriff's department as well as the police department and they get very little help from the sheriff.

Representative Pistoria said that he did not know about this, but he would even go for two mills just to get it started.

There were no further questions.

Representative Nisbet asked that the committee give this a do pass as he had to campaign in Black Eagle and had to go door-to-door.

The hearing on this bill was closed.

<u>CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 745</u>: Representative Sands, District 90, Billings, explained that this bill would change the penalty for delinquent property tax payment to a percentage based on the amount of the unpaid delinquent property tax. He advised the committee that in Yellowstone County it was found that approximately 80% of the delinquent taxes were people who had substantial assets.

PROPONENTS: There were none.

OPPONENTS: There were none.

QUESTIONS ON HOUSE BILL 745: Chairman Devlin said that back in 1981, when they tried to raise interest, they got into a tier and got into a terrible mess with it.

Representative Sands replied that he was not familiar with a sliding scale but it is fairly easy here and he did not know if this would require a lot of administrative work.

Representative Patterson gave an example of a person who had a \$15,000.00 tax liability and was delinquent, and asked if for the first \$1,000.00 would he be assessed a 2% penalty, then the \$10,000.00 assessed at 5% and the last \$4,000.00 assessed at 10%. Taxation Committee February 18, 1985 Page Six

Representative Sands answered, "Yes".

Representative Patterson asked about Representative Switzer's bill, which takes the interest rate from 8% to 10% plus a 2% penalty and wondered if this would negate that 2% penalty.

Representative Sands responded that the law right now has a flat 2% penalty and this would continue the 2% penalty up to \$1,000.00 and then raise it.

Representative Patterson asked if he thought the county treasurers would have some difficulty with this.

Representative Sands answered that he did not really think so because it is fairly simple.

Representative Patterson asked if Yellowstone County does not have one of the least delinquencies of all the counties in the state.

Representative Sands replied that he did not think that was the case, but it has been determined that most of the delinquent taxes are owed by developers.

There were no further questions and the hearing on this bill was closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 815: Representative Ellison moved DO PASS. Representative Harp moved the amendments. The motion carried unanimously.

Representative Gilbert said that they have three bills that are designed to do the same thing and they are going to look at additional cost to print more forms, and the fiscal note did not address the costs deducted by the Department of Revenue; and referring to Representative Devlin's bill, the department took 60% of the money that was donated for administration costs and this left 40% to be used for the project. He continued that with this bill, they will be going through two government entities and the Department of Agriculture is only taking \$250.00 a year, but if the Department of Revenue takes 50%, he Taxation Committee February 18, 1985 Page Seven

would submit that the people's money is being thrown away.

Chairman Devlin asked Terry Johnson what the administrative costs would be to collect these donations.

Mr. Johnson responded that they actually had two fiscal notes submitted - one from the Department of Agriculture and one from the Department of Revenue - and the one from the Department of Revenue indicates that their administrative costs would be about \$21,000.00 the first year and about \$15,000.00 the second year. He explained that the cost involved would be going in and modifying the income tax returns, the necessary data entry time, the computer processing time, etc. He continued that the Department of Revenue estimated that the revenue generated from this would be about \$30,000.00.

Chairman Devlin stated that there was about \$35,000.00 collected on the non-game checkoff and that applied to the refunds only, but this applies to refunds plus they can send donations in.

Chairman Devlin suggested that the committee wait until they get the fiscal note from the Department of Revenue and check out these figures.

Representative Ellison moved that they pass consideration for the day. The motion carried.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 745: Representative Harp moved DO PASS. The motion carried with Representative Switzer, Representative Zabrocki and Representative Devlin voting no.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 752: Representative Williams said that he was positive all property in the county would be taxed including the city and also the county, at the present time, has the authority to go out and enforce any kind of laws as far as dogs are concerned.

Representative Harp moved DO NOT PASS.

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Representative Ream indicated that this only affects funding and the major problems with dogs is in the agricultural and suburban areas and he did not see any reason why a citycounty dog program could not work together as they are taxing the city as well as the county people.

Representative Schye commented that he would have to oppose the motion as he lives close to town and they have packs of dogs that are city dogs that come out and harass the livestock.

After further discussion, a vote was taken and the motion carried with Representative Ellison, Representative Ream, Representative Keenan and Representative Schye voting no.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 544: Representative Gilbert moved DO PASS. After some discussion, a vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 54: Representative Ellison moved that they take this bill off the table. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Devlin distributed Exhibit 5 to the committee.

