

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
51st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Call to Order: By Rep. Bob Pavlovich, on February 9, 1989, at
8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: All

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Paul Verdon and Sue Pennington

Announcements/Discussion: None

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL HJR 12

Motion: Rep. Johnson moved DO PASS as amended.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes: Rep. Johnson went through
each amendment to HJR 12.

Rep. Pavlovich asked Rep. Johnson if subpoena powers were still available to the legislature? Paul Verdon, researcher, said the legislative council, by statute, has subpoena power for all study committees. It is not necessary to enact this. This is a study resolution, it is not a law, you can't put substantive law into a resolution. The existing subpoena power of the council is sufficient. Rep. Kilpatrick asked what a resolution does over a law? Rep. Pavlovich said that if it is passed out of committee it goes to both Houses and is passed, it is then put on a list with all study resolutions. Depending on how much money is appropriated to the legislative council to for interim studies, the council polls the legislators to prioritize the studies to decide which ones they want to study. During the interim a committee will be appointed, they conduct the study and recommend to the next legislative session what they want done and a bill is drafted to this effect. There are four members from each house on each interim committee.

Recommendation and Vote: HJR 12 DO PASS as amended unanimously.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 464

Motion: Rep. Johnson moved DO PASS on the bill and moved the amendments.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes: Rep. Johnson went over the amendments to the bill. The amendments DO PASS. Rep. Bachini asked the chairman of the sub-committee if they felt the concerns were addressed by the wholesaler? Are they happy with the bill or do they think there is still problems with it? Rep. Johnson said they feel there are still problems with the bill. Rep. Bachini asked what areas? Rep. Johnson said the bill regulates more closely and they do not feel it can actually be done because the opportunity for free trade disappears in a sense.

Rep. Simon said we have had a law similar to this on the books for a long time dealing with sales below cost and so forth. The department of commerce can tell you that the law is virtually unenforceable and a nightmare for the department to deal with. They get complaints, they don't know what to do with them, they are having a difficult time even knowing where to start to try to enforce these laws. I think Rep. Bradley's intentions are laudable. I think it will just create more problems for the department of commerce to try to deal with the complaints. They have no real solid mechanism to deal with them.

Rep. Bachini said he made some calls to his area and there were no complaints from his area at all. In one area if it had not been for the company coming in and taking over a particular station there would have been jobs lost. We have a company operated station and the independent stations are operating and they are doing all right. I think the issue needs to be studied first if they want to do something. I think there is too many problems right now with this bill.

Rep. Thomas suggested that if we are going to send the resolution out, that we don't need to send this bill out to the floor. It is my suggestion that we table the bill here.

Recommendation and Vote: HB 464 DO PASS motion failed 9-7.

HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 476

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Grady, House District 47. This bill establishes the board of taxidermy; transfers the licensing of taxidermists from FWP to the department of commerce; establishes licensing criteria, examination requirements, and fees for the practice of taxidermy; grants rulemaking authority to

the board of taxidermy and department of commerce; provides penalties; provides an exemption from the sunrise law; repeals Section 87-4-201, MCA; and provides an immediate effective date. A lot of the outfitters and people involved felt the bill went too far. There are too many amendments proposed to amend the bill so a gray bill has been drafted. The gray bill leaves the licensing authority with FWP and the fee will be the same \$15, it grandfathers all existing taxidermists in that have a license now. The only thing we are talking about is that a new individual who comes to the department to get a license will have to take a test. The department will set up the testing. The bill sets up a mechanism to be able to charge the fee for administering the test. This is essentially what the gray bill does.

Testifying Proponents and Who They Represent:

Joe and Cathy Thomas, Whitehall
Dalton Walker, Butte
Jeff Welch, Helena
Dan Kenney, Lewistown
Ron Marcoux, FWP
James Tutwiler
Kathy Thomas

Proponent Testimony:

Mr. Thomas went over his exhibits 1 and 2.

Mr. Welch said that the test in the gray bill will be written by the licensed taxidermists in Montana and an assistant in FWP will help write the test and give the test. Current license holders will be excluded from the test. The gray bill grandfathers in current license holders. The test will be written to test basic taxidermy skills and knowledge.

Mr. Kenney said consumers will be protected by knowing the taxidermist is qualified and licensed. The intent of this bill is to help create some qualifications and criteria for the taxidermy industry.

Mr. Tutwiler said the gray bill has merit. Because as a hunter, outdoorsman, and concerned citizen I am very concerned about the reputation that this industry gives the state. Montana is in a very unique situation, the quality of our hunting, due to the great resource we have, the fine management of FWP. We have maintained, in fact, increased the premium value of fishing and hunting in Montana. At a time when that is not the case in many other states. The supply of quality hunting and fishing is right here in Montana. That creates a great demand. We are seeing that demand not only in terms of our residents, but also from the

demand from out of state. When you create a quality situation and the demand goes up there is certainly an opportunity for additional related industries such as outfitting and guiding and taxidermy. With the increase in opportunity to make a profit and to complement recreational outdoor business there is also the opportunity, without some prudent licensing and guidance, for the minority to take advantage of the situation and commit acts, or provide a service that is not of the well-known quality and reputation that Montana deserves. I think it is important with the increased profile and visibility we are going to have in this state for years to come, that we take steps to ensure that our industries are reputable and complement the quality of outdoor experiences.

See exhibit 3 for Mr. Marcoux's written testimony.

Ms. Thomas said this bill would be good to bring out-of-state money in to our state. Out-of-state hunters will leave their work here to be done if they know the taxidermists are tested and licensed by the state. They know they will get good work, not shoddy work. We want to better the taxidermy business, there are professional people in the business and we want taxidermists treated as professionals. There is no reason for a person who has studied taxidermy not to take and pass a test like attorneys, hair stylists, nurses, or doctors, these people have to qualify. Taxidermists are no different, they should qualify to do taxidermy. Just because it is an animal they work with doesn't mean it is not important work.

Mr. Walker said he is a concerned consumer not a taxidermist. I believe a taxidermist should be qualified and tested. I had a bear trophy done by a shoddy taxidermist and he ruined my trophy. This bill doesn't keep a person from being an apprentice taxidermist as some have said in previous testimony. This bill is set up to protect the consumer as well as the taxidermist. I am in full support of HB 476.

Testifying Opponents and Who They Represent:

Royal and Vicky Crawford, Florence
Steve Rhodes, Vice President, MSTG
John Kelly, Dillon
Roy Jacobs, Choteau
Neal Davis, Dillon
Mark Smart, Great Falls
Steve Bell, Stevensville
Phil Healey, Hamilton
Bob Jacks, Frenchtown
Jarren Brenner, Frenchtown
John Wilson, Billings

Opponent Testimony:

Mr. Crawford stated that the Montana State Taxidermy Guild strongly opposes this bill. See exhibit 4 for written testimony.

