## MINUTES

# MONTANA SENATE 51st LEGISLATURE - SPECIAL SESSION

# COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Senator Bob Brown, Chairman, on June 29, 1989, at 8:30 a.m.

## ROLL CALL

Members Present: Senator Brown, Senator Hager, Senator Norman, Senator Eck, Senator Bishop, Senator Halligan, Senator Walker, Senator Harp, Senator Gage, Senator Severson, Senator Mazurek, Senator Crippen

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jill Rohyans, Committee Secretary

Jeff Martin, Legislative Council

Announcements/Discussion: None

# HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 23

# Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Representative Ream, District 54, sponsor, said the bill provides an exemption of the one mill levy for economic development from the property tax freeze if voter authorization for the levy occurred prior to December 31st, 1990.

# List of Testifying Proponents and What Group they Represent:

Chris Bruninga, Missoula Economic Development Alec Hanson, Montana League of Cities and Towns Evan Barrett, Butte Economic Development Corporation Don Peoples, Chief Executive, Butte-Silverbow Gordon Morris, Montana Association of Counties

# List of Testifying Opponents and What Group They Represent:

None

# Testimony:

- Chris Bruninga, Missoula Economic Development, presented testimony in support of the bill (Exhibit #1).
- Alec Hanson, Montana League of Cities and Towns, said this is an important bill for cities and towns in Montana and enhances the economic development prospects for the state. Bozeman had wanted to do this very thing, but would have had to declare a financial emergency to do so. He urged the committee to pass the bill.
- Evan Barrett, Butte Economic Development Corporation, expressed support for the bill. He said it is of particular benefit to smaller communities.
- Don Peoples, Chief Executive, Butte-Silverbow, said this bill represents another tool communities need to help forge the relationship between communities and state government in the area of economic development.
- Gordon Morris, Montana Association of Counties, said MACO supports the bill and urged the committee to give the taxpayers the chance to vote.

# Questions From Committee Members:

None

# Closing by Sponsor:

Representative Ream closed.

# HEARING ON SENATE BILL 24

# Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Representative Cohen, District 3, said the bill provides an opportunity for school districts who have proven they can operate in a frugal manner to use averaging to determine a base year amount to levy under the provisions of IlO5. At the end of 1985 certain districts, in an effort to reduce their mill levies, dipped into their reserves. Not anticipating the property tax freeze, they are in the position of having depleted their reserves, but are frozen at the lower mill levy amount with no ability to raise it to meet their operating expenses. Under the provisions of this bill, if the 1986 levy was less than either the 1984 or 1985 levy, the taxpayers can vote to approve

using the 1984, 1985, and 1985 levies as an average for the base year. Representative Cohen said this is not an effort to avoid the issue of I105, rather it is a means of not penalizing those districts who chose to be cautious and frugal and were caught in the freeze as a result.

List of Testifying Proponents and What Group they Represent:

None

List of Testifying Opponents and What Group They Represent:

None

Testimony:

None

# Questions From Committee Members:

In response to a question from Senator Halligan,
Representative Cohen said this bill includes community
colleges as well as elementary and secondary schools.

Senator Gage said he understood SB 26 exempts school funding from I105.

Representative Cohen said that is true, however, it does not cover community colleges.

# Closing by Sponsor:

Representative Cohen closed by saying the property tax freeze has created a funding crisis in several districts who were caught with very low mill levies as a result of spending down their reserves. This bill asks for a one time permission from the voters to use the three year average as a base amount. He urged the committee to give the bill favorable consideration.

# HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 25

# Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Representative Cohen, District 3, sponsor, said this bill is similar to HB 24. It addresses a problem several counties face of having used their reserves to lower mill levies and then being frozen under the provisions of I105. He noted Flathead County in 1985 had reserves

in excess of \$200,000 and were able to drop their levy from 3.5 to 1.75 for the Health Department by using the reserve amount. The property tax freeze went into effect, the reserves were depleted, and a funding crisis was created with the levy frozen at 1.75. The normal operating base for the Health Department is 3.5. This bill once again allows for the voters to give permission to use the three year average of the levies as a base amount.