Representative Williams said he could not understand why people go three years and do not pay their taxes when they know they have these property taxes.

Representative Ellison commented that a lot of taxpayers have a whole handful of taxes and if you miss one of them, you think you have paid your taxes and he gave an example of how this happened to him.

Representative Gilbert explained that if a person missed their one-half payment, under the present law, the next day this individual could take an assignment on his property and then, when he goes in the next time to pay, he would have to pay the person who took the assignment those property taxes plus 8% interest or else the land no longer belongs to that person.

Representative Sands stated that if a person didn't take an assignment on this land, the county would own it instead and the county does not want to be landowners. He Taxation Committee February 18, 1985 Page Nine

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continued that after a person takes it by assignment, there is a three-year period of redemption and what this bill provides is that the counties be in the real estate business and the land is going to be off the tax rolls and it is not going to provide any protection.

There was further discussion and a vote was taken on the DO PASS motion made by Representative Ellison. The motion passed with Representative Williams, Representative Cohen, Representative Harp, Representative Ream, and Representative Sands voting no.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

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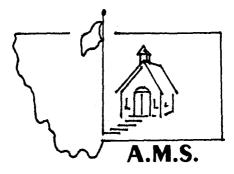
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Agriculture in Montana Schools

Exhibit 2 HB 815 2/18/85

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Oliver Wendell Holmes said that a "mind -- stretched to a new idea -- never goes back to its original dimensions." And this is what applications in Montana Schools is all about -- stretching minds to a new dimension.

We are not interested in making farmers out of everyone --or getting everyone "back to the farm." We simply want a nation of people who understand the importance of agriculture who appreciate the impact that its food, fiber and forestry have on their lives.

During the Agriculture in the Classroom Conference in Washington, D.C. in October, 19 Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block stated that agriculture has a message. And its a strong message. Our agricultural industry is a valuable asset to this country and to its economy. We don't have to exaggerate that value....we have a great story to tell!

Agriculture has an impact far beyond the fields and the feedlots. It is a vital cog in the American economic machine. It has assets exceeding \$1 trillion and is the country's largest and most productive industry. The economic activity generated by farm products as they flow through the economic system accounts for 20 percent of our gross national produc

We know that over 23 million people -- one out of every five working Americans -- are employed in agriculture and related business. We know that our huge agricultural exports are a vital contribution to our nation's balance of payments. Agriculture has helped even the specter of population outpacing food production. The farm worker can now supply food for himself and 75 others.

BUT MANY AMERICANS ARE NOT AWARE OF THIS VITAL RCLE! Fewer and fewer citizens are directly linked to the farm. In 1981, people living on farms represented about three percent of the total population. Now, the percentage of farmers is down to 1½ percent.

THESE FIGURES POINT OUT THE URGENT NEED FOR EXPANDED COMMUNICATION! We' can't just talk among ourselves. After all, we're already convinced. We need to talk to those who are in the non-agricultural community.

More and more, agricultural policy decisions run the risk of being shaped by people who -- alothough they are concerned about agriculture and food issues -- do not have the information or background to fully understand them.

Our school children are our leaders of tomorrow. So the classroom is a logical place to start. Fublic involvement in the educational system has been part of the U.S. throughout its history. With <u>all</u> segments of the public impacted by agriculture in some manner, the need for a better understanding is crucial.

We are not seeking to form a new course of study = an additional class, but rather to supplement and integrate those subjects already being trught. IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURE TO THEIR LIVES AND TO THE NATION'S ECONOMY! Consequently, our itimate goal is to heighten student awareness of the vital part agriculture plays in providing food, fibre and jobs for our people and an economic base for the state of Montana and the nation.

The program thus far in Montana has been funded through grants and the work has be done by volunteers who share a common belief that our moung people need to realize how agriculture touches every aspect of their lives. Your support of House Bill 815 will help everyone to benefit as students, teachers and parents mevelop a better understanding of agriculture...thus becoming better producers and consumers of agricultural commodities. Agriculture is the greatest sole contributor to the affluence, the health, and the well-beling of our society!!

Why Agriculture in the Classrooms?