Mr. Rhodes submitted written testimony. See exhibit 5.

See exhibit 6 for Mr. Kelly's written testimony.

Mr. Jacobs stated that he is against this bill.

Mr. Davis stated that he is opposed to Section 4 (1) and (2) of HB 476 and asks for a do not pass.

Mrs. Crawford submitted written testimony, see exhibit 7.

Mr. Smart said he opposes HB 476.

Questions From Committee Members: None

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Grady said he apologizes to the opponents because they were not able to see the gray bill. This gray bill just came up in the last 24 hours. It has been made clear that a lot of people were not aware of the gray bill. It is entirely different from the original bill and as far as the committee is concerned, until we take action to amend the original draft we are talking about the original bill. The proponents were talking about the gray bill. Taxidermy is a big industry, something that is going to grow in Montana. Montana's wildlife industry is growing tremendously. We have the largest elk and deer herds, we have everything the outdoor sportsmen want. This is why they are coming to our state. Out-of-state licenses have been raised tremendously, and the sales have not slowed down. We are probably as lax as any other state for a taxidermist to get into the business. All they have to do is pay \$15 for a license. We are going to protect the consumer with this bill, \$110 - \$350 to mount a buck deer head, bull elk head mount is \$450 - \$1,000. These are average prices. Just because a taxidermist has mounts on the walls of his shop doesn't mean he has done them and he does good work. An average taxidermist can gross \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year. The consumer should have some protection, we are talking about minimum protection here with HB 476. I hope the committee will delay any action until some of the opponents can see the gray bill.

HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 553

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Grady stated that this bill would appropriate money to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks to be used to match money obtained from other sources to organize, promote, and conduct the Montana Governor's Cup 500-Mile Sled Dog Race. This bill redirects \$40,000 from the facility use tax proceeds to FWP for the biennium to be used for providing grants to match money raised from other sources. This will be used to promote the Governor's Cup Sled Dog Race.

Testifying Proponents and Who They Represent:

Charles Van Hook
Rep. Mark O'Keefe
Charles Metzger

Proponent Testimony:

Mr. Van Hook said this is the longest sled dog race in the lower 48 states. The race has grown each year and the interest is growing and drawing more and more people into Montana to see and participate in this sport. This year ESPN television station will tape the race and it will be show nation wide. The legislative council at the request of Rep. Jan Brown investigated some of the legislative activities in Alaska in regards to sled dog racing. We have determined that appropriations are being made for the promotion of racing events there. Financial assistance is given for development and promotion of the race, development and maintenance of the trails. Last year the investment was in excess of \$150,000 in Alaska for their sled dog races. Our event is on a volunteer basis and we have hundreds of people volunteering their time for this race. HB 553 is a formula for cost sharing. This bill requires the race to first obtain sponsorships before any state funds are invested, there is a limit of \$40,000 on the state's investment, and there is a limit of 2 years on this investment appropriation. The use of bed tax funds has generated some questions about similar proposals that may come from other events in Montana. We believe that if any thing this program can, over 2 years, demonstrate how such a cost sharing venture might be designed in the future.

Rep. Mark O'Keefe is in support of HB 553. I also support the bed tax. We have a tax out there that the members of our body feel we have no control over the spending of. There is some resentment of that in the House and the Senate. I know it is important for the innkeepers and

travel promotion people to control that as long as possible. But, I also put to you that at some point, someone is going to tap the bed tax. Maybe this bill could be the basis for broadened discussion on how that money is spent, what kind of control you are going to allow the industry to keep on the bed tax. This is good for the innkeeper's industry that this race go, that it is good for the chambers of commerce, that it is good for the people in travel promotion.

Mr. Metzger wants to appeal to the committee to let this race grow, with your help in getting the financing, we can see this event grow.

Mr. Fisher submitted written testimony supporting HB 553, see exhibit 2.

Testifying Opponents and Who They Represent:

Kay Foster, Billings Chamber of Commerce
Jim Van Arsdale, Mayor, Billings
Vern Sitter, Innkeepers Association
Don Ingels, MT Chamber of Commerce
Rob Norwick, Missoula Chamber of Commerce

Opponent Testimony:

Mayor Van Arsdale stated that the sled dog race has been very successful and he doesn't know why they are asking for money. Once we open the door to the bed tax money, other folks will want to dip into these funds.

See exhibit 1 for Ms. Foster's written testimony.

Mr. Sitter stated that the innkeeper's association is not in support of HB 553. This race does not bring in tourists or visitors. The bed tax fund's primary purpose is to bring people in to Montana.

Mr. Ingels said his association does not support this bill.

Mr. Norwick stated that the Missoula chamber opposes this bill.

Questions From Committee Members: Rep. Blotkamp asked Rep. Grady how they arrived at the \$40,000 figure? Could you break that down for me? Rep. Grady referred this to Mr. Van Hook. He said the race currently has \$30,000 budget. We are comparing ourselves to the John Beargrease race in Minnesota. Their race has a budget of \$80-100,000 right now, \$40,000 is set aside for the winner's purse, that is why they attract a large number of mushers. We would use these funds, if the bill is passed, either for the purse or for producing the race.

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Grady said all we are trying to do is redirect some funds with this bill. The time has come when we need to look at redirecting some of these funds. All the money is going for advertising, the funds are going for brochures, advertising, lots of times purchased from out-of-state, money going to large out of state advertising agencies. It's Montanan's paying that tax. We pay it on every accommodation in this state. We need to look at this, use the money to advertise our home state.

HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 573

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. McCormick stated that this bill would allow machine manufacturer bill acceptors on video draw poker and keno machines and would amend Sections 23-5-606 and 23-5-609, MCA; and provides an immediate effective date.

Testifying Proponents and Who They Represent:

None

Proponent Testimony:

None

Testifying Opponents and Who They Represent:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Questions From Committee Members: None

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. McCormick stated he closed.

HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 557

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Bachini, House District 14, stated that this bill will allow the police officers of Montana to assess themselves .5 percent of the base income of a new patrolman. The purpose of this assessment is to provide group life insurance premiums for the police officers.