# List of Testifying Proponents and What Group They Represent:

Darrell Fenner, Flathead City-County Health Board Dr. Val Yaholkovsky, Flathead City-County Health Board Bob Johnson, Director, Lewis and Clark County Health Department

Senator Matt HImsl, District 3 Gordon Morris, Montana Association of Counties

# List of Testifying Opponents and What Group They Represent:

None

# Testimony:

- Darrell Fenner, Flathead City-County Health Board, presented his testimony in support of the bill (Exhibit #2).
- Dr. Val Yaholkovsky, Flathead City-County Health Board, said he is functioning as an interim Director on a volunteer basis. The freeze resulted in the elimination of the Director's position and several other staff positions as well as cuts in many of the programs offered by the Health Department such as monitoring of air and water quality and restaurant inspections, home health care, prenatal care, and immunizations. He presented a letter from Dr. Marise Johnson in support of the bill (Exhibit #3).
- Bob Johnson, Director, Lewis and Clark County Health
  Department, said one month after the County
  Commissioners told him his Department was the best in
  the state, his funding was frozen under the IlO5
  provisions and it became necessary to go to an
  emergency levy to continue operation.
  If the levy had not passed, the Department would have,
  basically, been gutted.

Senator Matt Himsl, District 3, asked for support for the bill as the measle epidemic and high medicaid use as well as needs of senior citizens in Flathead County have created a crisis situation there. He said the Department can offer \$3 inoculations as opposed to \$12 in the private sector, which is the only way many young families can afford to protect their children. He urged the committee to support the bill and restore the operating capability to the counties for their health services.

Gordon Morris, Montana Association of Counties, expressed support for the bill.

# Questions From Committee Members:

Senator Gage noted there seems to be a discrepancy in the bill in that the public hearing is held after the vote of the people. He asked Representative Cohen if he would object to new language which would have the hearing held before the vote.

Representative Cohen said that would make sense and approved of such an amendment.

# Closing by Sponsor:

Representative Cohen closed.

# HEARING ON SENATE BILL 28

# Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Senator Keating, District 44, sponsor, said the bill provides for repeal of all personal property taxes and a 20% reduction in real property taxes with the exception of centrally assessed property. The bill further provides for a 3% sales tax on all retail goods with the exception of drugs, prostheses, and used cars. Proceeds of the sales tax would go directly into the foundation program for the funding of schools. He presented the committee with material to document expenses and projected revenues under the provisions of the bill (Exhibits #4 and #5).

Senator Keating said the Exxon refinery in Billings pays \$900,000 in personal property taxes each year. If the personal property tax was eliminated, that savings would pass on to the consumer and result in lower gas prices because of the competition with two other refineries in the Billings area. He said that concept

would simply expand across the board to affect transportation, food, and other consumer areas. If there is no personal property tax, there will be more equipment, more jobs, and more industrial development in the state.

He pointed out it costs \$5 to \$10 million a year to administer the personal property tax, a figure considerably higher than that needed to administer a sales tax.

# List of Testifying Proponents and What Group they Represent:

Tom Hopgood, Montana Association of Realtors Ken Nordtvedt, Director, Department of Revenue Charles Brooks, Montana Retail Association Dennis Burr, Montana Taxpayers Association James Tutweiler, Montana Chamber of Commerce Jerry Jack, Montana Stockgrowers John Asay, Montana Cattlefeeders Association

# List of Testifying Opponents and What Group They Represent:

Jacqueline Terrill, American Insurance Association Gordon Morris, Montana Association of Counties John Lahr, Montana Power Company Gene Phillips, Pacific Power and Light Don Judge, Montana AFL-CIO

# Testimony:

Due to a shortage of time, the Chairman asked those people testifying in support of the bill just to identify themselves and their organizations as supporters.

Those people listed under "Testifying Proponents" expressed support for the bill.

# Opponents:

The Chairman again asked those testifying in opposition to the bill to state their name and organization as there is no time remaining in the hearing for lengthy testimony.

- Jacqueline Terrill, American Insurance Association, said she appeared not as an opponent or proponent, only to point out a technical problem in the bill as the provisions provide for a double tax on insurance premiums.
- The remaining gentlemen listed under "Testifying Opponents" expressed opposition to the bill.