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It is vitally important that our young people have a better understanding of the contribution of agriculture to their lives and to the nation's economy. From truck drivers to steelmakers to checkout counters, more jobs depend on agriculture than on any other enterprise. World food production and distribution, foreign trade policy and current political issues are all part of the story of agriculture. Yet, few of the nation's students comprehend the relationship of agriculture to aspects of their everyday lives.

Who Is Developing "Agriculture in Montana Schools"?

Representatives of agricultural organizations and educators, with the whole-hearted endorsement of the Office of Public Instruction and the Montana Department of Agriculture, have developed a pilot program to supplement existing curricula. Teachers and administrators, producers, and members of trade associations and agribusinesses are included.

The common goal is to provide young people with a better understanding of the crucial role of agriculture. The program shares ideas and projects that have proven successful in bringing the story of agriculture to school children in other states, and develops new programs for use in Montana.

What Does A.M.S. Offer the Schools?

The A.M.S. program offers a treasure chest of resource material which supplements and enhances the regular curriculum. Dedicated to the concept that all aspects of our society are derived from an agricultural base, the A.M.S. program is being integrated into every subject area of the fourth grade and will ultimately be expanded to all classes, kindergarten through 12th grade. The program includes films, tapes, books, magazines, lesson plans, class projects and actual agricultural presentations in schools, as well as field trips to farms or agribusinesses. The A.M.S. program is not an additional course to be added to the curriculum.

Who Is Benefiting from A.M.S.?

We are not interested in promoting specific commodities or furthering any political point of view. The ultimate goal is to heighten student awareness of the vital part agriculture plays in providing food, fibre and jobs for our people and an economic base for our state and nation. Everyone benefits as students, teachers and parents develop a better understanding of agriculture, thus becoming better producers and consumers of agricultural commodities.

How Can Montanans Help?

You can help with in-kind and/or financial contributions, your willingness to support these new materials and programs in local schools, and your interest in spreading the word about the program. Please send us any ideas or materials that can be incorporated into the program. Better yet, join us at our next meeting. Become more involved in America's food chain. Membership dues are \$100 per year.

For Further Information Write:

Agriculture in Montana Schools Box 662 White Sulphur Springs, Montana 59645 In 1896, William Jennings Bryan said,

"Burn down your cities and leave our farms and your cities will spring up again as if by magic, but destroy our farms and the grass will grow in the streets of every city in the country."

Roll Call of Members of Agriculture in Montana Schools

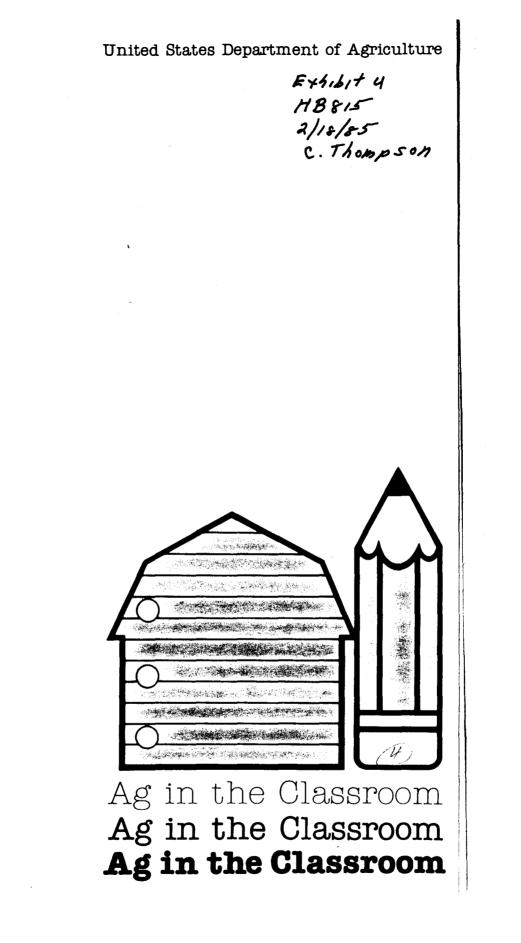
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Honorable Representative FRANCIS ROE HNKE: Please reconsider your action to table HB 54. It is imperative that this bill is recommended to the Montana House for passage. It will preclude honest citizens from losing their property due to inadequate protection of owner's rights under the law; and inadequate notification procedures. I am a member of the Green Meadow Christian Reformed Church in Helena, and we nearly lost our church property because no-one was notified of a tax liability. Thanks for your attention and consideration.

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