Testifying Proponents and Who They Represent:

Scott Ramsey, Police Department, Bozeman
Frank Garner, Police Department, Kalispell
Jerry Williams, Police Department, Butte
Bill Allison, Police Department, Helena
Kevin Clader, Police Department, Missoula
Tim Shanks, Police Department, Great Falls

Proponent Testimony:

Mr. Ramsey said he represented not only his department but policemen across the state of Montana. This bill will not effect all of the police in all Montana cities. The officers want life insurance; this idea has been going through their ranks and Montana can't afford to supply us with life insurance policies. This is a self-help bill, and it will not cost the state one cent. We have excluded the chiefs, assistant chiefs, and captains at their request. We have left it open to them if they decide to come into the program.

Mr. Garner stated that only 7 other states in the country offer this sort of benefit as a state pay program to the officers in their respective states. In Montana what we would like to do as an association, it will only affect our association members, is to give this program to our members and pay for it ourselves. We are willing to do this because it is important to us and our families. All of the officers in my department supports this bill.

Mr. Williams was representing the Butte police department and said they are all in full support of this bill.

Mr. Allison stated that the officers in his organization here in Helena support this bill.

Mr. Clader said he is representing the Missoula police officers and they support this bill and ask the committee to give the bill a do pass.

Mr. Shanks said he is here on behalf of the Great Falls police officers. They would like the opportunity to provide for themselves a life insurance policy.

Testifying Opponents and Who They Represent:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Questions From Committee Members: Rep. Kilpatrick asked Scott Ramsey why all cities are not involved? Officer Ramsey said the cities involved are Class I city retirement systems, they are the cities that originally formed the Police Association. We leave our doors open to any police department around the state of Montana. If they desire, they can join our association.

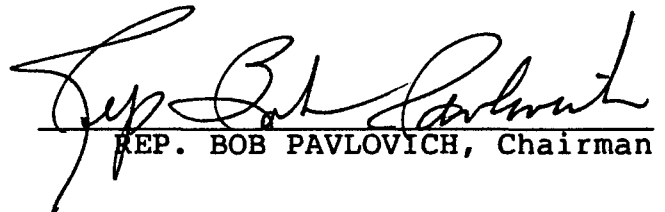
Rep. Stepler asked Officer Ramsey if an officer would be required to join the organization before they could purchase the policy? Officer Ramsey said they would.

Rep. Nelson asked if a police department is participating in the program and one officer wished not to participate would he be able to do this? Would he have to contribute? Officer Ramsey said the officer would have to go to his local association and they in turn would go to the state association to get it okayed for the officer not to participate.

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Bachini said there was 100 percent participation in this. It is helping no one but the officers themselves, city, county, or state will not be involved in the cost and I would appreciate a do pass on the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 10:45 a.m.


REP. BOB PAVLOVICH, Chairman

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DAILY ROLL CALL

BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

51th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1989

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| NAME | PRESENT | ABSENT | EXCUSED |
|------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| PAVLOVICH, BOB | ✓ | | |
| DeMARS, GENE | ✓ | | |
| BACHINI, BOB | ✓ | | |
| BLOTKAMP, ROB | ✓ | | |
| HANSEN, STELLA JEAN | ✓ | | |
| JOHNSON, JOHN | ✓ | | |
| KILPATRICK, TOM | ✓ | | |
| McCORMICK, LLOYD "MAC" | ✓ | | |
| STEPPLER, DON | ✓ | | |
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| GLASER, BILL | ✓ | | |
| KELLER, VERNON | ✓ | | |
| NELSON, THOMAS | ✓ | | |
| SIMON, BRUCE | ✓ | | |
| SMITH, CLYDE | ✓ | | |
| THOMAS, FRED | ✓ | | |
| WALLIN, NORM | ✓ | | |
| PAUL VERDON | ✓ | | |
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ROLL CALL VOTE

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COMMITTEE

DATE 2/9/89 BILL NO. HJR 12 NUMBER _____

| NAME | AYE | NAY |
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| Bob Pavlovich | ↑ | |
| Bob Bachini | | |
| Rob Blotkamp | | |
| Gene DeMars | | |
| Bill Glaser | | |
| Stella Hansen | | |
| John Johnson | | |
| Vernon Keller | | |
| Tom Kilpatrick | | |
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| Thomas Nelson | | |
| Bruce Simon | | |
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| Don Stepler | | |
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Sue Pennington
Secretary

Bob Pavlovich
Chairman

MOTION:

do pass as amended

ROLL CALL VOTE

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE

DATE 21 189 BILL NO. HB 464 NUMBER 2

| NAME | AYE | NAY |
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| Bob Pavlovich | | |
| Bob Bachini | | |
| Rob Blotkamp | | |
| Gene DeMars | | |
| Bill Glaser | | |
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Sue Pennington
Secretary

Bob Pavlovich
Chairman

MOTION: Reverse = do not pass

ROLL CALL VOTE

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE

DATE 2/9/89 BILL NO. HB 464 NUMBER 1

| NAME | AYE | NAY |
|-----------------|-----|-----|
| Bob Pavlovich | X | |
| Bob Bachini | | X |
| Rob Blotkamp | | X |
| Gene DeMars | X | |
| Bill Glaser | X | |
| Stella Hansen | X | |
| John Johnson | X | |
| Vernon Keller | | X |
| Tom Kilpatrick | | X |
| Lloyd McCormick | X | |
| Thomas Nelson | | X |
| Bruce Simon | | X |
| Clyde Smith | | X |
| Don Stepler | | X |
| Fred Thomas | | X |
| Norm Wallin | X | |

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Sue Pennington
Secretary

Bob Pavlovich
Chairman

MOTION:

do pass as amended

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

February 9, 1989

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on Business and Economic Development report that House Joint Resolution 12 (first reading copy -- white) do pass as amended .

Signed: _____
Robert Pavlovich, Chairman

And, that such amendments read:

1. Title, line 7.

Strike: "BELOW-COST"

Insert: "SUBSIDIZED"

Following: "PRICING"

Strike: "GIVES"

Insert: "AND PREDATORY MOTOR FUEL FRANCHISE PRACTICES GIVE"

2. Title, line 8.

Following: "CERTAIN"

Insert: "WHOLESALERS AND"

3. Page 1, line 14.

Strike: ", below-cost"

Following: "pricing"

Insert: "and predatory motor fuel franchise practices"

Following: "the"

Insert: "wholesale and"

Strike: "level"

Insert: "levels"

Following: "other"

Insert: "wholesalers and"

4. Page 1, line 16.

Strike: "below-cost"

Strike: "is a"

Insert: "and"

5. Page 1, line 17.

Strike: "practice that is"

Insert: "motor fuel franchise practices are"

6. Page 1, line 18.

Strike: "below-cost pricing"

Insert: "those practices"

7. Page 1, line 20.

Strike: "from subsidized pricing"