# Questions From Committee Members:

- Senator Crippen asked Mr. Tutweiler to look at the language in the bill on page 10, line 22. The language specifically defines a gross receipts tax and is the same language used in SB 469 of the regular session which Mr. Tutweiler supported. Senator Crippen pointed out it is the very same language used in the gross receipts tax bill he presented in this session which Mr. Tutweiler and Mr. Brooks vehemently opposed. He asked Mr. Tutweiler to clarify his stand on the issue.
- Mr. Tutweiler said he is exactly in support of a sales tax.
- Senator Crippen asked Mr. Tutweiler if he then supports this bill.
- Mr. Tutweiler said he supports the concept of the bill but if the section on page 10, line 22, is concretely interpreted to mean that the tax cannot be added to the sale before the sale, then he would oppose that provision of the bill.
- Senator Crippen asked Mr. Brooks to respond to the same question.
- Mr. Brooks replied his previous testimony was brief at the request of the Chairman. His position is that it should be mandated that the tax be shown as a separate item on the invoice, cash received at the point of sale, so that the customer will clearly understand the tax being paid.
- There followed a brief discussion between Senator Brown and Don Judge, AFL-CIO, regarding the regressiveness of the bill and the general stand of the AFL-CIO in opposition to any sales tax proposal, regardless of the degree of regressivity.
- Senator Hager asked if non-prescription drugs were included in the bill.

Senator Keating replied that only prescription drugs are exempted.

# Closing by Sponsor:

Senator Keating said he hopes help solve two problems with this bill, first, improve economic development, and second, to fund school equalization. He acknowledged the bill is not perfect, but said it goes a long way towards solving the problems. He commended Jeff Martin, Legislative Council, for his extraordinary efforts in preparing the bill in the short amount of time he had.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment At: 10:15 a.m.

SENATOR BOB BROWN, Chairman

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# ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SENATOR BROWN	X		
SENATOR BISHOP	X		
SENATOR CRIPPEN	X		
SENATOR ECK	X		
SENATOR GAGE	1		
SENATOR HAGER	×		
SENATOR HALLIGAN	X		
SENATOR HARP	X		
SENATOR MAZUREK	- /		
SENATOR NORMAN	*		
SENATOR SEVERSON	X		
SENATOR WALKER	У		

# SENATE TAXATION WITNESS STATEMENT NAME: Chris Bruninga DATE ADDRESS: 115 W. Front St., Missoul PHONE: 721-0603 REPRESENTING WHOM? MISSOULA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB 23 DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE? COMMENTS: SEE STATEMENT PLEASE

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.





# 1989 MONTANA STATE LEGISLATURE - SPECIAL SESSION HB 23 - Senate Taxation Committee

HB 23 will allow the 1991 legislature to provide a local 1 mill levy option for economic development.

The original bill, HB 125, was passed in the House and Senate by a large margin, and was subsequently vetoed by the Governor. original bill was vetoed due to a concern by the Governor and his staff that this bill was an avenue to circumvent I 105, which was not the intent, but certainly may have been the interpretation of the administration. We have spoken with Governor Stephens and and they understand the importance of this staff members. legislation to local communities and economic development They further understand that HB 23 is not a organizations. mandatory levy, but one that is will be allowed only on the vote of the people. HB 23 clearly illustrates that it is not meant to circumvent I 105.

The Missoula Economic Development Corporation, local governing bodies, and the community were aware very early that public support must be part of the community's economic future. HB 23 is a reaffirmation of this public support.

We ask your support of HB 23, in cooperation with a network of economic development organizations across the state, as well as the voice of the business community and local governing bodies. purpose of HB 23 is not to undo I-105, it is to allow local communities the option of approving a 1 mill levy for economic development in an effort to control their own economic future.

# WITNESS STATEMENT

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EXHIBIT NO.	
DATE	

NAME: DATE: 6-29-89 BILL NO #0 25	
ADDRESS: 226 spruce Dr, Kalispell, mt. 59901	
PHONE: 752 -0298	
REPRESENTING WHOM? Flathead City-County Health Board	
APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB 25	<del></del>
DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE?	
COMMENTS: As a citizen member of the Feeko, and	
Chair OF their budget committee I'm Finding it very	
difficult to deal with the department financial problem	
imposed by some quicks of I-105. In 1986 the FECHE	<del></del>
elected to be frugel and use clp reserver so only 1.4.	
mills were levied - Normally the department levies around	
4.00 mils. Of course the passage of 105 copped the	
livy at 1.47 and has really put the department in	
a serieur bind. HB25 with it's averaging provision	
Would solve some of Our crises. The County Commission	<u>~</u>
are supportive, but are also trying to deal with a	
mattitude of other problems imposed by 105 and the	
CFAC tax reductions.	

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

MAURICE E. K. JOHNSON, M.D., F.I.C.S.

MARISE K. JOHNSON, M.D., A.C.P. SENATE TAXATION

# KALISPELL MEDICAL OFFICES

1204 FIRST AVENUE EAST KALISPELL, MONTANA 59901 EXHIBIT NO. 3 P.1

DATE 4/34/89

BILL NO. 48 25

Legislature, State of Montana State Capitol Helena, Montana 59604

RE: House Bill 25

Dear Legislators:

In this day and age, people frequently forget exactly why we need a public health department. There is no doubt in my mind that we have forgotten the summer epidemics that crippled children with polio or the episodes of encephalitis and meningitis as well a other viral fevers that killed thousands. Despite public impressions that we can cure almost anything, this is not true. There still remain serious consequences of environmental hazards and serious diseases in which we frequently stand helpless knowing a lot about that process but not enough on how to fix it. physician and citizen, I am deeply concerned over the state of the local public health department economic condition. know how vital the functions of public health are to the well being of my county's citizens, my friends, and my neighbors. The need for protection of air quality, water quality and prevention of communicable diseases has never been greater, and yet it remains a public function. is no way a private physician can usurp the legal functions of the public. More importantly, there is no way with our current allowed county mill levy of 1.47, that we, through our public health department, can provide these services in a minimally professional manner despite our legal and ethical responsibilities to do so. Our only recourse is to seek legislative relief at the state level and urge all legislators involved to support and pass House Bill 25.

In my practice, I treat a multitude of patients with end stage respiratory diseases common to our large retired population. They cannot tolerate serious air pollution when they are already dependent on multiple expensive drugs, doctor visits, and oxygen. A loss of air quality can mean a hospitalization and even being placed on a ventilator for respiratory failure. There is nothing their physician can do. Protecting air quality is a public function.

In treating patients from all walks of life for giardia, a gastroenteritis-causing organism brought about by ground water contamination, I have come to know that I must always ask a patient with diarrhea, "Where do you get your water? Do you have a well? What about a septic system?

Yours or your neighbors?" Digging a well is costly blued Noany HB 25 citizen, and if you have to replace it doubte. citizen, and if you have to replace it, doubly so. If a septic system, theirs or someone elses, isn't engineered correctly the first time, then we, the county, are responsible for passing on it. If someone is significantly harmed due to the transmission of ground water contaminated by fecal material, then we are liable for that as well.

The public health department is responsible for restaurant inspections as well. To sit down safely to a meal, out on the town, is a privilege we all take for granted. It is not sufficient to threaten you with a mild case of gastroenteritis, i.e. salmonella, because that doesn't make the point. People assume salmonella is a mild illness, you go to the doctor and get an antibiotic and then you are fine. However, salmonella, as a specific example, can be lethal. It can require hospitalization. cause bone infections and heart disease. It can cause an incurable, lifelong arthritis called reactive arthritis. the recent salmonella epidemic in Chicago, there were several thousand people, who after the salmonella infection, came down with this reactive arthritis. As I said, it is incurable and lifelong. Imagine being crippled with a preventible arthritis at the age of twelve. Then imagine the county legally liable for it.