8. Page 1, line 23.

Strike: "below-cost pricing"

Insert: "those practices"

9. Page 1, line 24.

Following: "of"

Insert: "subsidized pricing and"

Following: "predatory"

Strike: "pricing"

Insert: "motor fuel franchise agreements"

10. Page 2, line 8.

Following: "pricing"

Insert: "or motor fuel franchise agreements"

Following: "independent"

Insert: "wholesalers and"

11. Page 2, line 9.

Following: "competing"

Insert: "wholesalers and"

12. Page 2, line 13.

Following: "predatory"

Strike: "pricing is"

Insert: "practices are"

13. Page 2, line 14.

Following: "Montana"

Insert: "wholesalers and"

14. Page 2, line 15.

Following: "other"

Insert: "wholesalers and"

15. Page 2, lines 15 and 16.

Strike: "below-cost pricing"

Insert: "those practices"

16. Page 2, lines 17 and 18.

Strike: "below-cost pricing"

Insert: "those practices"

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

File

February 9, 1989

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on Business and Economic Development report that House Bill 464 (first reading copy -- white) do NOT pass as amended .

Signed: _____
Robert Pavlovich, Chairman

And, that such amendments read:

1. Title, line 7.
Strike: "AND"

2. Title, line 8.
Following: "FUEL"
Insert: "; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE"

3. Page 2, line 7.
Strike: "current"
Insert: "most recent"

4. Page 2, line 11.
Strike: "all trade"
Insert: "customary"
Following: "discounts"
Insert: "for cash"
Strike: "customary"
Insert: "trade"

5. Page 2, line 12.
Strike: "for cash"

6. Page 2
Strike: lines 14 through 17 in their entirety
Insert: "(i) cost of doing business as defined in 30-14-202;"
Renummer: subsequent subsections

7. Page 2, line 23.
Following: "of the"
Insert: "most recent invoice"

8. Page 3, line 4.
Strike: "all trade"
Insert: "customary"
Following: "discounts"
Insert: "for cash"
Strike: "customary"
Insert: "trade"

9. Page 3, line 5.
Strike: "for cash"

10. Page 3.
Strike: lines 7 through 10 in their entirety
Insert: "(i) cost of doing business as defined in 30-14-202;"
Renumber: subsequent subsections

11. Page 3, line 17.
Following: "of the"
Insert: "most recent invoice"

12. Page 4, line 22.
Following: line 21
Insert: "(10) "Transportation cost" means the actual cost of transportation of motor fuel or, in the absence of proof of actual cost, the common carrier rates fixed by the public service commission for the immediate market area concerned."
Renumber: subsequent subsections

13. Page 5, lines 16 and 17.
Strike: "petroleum distillates"
Insert: "motor fuels"

14. Page 5, line 20.
Strike: "petroleum distillates"
Insert: "motor fuels"

15. Page 5, line 25.
Strike: "petroleum distillate"
Insert: "motor fuel"

16. Page 6, line 2.
Strike: "petroleum distillate"
Insert: "motor fuel"

17. Page 6, line 12.
Strike: "other"
Insert: "delivering"

18. Page 8, line 16.

Following: "a"
Insert: ": (1)"

19. Page 8, line 20.
Following: "purchase"
Insert: "; or"

(2) bulk sale at either the wholesale or retail level to a person engaged in agriculture if the fuel is used for agricultural purposes"

20. Page 9, line 6.

Following: line 5

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 12. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval."

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on Business and Economic Development report that House Bill 238 (first reading copy -- white) do pass as amended .

Signed: _____
Robert Pavlovich, Chairman

And, that such amendments read:

1. Title, lines 6 and 7.

Following: "INSURERS" on line 6

Strike: the remainder of line 6 and through "INSURERS" on line 7

Following: ", "

Insert: "AND"

2. Title, line 8.

Strike: "; AND REPEALING SECTION 33-16-202, MCA"

3. Page 4, line 23.

Strike: "annually compile and review"

Insert: "store"

4. Page 4, line 25, and page 5, line 1.

Strike: line 25 in its entirety and through "state" on line 1

5. Page 5, line 2.

Strike: "commissioner's findings and the"

6. Page 5, lines 5 through 12.

Following: "citizen" on line 5

Strike: the remainder of line 5 and lines 6 through 12 in their entirety

7. Page 5, line 14.

Strike: "insurance company"

Insert: "insurer"

Following: "file"

Insert: "annually"

8. Page 5, lines 16 through 18.

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Following: "prerequisite to"

Strike: the remainder of line 16, line 17 in its entirety, and
through "coverage" on line 18

Insert: "transacting insurance in this state"

9. Page 5, line 25.

Strike: Section 6 in its entirety

Renumber: subsequent sections

Amendments to House Bill No. 238
First Reading Copy

For the Committee on Business and Economic Development

Prepared by Paul Verdon
February 1, 1989

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Renumber: subsequent sections

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HAB 476
2/18/85

**Certified Professional Taxidermist Association of Montana Inc.
C.P.T.A.**

FACT SHEET

EXISTING STATUTES

Dear Legislator,

To be a licensed taxidermist in the State of Montana one must:

- Item 1** Pay \$15.00 to the Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks.
- Item 2** Your real name is not required, nor is an application required.
- Item 3** No testing is required.
- Item 4** There are no requirements to know the Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks' game laws that regulate your license.
- Item 5** The only requirement for being issued a taxidermist license is to pay a \$15.00 fee.
- Item 6** Present licensing procedures are threatening to the consumer's personal welfare, health and safety.
- Item 7** A taxidermy license holder is in no way qualified by the State of Montana!
- Item 8** This is a deceptive licensing practice by this State, which leads the unsuspecting consumer to believe that the license holder is qualified by the State of Montana.
- Item 9** The Fish, Wildlife & Parks Department does not have the authority to implement a system of qualifications for the licensing of a taxidermist.

#2
HB 47
2/9/8

**Certified Professional Taxidermist Association of Montana Inc.
C.P.T.A.**

**Proposed Statute Changes
(Gray Bill)**

- Item 1** A licensing fee will be required. Projections of an increase in the fee amount remain small, due to the fact that the Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks will implement the licensing system.
- Item 2** An application will be required to identify the applicant and his/her qualifications as a commercial taxidermist.
- Item 3** A test will be required to demonstrate adequate knowledge and techniques of taxidermy.
- Item 4** Through the testing procedure an applicant will be required to become familiar with the game laws of the State of Montana and the laws related to the profession of taxidermy.
- Item 5** The requirements to become a licensed taxidermist will be as follows:
- Item 6** Guarantees better taxidermy procedures to insure the health and safety of the consumer and the taxidermist.
- Item 7** Consumer will be protected because the license holder has been qualified and has a knowledge of taxidermy.
- Item 8** The license holder will be qualified by the State of Montana before receiving a license to practice taxidermy.
- Item 9** The Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks will have the authority to implement a system of qualifications for the licensing of taxidermists.