In our recent measles epidemic, local businesses lost a great deal of hard cash during the Christmas holidays. People who wanted to clerk in stores and earn money, lost an opportunity to do so. People stayed away from our resorts, and the resorts lost money. However, what people may not appreciate is that four children had to be hospitalized at Kalispell Regional Hospital for serious complications. In a recent epidemic in Texas, four children died. None of our local businesses want our children to risk their health or their lives, and they would, as I do, prefer to support a public health department to perform aggressive education and vaccinate children in order to prevent epidemics. long run, it is certainly the least costly avenue.

As I have said before, there is no way private doctors can replace the functions of public health. I cannot sieze the dog or recommend the family sieze the dog in a question of possible rabies bite. That is a legal and public function. In addition, in my county, the public health department is the only place I send patients for rabies vaccinations because they have the only steady and ongoing experience administering the vaccine. If not prevented appropriately, rabies is an unavoidable and horrendous death that no one should suffer. The risk of such an event could never be worth the balancing of a budget.

The key to good public health is prevention. Prevention costs money up front, without a crisis to urge

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you on. To operate as we do under our current 1 pf. Nail levy is as though you were to ask a fire department to operate by only going out to rent a truck when you have the report of a fire. And yet, to fulfill our obligations up front is cheaper in dollars and less in human costs as well. For example, a subdivision in my county had faulty plumbing which grossly contaminated the ground water. People living there had health care costs, significant loss of property value, and expenses making their homes safe. When they attempted legal recourse to recoup their losses, the contractor declared bankruptcy. No one in the Flathead Valley wants it to happen again. However, we cannot hire sufficient sanitarians to meet our obligations nor to repair our antiquated equipment, let alone to replace it.

To my knowledge, no public health department functions in the state of Montana for less than 3.5 mills. Through a freak happenstance, Flathead County was frozen at 1.47 mills at a time when we expected that level to be a one-time low using up reserves which are now long gone.

I regret that I could not attend the legislative hearing on House Bill 25. I emphatically support it, and I know that the people of Flathead County support it. I have enclosed a copy of an article from the <u>Daily Inter Lake</u> which describes the spontaneous applause given to me after presenting this information to our county commissioners at a meeting in Flathead County on May 30, 1989.

As a taxpayer, I do not mind paying my taxes for the common good, but I would be very upset at having to pay taxes for legal fees, defending this county, for the consequences of not meeting our public health obligations responsibly in the first place. However, we ultimately require financial support in order to effect the appropriate changes and to protect the public health. That obligation, at this current time, falls to the legislature of the state of Montana.

I would be delighted to discuss this issue with any legislator who would like to call me. If I can be of any further assistance to you, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Marise K. Johnson, M.D

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# peakers plead to retain health depart

The county cannot afford to let Flathead City-County Health partment fade away, speaker afspeaker told the county comsioners Tuesday.

More than 35 people crowded into commissioners' office to supt a plea for \$56,000 to \$96,000 in itional funds for the health detment. Even that boost would I mean a bare-bones budget, said

V.A. Yaholkovsky, interim di-

tor of the department.

ess as much as 5 mills under te law, was frozen at 1.47 mills in 8 by Initiative 105. No health artment in the state gets by for s than 3% mills, said The department, which

who said, "In this day and age, we don't remember why we have public Applause greeted the remarks of Dr. Marise Johnson of Kalispell health."

ment, said she is quitting to take a ob in Washington state. "I've been working for the lowest salary I've

child is bitten, she said.

been paid in 20 years of nursing,"

she said

lifetime arthritis, she said. Without A measles epidemic in Texas nurses to give shots or sanitarians to inspect restaurants, these probhepatitis outbreaks are constantly being nipped in the bud nationwide. recently food poisoning can cause children lems could happen here. three killed

said the state does not have the

inspections, which are now done by

A representative of the Montana Food and Consumer Safety Bureau personnel to take over local food the county department. Without a local inspector, new restaurants

> The county could be held legally lable if a preventable epidemic kills or disables someone, Johnson

might not be able to get a license to

Water and Sewer District said the not fewer. The thousands of septic systems installed before Flathead

Bill Leonard of the

department needs more sanitarians,

can legally do things that private doctors cannot, such as seize a dog for a rabies check after a In addition, the health department

County started requiring permits and inspections pose a major water quality problem. he said. Susan Sandwell, a community health nurse in the health depart-

Several speakers noted that many young families in the valley don't have health insurance and depend on the health department for immunizations, prenatal care and other medical help.

pay raise, but not enough money to replace any of the department's \$3,000, he said. That would allow a on the blackboard. Sanitation needs an extra \$28.000, community health another \$25,000, and administration Darrell Fenner, a health board member, chalked a proposed budget ailing vehicles.

The amount required comes to \$56,000, he said. The figure will be closer to \$96,000 if Medicare rejects

ration costs to the home health a plan to charge half its adminisprogram, Fenner noted.

make up the shortfall by raising septic fees from the present \$95-\$115 ewer people would pay the higher to \$300 and charging \$12-\$15 for said Yaholkovsky. But \$300 septic fees would prompt more people to install unauthorized systems, and immunization shots instead of \$6, mmunization fees, which are volun-The department could try tary by law. "We're actually going to get less; it's a rule of diminishing returns," he predicted.

The commissioners made only a few comments. Mary Adkins, who represents the commissioners on the health board, said, "Realisticalthe Daily Inter Lake, Kalispell, Montana, Wednesday, May 31, 1989

ly, I don't think we can give \$96,000 from the general fund, but I'd like to give something."

Jacobson Commissioner Allen asked if Kalispell was going to pay share of the increase Yaholkovsky said city taxpayers actually have been paying more than

county taxpayers. Adkins said she didn't want to see the health department die because of an argument over the city's share.

Commissioner Howard Gipe noted that the 1-105 tax freeze punished the departments that had been careful with their budgets. freeze caught the health departmen when it had a particularly low ta levy because the department wa burning up accumulated reserves.

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DATE 6/24/89

BILL NO. 50 36

# REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS

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REDUCE DISTRICT LEVY & INCREASE COUNTY/CITY		(19.7)	(37.9)	(14.6)	
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SENATE TAXATION

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# PROPERTY CLASSES

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1	131	NET PROCEEDS	NC
2	132	GROSS PROCEEDS	NC
3	133	AG LAND RATE "P"	NC
4	134	ALL LAND (REAL PROPERTY)	NC
5	135	ELEC. COOP - AIR POLLUTION NEW INDUSTRY	AMEND
6	136	LIVESTOCK	REPEAL
7	137	RURAL TELE. & ELEC.	AMEND
8	138	EQUIP-IMPLEMENTS-MACHINERY	REPEAL
9	139	BUSES-FURNITURE-FIXTURES	REPEAL
10	140	RADIO-TV-THEATRES-ORE TRUCKS	REPEAL
11	141	CENTRALLY ASSESSED	AMEND
12	142	MOBILE HOMES (MOVE TO CLASS 4)	REPEAL
13	143	TIMBERLAND	NC
14	144	AG LAND IMPROVEMENTS	NC
15	145	RAILROAD	AMEND
16	146	TACK-NON COMMERCIAL	REPEAL
17	147	AIRLINES	AMEND
18	148	MINING CLAIMS	NC
19	149	NON-PROD REAL PROPERTY	NC
20	150	SPECIAL PROCESSING PROP.	NC

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General merchandise

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431, 148 233, 125 38, 616

4,311 2,331 386 192

531,552 270,812 49,538 25,772

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461,509 248,877 40,720 20,231 151,681

407 202 1,517

4,615 2,489

185,429

Other retail stores

Eating/drinking places

Radio/TV/music stores

Appliance stores Furniture stores

138.747 46.557 140.278

0.933 0.956 0.946

306, 662 129, 451 44, 508

3,067 1,295 445

148,500

0.933 0.956 0.946

332,093 138,550 46,885

3,321 1,386 469

146,658

1,467

155,029

352,572

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132,703

325,58

573,580

0.959

550,063

5.50 1,327

595,458

571,044

5,710

195,882

0.950 0.859

86,088

1,86

187,212

0.950

177,85

Furniture/furnishings/equip.