3
HB 476
2/9/89

HB 476
February 9, 1989

Testimony presented by Ron Marcoux, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

HB 476, as amended, would provide for the development of application forms, examinations, and re-examination forms for all initial taxidermist licensees. Examination procedures would be implemented by the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, with the actual examination being developed by representatives of the taxidermy industry and officials from the department.

This bill allows charging fees necessary to cover the expenses related to testing and record keeping requirements.

The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks supports the concept of establishing industry standards in the practice of taxidermy and supports HB 476 in its amended form. However, I would like to point out that any further industry standards and review processes, as well as insurance requirements, would more appropriately be handled by another agency that directly regulates business or professional standards.

#4
HB 476
2/9/89

Mr. Chairman + Committee Members

~~My name is~~
As president of the MSTG &
representing the guild we are
strongly opposed to HB 476 and
its contents.

Opposition
~~Reasons~~ for this are: as follows

1- We believe each person should
have the right to choose their own field.
With more regulations, red tape &
bureaucracy it will only hurt our
industry, not help it.

HB 476 will tend to discourage
the youth, which is the next
generation of taxidermists.

After talking to taxidermists from
every corner of the state, there is
very, very strong dislike for HB 476



Most tapidermists feel the system is working fine the way it is.

This is our 100 year centennial - why make life miserable for people trying to make a living. Montana is the Big Sky State + the land of opportunity. Those who are willing to work hard + are ambitious + creative should not have roadblocks thrown in front of them.

I've been a member of the MSTG since it was formed. In the past 6 years we have accomplished a lot. There is a bond of companionship between tapidermists that never existed before. We have taken the time to show tapidermy in art form

at our competitions & public showings
 Public awareness has greatly
 increased over the past 6 years
 The consumers shopping for a taxidermist
 for their trophies are much more
 selective today. I have witnessed
 the public awareness in my own
 business and so have many others in
 the taxidermy field. I feel supply &
 demand will take care of the overpopulation
 of taxidermists that occurs occasionally
 as it has in the past.

This being our 100 year centennial,
 let's make an example - let's ~~send~~
~~this bill~~ cut red tape & send this
 bill to the garbage can where it belongs
 and go on with the Amer. dream of free enterprise

(4)

This bill has been labeled as a consumer protection bill.

Taxidermy as it is known today has come a long way out of the closet where it was kept for years. Only a few used to know the procedures for the art of taxidermy. With the numerous ^{schools &} supply companies producing anatomically correct mammals for use - the consumer gets a better product than they ever have in history. ^{With} The modernization of taxidermy products & methods, anybody entering the field today ~~see~~ ^{must} ~~use~~ the highest quality products available, or he ^{will} not succeed in the market today.

As a representative of the
MSTG, we would greatly
appreciate your voting NO on
HB 476, for the betterment of
the taxidermy field.

~~Thank you for your time~~

I feel that the taxidermist across
the state should get together and
make new rules, if needed, rather
than have a handful of people do
it on their own, as this ^{#B476} ~~bill~~ was
written.

Thank you for your time

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HB 476
2/9/89

I,d like to address the Honorable Chairman and the Committee Members.

At this minute I,d rather be working in my shop or out on the lake fishing. I feel compelled to stand here today to defend the right to practise my art and to defend Taxidermy from ideas that would thin our numbers and reduce our freedom.

We in this gathering participate in a discussion on the future direction of the Art of Taxidermy. There has been a Revolution the past ten years. The quality of the work has soared because of competitions and seminars, the unleashing of knowledge and technology. The Montana State Taxidermy Guild is the leader in this revolution in this state. Our entire focus the past six years has been increasing the quality of taxidermists work and educating the consumer.

In this new age of Taxidermy, on our own without regulation we create the quality, we create the demand, we educate and create the consumer. Taxidermy has evolved into a true art. More and more citizens are interested and practising the art. The youth are excited at the fun and quality of it; excited at their chance to to into business or just sell some of their work. This very day there are hundreds of part-time citizen artists working on their fish and wildlife taxidermy projects.

The more taxidermy done the less of the wildlife resource is wasted. The more taxidermists the more power we have to turn and educate against the threats to our choöce of lifestyle and work. More specialists will arise out of growing numbers to lead us one step further.

HB476 is the ugly head of a Gestapo arising from selfish minds. In a secret frenzy, some assume this evolving taxidermy art needs rules, boards, controls, red tape and exams. HB476 is the wrong path. Its a negative plan for the future. Let us put it in the basement closet of the museum of Montana taxidermy history; to be rolled out at times as an example to taxidermy classes of wrong-thinking. The writers and proponents of this monstrous artists Gestapo should look anew at what they wrote, examine their attitudes toward their fellows, and study again their high school American Government texts.

Everything was quiet and fine a week ago. Any problems were few Now I have lost a week of work and rush here to stand guard. The monster of an unasked for and unneeded Bureaucracy is poised to devour us. Like sheep tricked by wolves shall we fall into this trap. Equally bad, will we compromise and start the deadly examinations and re-examinations?

Listen my fellow artists to the winds of freedom. to the easy breezes of unregulated work we are used to. Voluntarily we do what is good for Taxidermy. That is the right path to the future.

Thankyou,



Steve Rhodes V-Pres. M.S.T.G.

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME STEVE RHODES BILL NO. 476

ADDRESS BOX 732 SILVER STAR

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? MONTANA STATE TAXIDROMY GUILD V-PRES

SUPPORT _____ OPPOSE 476 AMEND _____

COMMENTS: WANT TO PUT THE
"NAILS IN THE COFFIN" AND BURY
THIS BILL. NO COMPROMISE.

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

#6
HB 476
2/9/89

Presented by

John B. Kelly

Kelly's Boulder River Taxidermy

Dillon Montana

Taxidermy, as defined by Random House Dictionary is, "the art of preparing and preserving the skins of animals and of stuffing and mounting them in lifelike form".

Art is defined by Webster as, "the conscious use of skill, taste, and creative imagination in the production of aesthetic objects. Art may be used interchangeably with skill, cunning, craft, but in its most distinct sense it contrasts with them in implying a personal, unanalyzable creative power.