Other accessories Clothing stores

Shoe stores

561-565 566

259,813 39,660 9,279

308,75 418,383

0.974

300.870 253,058 39,025

3,009 2,531 390

329,630 278,075

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3,212

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8,788

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0.967 0.819

404.576

4,046

441,180 100,601

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426,62 321,203

4,266

Notes:

Detail may not add due to rounding.

Adjustment factors for drug stores (SIC 591) and fuel/ice stores were derived from New Mexico: the factor for service stations (SIC 554) was taken from S.M. Ghazanfar (PUBLIC FINANCE QUARTERLY, April 1975), see discussion under the services sector.

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# SALES TAX

3% Retail Goods Sales Tax - \$200 million

- 1. Exempt prescription drugs, prosthesis, wheelchairs
- 2. Easily collected and administered
- 3. Less costly to administer
- 4. Applies to everyone
- 5. Avoids arguments about services to be exempt
- 6. Affects 35% of spendable income
- 7. Tourists would contribute
- 8. As consumption increases, revenues increase

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# EXAMPLE TAX REFORM FOR INDIVIDUAL

# \$20,000 INCOME:

Home

\$50,000 Market Value X 3.86% =

\$ 1,930 Tax value X 300 mills=

Residential tax= \$579

(\$20% reduction) = \$115.80

Sales tax

\$20,000, spend 35% on taxable items

\$7,000 X .03= \$210 in sales tax

# Personal Property - Reduction on Cost of Business

- 1. Reduction on goods
- 2. Reduction in utilities
- 3. Reduction in services

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# PROPERTY TAX REFORM

# Repeal Personal Property -- \$100 Million

- 1. Stimulate industry create jobs
- 2. Increase manufacturing create new wealth
- 3. Reduce cost of production lower prices
- 4. Eliminates cost of Administration reduces government
- 5. Taxes were passed through hidden sales tax
- 6. Equalize statewide tax base.
- 7. Make Montana goods competitive increase exports
- 8. Convert raw material to finished goods, add value
- 9. Increase per capita income raises income tax revenue
- 10. Agriculture, implement, property tax greater than sales tax
- 11. Reduction in cost of services not subject to sales tax

# Reduce Real Property 20% - \$80 Million

- 1. Reduce burden on low income
- 2. Reduce burden on retired
- 3. Reduce tax pass through on goods.
- 4. Increase home sales
- 5. Stimulate Business investment .
- 6. Increase available income to pay sales tax

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# DISTRIBUTION

# Total Revenues to Foundation Program

- 1. Equitably Distributed -- Formula approved
- 2. Taxpayers paying for education -- everyone shares
- 3. Reduces school mill levy in county
- 4. Increase state's share of education cost
- 5. Reduces district property tax burden
- 6. Stabilizes education revenue

TAX BURDEN BY INCOME CLASS

ations in the tax burden distribution become evident when each type of tax is examined separately. For example, the individual income tax burden of the \$90,000 or more income group is nine times greater than that of a family in the lowest income class. Conversely, the gasoline tax burden is almost ten times greater for the lowest income group than for the highest income families. Given the great disparity in the distribution of the tax burden resulting from different types of taxes, the extent to which a certain tax is used can severely affect the tax burden for families within a particular income group.

# The Progressive Elements

# **Individual Income Taxes**

The Federal individual income tax represents the major progressive portion of the tax structure, ranging from 2.32% of income for the lowest income group to 25.18% for families in the highest income class. Combined with state and local collections, total individual income taxes represent approximately one third of all government revenues and are thus responsible for the most progressive element within the entire tax structure (Exhibit 8). Compared to the average income tax burden of 11.37% for all classes, the highest income families' burden is almost two and one half times greater, while the lowest income groups' burden is almost four times lower than the average burden.

# The Generally Proportional Elements

# **Corporate Income Tax**

The corporate income tax burden appears, on the basis of allocation used here, to be lowest on families in the income range from \$30,000 to \$60,000.(14) At the highest income levels, the concentration of dividends income makes the burden progressive on the assumption that half of the tax falls on shareholders (Exhibit 9). Bureau of Labor Statistics and Internal Revenue Service data indicate that dividend income is a significant source of income in the higher income brackets.(15)

The assumption that half of the corpo-

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rate tax burden is shifted forward Withe form of higher consumer prices results in a regressive tail on the corporate tax burden distribution (Exhibit 9). Consumption expenditures represent a greater portion of income for lower income families, thus forcing them to absorb a larger portion of the corporate tax burden shifted to consumption goods.

# **Property Taxes**

Property taxes are employed by state and local governments and represent approximately 23% of their total revenues (Exhibit 2). Although there exists a wide variation in rates and in the definition of taxable property, generally the tax is levied on the assessed value of real property, including land, homes, buildings, and equipment owned by businesses. The property tax burden ranges from 5.58% of income for the lowest income families to 3.76% for the highest income group. The property tax burden appears, on the basis of the allocation used here, to be lowest on families in the income range from \$20,000 to \$60,000 (Exhibit 10). Both the lowest income bracket, at 5.58%, and the highest bracket, at 3.76%, absorb a somewhat larger property tax burden than the average tax burden of 3.08% (Exhibit 7). This distributional result is explained by the greater proportion of income spent on housing in the lowest income class and the larger concentration of property income in the highest income class.(16) Except for the lowest income class. the property tax appears to be the most generally proportional tax of the major taxes in this study.

# The Regressive Elements

# Sales and Excise Taxes

Sales and excise taxes represent the third largest source of revenue for all governments and remain the most regressive element within the entire tax system. Sales taxes examined in this study are primarily state and local general sales taxes levied on a broad list of goods and services. They are assessed as a percentage of the price paid by the consumer for a good or service. Excise taxes are levied on specific products by all levels of government. Although excise taxes affect hundreds of prod-

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Fiscal 1982 Expanditures - Revenue

Office of Public Instruction
Source: Trustees' Financial Summary Fiscal 1988

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BUD	SETED FUNDS	Elementary	Righ School	_Combined EXPENDITURES	Office of Pub REVENUES
V 01	General	279,000,550	147,887,168	<b>\$446,8</b> F7,728	\$446,674,266
V 10	Transportation	17,051,155	11,508,023	\$28,559,179	28,855,140
11	Bus Depreciation	916,255	943,347	\$1,859,608	3,716,235
13	Tuition	977,362	132,578	\$1,109,938	1,202,183
14	Retirement	33,535,410	18,911,582	\$52,346,962	59,689,019
16	Compren Inser	6,545,873	4,102,865	\$10,648.738	12,172,092
17	Abult Education	397.87£	1,525,518	\$2,223,474	2,348,851
19	Non-Operating	29,434	. ,	\$29,434	48,829
50	Pebt Service	11,200,729	13,227,752	\$24,438,491	23,488,323
61	Building Ras	1,305,117	980,8E-	\$2,635,401	3,948,299
	Sudçotad Total	353,159,783	819,069,165	571,228,947	575,043,305

91 General Fumb includes Spec Ed Payments

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# Table 1 Public School Revenue available under Current Law Fiscal 1991 (Millions)

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	1991 ·
Beginning Fund Balance	\$0.000
State Equalization	
Individual Income Tax	\$90.851
Corporation License Tax	11.659
Coal Severance Tax	1.781
U.S. Mineral Royalties	17.404
Common School I & I	34.770
Education Trust Interest	1.831
Education Trust Transfer	0.000
Total State Equalization	\$158.296
County Equalization	
45 Mill Levy	\$84.699
Forest Funds	1.465
Taylor Grazing	0.102
Miscellaneous	7.265
Elem Transportation	(3.717)
High School Tuition	(0.838)
Total County Equalization	\$88.976
District Share of Permissive	\$18.394
Total Non-General Fund	\$265.666
Maximum General Fund w/o a Vote	\$276.880
General Fund Required	\$11.214
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EDUCATION REVENUES	IN MILLIONS
Sales Tax Centrally Assessed Adjustments State Equalization Non-Levy Revenue Adjustments State Share County Severance Tax	200 52 160 100 20
Total Foundation Program	532
Real Property Tax Levies Remaining in Districts	74 .
Remaining in Districts	74
School Districts Share of County Severance Tax	24

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