Gentlemen these vary ~~def~~initions in our basic english dictionaries proclaim that Art of Taxidermy^m cannot be examined by written tests. Each observer examines Art to his own conclusions & perspectives. No rational person can^{expect} to achieve any reasonable results by a synthetically written test. Let alone establish a occupational license and livelihood from the ambiguous results of such testing.

Occupational licencing of the Art of Taxidermy^m indicates a need to protect someone. If the public needs protecting from the taxidermist then the one on one contract made verbally or written need be addressed on an individual basis. As no general problem exists with the present system that I am aware of.

If the Taxidermist needs protecting from the taxidermist as it seems with the wording of HB 476. The protection the State of Montana provides this taxidermist only encourages monopolies. Lower quality and creates higher prices. All the protection the State of Montana could provide this taxidermist will not help him as the public apparently through free enterprise has already found his art form unacceptable. Protectionism ultimately takes money out of every Montana pocket and costs jobs. Please vote against House Bill 476.

Thank you,

Mr. Chairman + Members of the Board, ①

My Name is Vicky Crawford from Florence, Mt.

where my husband & I are joint owners & operators of Royal Mtn. Tapermy. I am also a member of the Mont. State Tapermy Guild. I am here to voice my objection to HB 476.

This bill is said to be a bill for consumer protection. However, it seems to me to be more of a bill for control of competition in the tapermy field.

MSTG holds yearly competitions and public showings to increase public awareness of the quality of mounts. At these competitions seminars are conducted for the participating tapermyists. These are given to help the tapermyists learn new & better methods of doing their work. The judges also will go over each of your mounts that ~~they~~ have been judged and tell you on a 1 to 1 basis how you can improve your work. This to me is consumer protection ~~if you~~ take those who take part can give their customers a better product.

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HB 476

Many of the writers of ~~bill~~ HB 476 are against competitors and seminars. Several of ^{these writers} ~~them~~ were previous members of our MSTC. They were always voicing their disagreement with the seminars in particular. Their reason was - why give our competitors ^{down the street} all this information? They don't want to make the taping work as a whole better for the consumer - they prefer to keep their so-called 'secret' information among themselves. The taping field in many parts of our state are very concerned with the "competition down the street."

The CPTA - (Certified Professional Taping Assoc.) the writers of HB 476 have written this bill not to protect the consumer, but to eliminate at ~~at~~ least 2/3 of the competition - the part-timer & hobbyist tapers. We were told this over the phone by ~~some of the~~ ^{some of the} writers of this bill.

Isn't competition and free enterprise part of our American heritage? Competition is a healthy part of our society. If you do ^{good} work work and do it for a fair price, you will stay busy. This is shown in ~~the~~ taping business. We continue to

every year. Maybe the writers of this ~~bill~~ ^{HB 476} should examine their own businesses instead of trying to ⁽³⁾ control their competition. It seems to me that they need to do a little internal research within their own businesses and check their own quality and prices.

There are 259 licensed taxidermists in the state of Montana. The CPTA - the writers of HB 476 are a small percentage of these. Who are they to put a Who are the CPTA, of 13 members, to decide all of our how we should all be governed, without consulting the rest of us first? Why discriminate against the part-time and hobbyist taxidermist? Didn't most full-time taxidermists start as part-time? Everyone in America deserves the chance at the American Dream - a business of their own. HB 476 would stop many people from being able to realize that dream. ~~I'm not going to go into each part of the bill, as it would be repetitive & with many of you saying that.~~

~~I urgently advise you to vote NO on HB 476 - as the future of taxidermy is at stake.~~
Our own 12 year old son is interested in taxidermy. If the cost of this bill to each

never have the chance to be licensed and (4)
practice taxidermy. Our youth of today
are the future of tomorrow. If HB476
is passed, will taxidermy become a lost
art?

I urgently advise each of you
to vote NO on HB476 - as I feel the
future of taxidermy is at stake.

Thank you for ~~taking the time~~ your
attention.

#1
HB 55
2/9/89

BILLINGS



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

February 9, 1989

I am Kay Foster and here to represent the Billings Chamber of Commerce in opposition to the appropriation contained in HB553.

The Billings Chamber supports the efforts made in staging the Governor's Cup Dog Sled Race but feels that this event should not be selected out of the many held in the state each year for special funding through tourism tax money. The intent of the legislation implementing the bed tax was that it be used for promotional purposes and not for the operation of a specific program. It is our understanding that two Montana "countries" have already put money from their budgets into support of this event and we do not feel that another direct appropriation in this instance is necessary.

While the Billings area would welcome a direct infusion of state funds into events staged in "Custer Country", i.e. the Centennial Cattle Drive, we do not feel this was ever within the intention of the law and the practice should not be begun.

We urge your defeat of HB553.

SALUTATIONS

#2
HB 553
2/9/89

I'm Rollie Fisher. I work in Helena and live near Lincoln. My family and I also own the Blackfoot Valley Dispatch - Lincoln's newspaper and print shop. I am a part of the Race Committee and have been for two years.

I am speaking in support of this bill.

This 500 mile sled dog race has a grand history of a race with a small purse but with absolutely beautiful country and a host of volunteers that give of themselves and their money to allow this race to compete with Alaska's "Iditarod" and Minnesota's "John Beargrease". Both the 1100 mile "Iditarod" and the 470 mile "Beargrease" operate on budgets in excess of \$150,000.00. Both the states of Alaska and Minnesota ~~fund~~ partially fund their races. The only way, this race, with a budget of less than \$40,000.00 can compete - is with the efforts, and investment of the nearly 500 volunteers that will serve this year's "Centennial Race." That investment by these fine people is without return except the pride that it was successful, and the "thanks" of the mushers for

THE EFFORTS OF THESE VOLUNTEERS OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS HAVE REAPED GREAT BENEFITS TO MONTANA, AT NEARLY NO COST. OUR 1988 RACE WAS VIEWED BY A DOCUMENTED 7.5 MILLION TV VIEWERS. ^{NATIONWIDE} IT PUT THE BEAUTIFUL "WINTER" FACE OF OUR STATE IN FRONT OF ALL OF THEM.

THIS YEAR'S RACE, BEING FILMED AND TO BE BROADCAST BY ESPN WILL CERTAINLY EXCEED, CONSIDERABLY, THAT FIGURE. AGAIN, DONE BY THE INVESTMENT OF MONTANANS - NOT MONTANA

THE INGREDIENT THAT WILL GROW THIS RACE FROM A MAJOR MONTANA EVENT TO A MAJOR NATIONAL EVENT IS THE PURSE. IF WE CAN BUILD THAT PURSE ~~TO~~ TO A FIRST PLACE PRIZE OF 20 - 40,000.00 WE WILL DRAW MUSHERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, AND, WE WILL DRAW MAJOR MEDIA COVERAGE, ~~FROM~~ ~~THE~~ NETWORKS.

SIMILAR TO THE "IDITAROD". YOU MAY THINK THAT WE CAN NEVER APPROACH THE "IDITAROD" BECAUSE IT IS 1100 MILES LONG BUT THE MUSHER WILL TELL YOU THAT THIS IS A TOUGHER RACE DUE TO THE TERRAIN AND WEATHER.

WHAT ARE WE REALLY ASKING? REALLY VERY SIMPLE - LESS THAN 1% OF THE 4.2 MILLION DOLLARS GENERATED BY THE BED TAX LAST YEAR. AND THAT IS MATCHING MUSHERS

WE RAISE 20,000 YOU MATCH IT WITH 20,000.00

WE RAISE 40,000 YOU MATCH IT WITH 40,000.00

\$40,000.00 IS THE CAP.

DOES IT COST THE PEOPLE OF MONTANA ANYTHING, FOR THE MOST PART "NO". DOES IT GAIN THE BUSINESSES AND PEOPLE OF MONTANA ANYTHING - YES. I WONDER WHAT A ONE-HOUR DOCUMENTARY ON ESPN - PROMOTING MONTANA WOULD COST. NO DOUBT CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN \$40,000.00 - THIS YEAR WE GET IT FOR, VIRTUALLY, NOTHING.

THIS RACE, BECAUSE OF THE MEDIA ATTENTION IT GETS, PROMOTES TOURISM IN MONTANA IN A BIG WAY. I WOULD HOPE THAT THOSE WHO WOULD OPPOSE THIS BILL WOULD REALIZE THAT AND ACCEPT US AS A "PARTNER" OF TOURISM PROMOTION RATHER THAN A GROUP WHO WANTS A PIECE OF A "WINDFALL" THAT THE TOURISM INDUSTRY HAS ACCEPTED. THE MONTANA DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND THE TOURISM ADVISORY COUNCIL ARE DOING A VERY GOOD JOB INCREASING TOURISM IN MONTANA. WE WOULD LIKE TO HELP THEM IN THAT EFFORT. PASSAGE OF THIS BILL WILL GREATLY INCREASE THE SIZE OF THIS GREAT RACE, AND WILL GREATLY INCREASE THE CONTRIBUTION TO MONTANA OF THE 500 PEOPLE WHO GIVE OF THEMSELVES TO MAKE THIS RACE WHAT IT IS. WITH YOUR HELP, MAYBE WE CAN GROW TO 1000 VOLUNTEERS NEXT YEAR.

#3
HB 553
2/9/89

Mr. Dave Armstrong
Montana Centennial Sled Dog Race
Helena, Montana 59601

Dear Dave:

As Montana's elected representatives to Congress, we are honored to join together in wishing you and everyone involved in Montana's Centennial sled dog race the very best of luck.

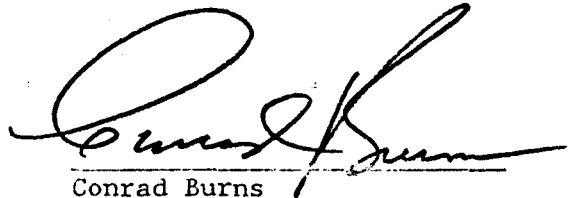
Recent years have seen an increased interest in the sport of sled dog racing in Montana. In fact, Montana is fast becoming the sled dog racing capital of the lower forty-eight! While this race commemorates our 100th year as a state, sled dog racing is bound to be a part of Montana's future.

Again, good luck to all the organizers and hearty contestants, of both the two and four-legged variety. Whether back home or in Washington, we will all be watching the progress of this great Montana sporting event.

Sincerely,



Max Baucus
U.S. Senator



Conrad Burns
U.S. Senator



Ron Marlenee
Member of Congress



Pat Williams
Member of Congress



GREAT FALLS POLICE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 5021
Great Falls, Montana 59403

II 1
HB557
2/9/89

February 9th, 1989

Business and Economic Development Committee

Legislator's

The Great Falls Police Protective Association is in support of HB557.

There is a great need for the opportunity to have life insurance for a police officer. Many cities are unable to provide such a benefit. The passage of this bill would provide the opportunity. This bill would be a tremendous benefit to each officer under the plan.

The local association membership is aware the money obtained from each officer would go to the Montana Police Protective Association for the payment of the insurance premium and representation of the membership.

Your support of this bill would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Carvell".

Robert Carvell
President
Great Falls Police
Protective Assn.

Butte Police Protective Association

555 EDISON ST.

BUTTE, MT 59701

February 8, 1989

Montana House of Representatives
Business Sub-Committee
Helena, Montana 59601

Members of the House of Representatives:

On February 7, 1989, the Butte Police Protective Association membership unanimously voted to give its full support to House Bill #557. The reason for our support of the above said Bill is to enable our members to receive the benefits of group life insurance.

As you are well aware, Montana is facing some tough economic times. The passage of this Bill would enable beneficiaries of the members to receive some additional support during these tough times. But let it be known, that the passage of this Bill is a cost factor to the members of the Association and not the taxpayer.

Your support would be greatly appreciated in passage of this Bill.

Sincerely,

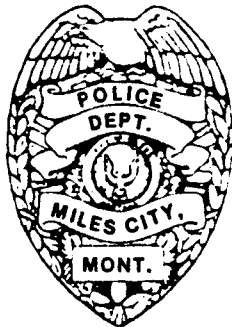


Don Davis, President
BUTTE POLICE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

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Miles City Police Department

Charles E. Beauchot
Chief of Police



John K. Uden
Asst. Chief of Police

Office Phone No.: 232-3411
Emergency Phone No.: 911

Miles City, Montana
59301

"To Serve and To Protect"

February 6, 1989

Business & Economic Development Committee
Montana State Legislature
State Capitol
Helena, Montana 59620

To Whom It May Concern:

The Miles City Police Protective Association endorses the Dues Assessment Bill sponsored by the Montana Police Protective Association. We believe this is House Bill 557. We would encourage you to pass this bill with a favorable reading in your committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Blair Martenson".

Blair Martenson
Miles City Police Protective Association

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**BOZEMAN POLICE PROTECTIVE
ASSOCIATION**

34 NORTH ROUSE

**586-3311
BOZEMAN, MONTANA 59715**

OFFICE OF President

February 3, 1989

TO: Members of the Business and Economic Committee.

FROM: Members of the Bozeman Police Protective Association.

REFERANCE: HB 557 Police Officers Dues Assessment Bill.

Dear Members,

The members of the Bozeman Police Protective Association are very much in support of this bill. We realize there will be an increase in the amount taken from each pay check to go to the State Association. We feel that the benefits and insurance policy will far exceed this amount.

Again the members of this Association support this bill and request a favorable vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Melvin McCarver".

Melvin McCarver
President



HAVRE POLICE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

520 4th STREET HAVRE, MT. 59501

January 6, 1989

From: Havre Police Protective Association
520 4th St.
Havre, Mt. 59501

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Havre Police Protective Association which is comprised of 18 sworn law enforcement officers wish to convey its support for HB 667.

We feel that this Dues Assessment Bill is very important to the Montana Police Protective Association and must be passed.

If any of the legislative representatives have any questions regarding our support, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Sincerely,

Gene F. Harada
Treasurer
Havre Police Protective Association
406-266-4361

BILLINGS POLICE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 2104

BILLINGS, MONTANA 59103

February 6, 1989

Mr. Scott Miranti
3010 Westridge Drive
Bozeman, Montana 59715

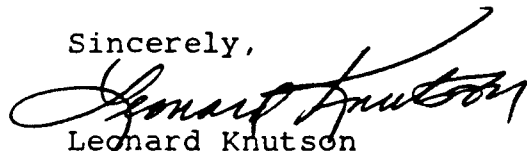
Dear Scott,

The members of the Billings Police Protective Association are in favor of HB 557 (Bachini, others). This bill has been needed and worked for by our members for many years. It is a self-help bill for police officers and is paid for by our own membership. The taxpayers of Montana are not requested to pay any part of this bill.

Our own association, has for over thirty years, provided a life insurance plan to our membership. We realize that the cost of final arrangements in a family have continued to raise and a bill of this type would assist the family and lessen the burden being bore by them.

We support the Montana State Association and you as their Legislative Chairman on this very inportant bill.

Sincerely,



Leonard Knutson
President
Billings Police Protective Association

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Chris BASHAM. BUDGET _____

ADDRESS 221 Commerce.

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? THE TAXIDERMIST MISSOURI MT.

SUPPORT _____ OPPOSE AMEND _____

COMMENTS: I oppose House bill 476. By passing this bill you are granting rule making authority in the Grey bill to the MT Dept of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. This could create many additional expenses and red tape. If additional laws are needed we need statute law not the free rein of rule making authority. Please vote no to House bill 476.

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

VISITORS' REGISTER

Business

COMMITTEE

BILL NO.

HB 557

DATE

2/09/89

SPONSOR

| NAME (please print) | RESIDENCE | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
|---------------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| Richard DeHaven | MISSOULA | ✓ | |
| McWillingby | MISSOULA | ✓ | |
| Kevin Clader | MISSOULA | ✓ | |
| Facul Danner | WACUPPELL | ✓ | |
| Tim Shanks | GREAT FALLS | ✓ | |
| Jerry Williams | Butte | ✓ | |
| SCOTT MIRANTI | Bozeman | ✓ | |
| Bill Allison | Helena | ✓ | |
| CLOYD GROVE | GREAT FALLS | ✓ | |
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IF YOU CARE TO WRITE COMMENTS, ASK SECRETARY FOR WITNESS STATEMENT FORM.

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

VISITORS' REGISTER

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COMMITTEE

BILL NO.

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2/9/89

SPONSOR Grady Grady Bichun, McCormick

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| NAME (please print) | RESIDENCE | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
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| Bob JACKS | Box 88 FRENCHTOWN, MT | | 476 X |
| JARREN BRENNER | Box 293 FRENCHTOWN MT. | | 476 X |
| Kay Foster | Billings Chamber | | 553X |
| Jim Van Arsdale | City of Billings | | 553 |
| CHRIS BASHAIN | 221 Commerce Missoula | | 476 X |
| GEORGE MARTINEZ | Box 277 Twin Bridges | | 476 X |
| WAYNE LUNDBERG | 707 Rowan, Missoula, MT. | | 476X |
| Roy Jacobs | Box 926 Helena MT | | 476X |
| CHRIS MARTINEZ | 400 IDAHO DILLON MT | | 476X |
| JEAN YOUNG | P.O. BOX 663 SHERIDAN MT | | 476X |
| JEFF JEFF YOUNG | PO Box 663 Sheridan MT | | 476X |
| Larry Rose | Box 15 Darby mt | | 476 X |
| Sandy Rose | Box 15 Darby, MT. | | 476X |
| Vicky CRAWFORD | Box 502 Florence, MT | | 476X |
| Bye L K. Crawford | Box 502 Florence, MT. | | 476 X |
| Lynn E. Ward | 1621 Chestnut Helena MT | | 476X |
| John B. Kelly | PO Box 31 Dillon M | | 476X |
| Phil Healey | 1984 N. 1st - Hamilton | | 476X |
| Marci Smith | 1984 N. 1st - Hamilton | | 476 X |

IF YOU CARE TO WRITE COMMENTS, ASK SECRETARY FOR WITNESS STATEMENT FORM.

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

VISITORS' REGISTER

Business

COMMITTEE

BILL NO. 476

DATE 2/09/89

SPONSOR _____

| NAME (please print) | RESIDENCE | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
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| JEROME ANDRES | 2950 OUTLAW DR. BELGRADE | | 476 |
| Jon Wilson ^{Jon Fowler} | 1508 Wichita Ln. Billings ^{MT} | | 476 |
| Bill Seidl | 662 Valle Vista Billings | | 476 |
| CLARK SCHREIBERIS | 5020 DANFORD RD. BILLINGS | | 476 |
| Richard Gensch | 985 Sherwood Missoula | | 476 |
| STEVE RHODES | Box 732 SILVER STAR MT | | 476 |
| Daniel L. Mandelko | 3360 Big Flat TRAPPP MSKY | | 476 |
| Jim CIK | 445 CAMAS STEVENSVILLE | | 476 |
| STEVE BELL | 84 BUCK STEVENSVILLE | | 476 |
| Bill Hand | Dillon, Mt. | | 476 |
| Kathy Jones | Dillon Mt | | 476 |
| Dennis Jones | Dillon 218 OLIVER | | 476 |
| Don Daludon | 1291 RR. 1 West Gt Falls, | | 476 |
| MARK SMART | 514/ 4 Sts 50 Gt Falls | | 476 |
| Michael D Kelly | 315 Perkins BOZEMAN | | 476x |
| Joe Thomas | 413 Whitehall St | 476 | |
| Jeff Welch | Helena | 476 | |
| Ron Kenney | Jewettown | 476 | |
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