

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE  
51st LEGISLATURE - SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Senator Bob Brown, on June 29, 1989, at  
3:07 p.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

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 23

Discussion: None

Amendments and Votes: None

Recommendation and Vote:

Senator Eck MOVED HB 23 Be Concurred In.

The motion CARRIED unanimously.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 24

Discussion: None

Amendments and Votes: None

Recommendation and Vote:

Senator Walker MOVED HB 24 Be Concurred In.

The motion CARRIED unanimously.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 25

Discussion: None

Amendments and Votes: None

Recommendation and Vote:

Senator Halligan Moved HB 25 Be Concurred In.

The motion CARRIED unanimously.

DISPOSITION OF SENATE BILL 23

Discussion:

Senator Rapp-Svrcek said there is a small problem with the bill. It needs a floor of \$10,000 which would put it at a level where they can break even on the administrative costs with the phase-in.

Senator Crippen said the \$10,000 is regressive.

Senator Rapp-Svrcek said less than \$10,000 translates into less than \$100 in taxes. If that is amortized over ten years the process would entail \$50 the first year, then approximately \$5 per year for the next 9 years. The cost of processing as many of them as the assessors would have would certainly outweigh any advantage.

Amendments and Votes: None

Recommendation and Vote:

Senator Harp MOVED SB 23 Be Tabled.

The motion CARRIED with Senator Crippen voting no and Senators Gage, Norman, and Mazurek out of the room momentarily.

DISPOSITION OF SENATE BILL 28

Discussion: See Following

Amendments and Votes: See Following

Recommendation and Vote:

Senator Walker MOVED to TABLE SB 28.

As a substitute motion, Senator Severson MOVED SB 28 DO PASS. Senator Severson said this is the best sales tax bill we have had to date. It totally replaces the property tax and doesn't go on the ballot. If the legislature wants the sales tax, then they should pass the bill and take the responsibility.

Senator Eck said the reason the sales tax is so emotional is that the people with the lowest income are the hardest hit. The proceeds and benefits accrue to the big businesses

Senator Severson's motion that SB 28 Do Pass FAILED on a roll call vote (Exhibit #1).

Senator Harp's motion that SB 28 BE TABLED CARRIED on a roll call vote (Exhibit #2).

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 3:40 p.m.

  
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SENATOR BOB BROWN, Chairman

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## TAXATION

## COMMITTEE

51<sup>2</sup> LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1989Date 6/29/89  
3:07 pm

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SENATOR BROWN	X		
SENATOR BISHOP	X		
SENATOR CRIPPEN	X		
SENATOR ECK	X		
SENATOR GAGE	X		
SENATOR HAGER	X		
SENATOR HALLIGAN	X		
SENATOR HARP	X		
SENATOR MAZUREK	X		
SENATOR NORMAN	X		
SENATOR SEVERSON	X		
SENATOR WALKER	X		

Each day attach to minutes.

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

June 29, 1989

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Taxation, having had under consideration HB 23 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that HB 23 be concurred in.

Sponsor: Ream (Crippen)

BE CONCURRED IN

Signed: Bob Brown

Bob Brown, Chairman

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6/29/89  
4:05  
J.M.  
SCFHB023.629

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

June 29, 1989

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Taxation, having had under consideration HB 24 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that HB 24 be concurred in.

Sponsor: Cohen (Brown)

BE CONCURRED IN

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Bob Brown*

Bob Brown, Chairman

*J.C.  
6/29/89  
4:05  
H. J. M.*

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

June 29, 1989

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Taxation, having had under consideration HB 25 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that HB 25 be concurred in.

Sponsor: Cohen (Hinsl)

BE CONCURRED IN

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Bob Brown, Chairman

## SENATE TAXATION

## ROLL CALL VOTE

EXHIBIT NO. 1DATE 6/29/89BILL NO. SB 28SENATE COMMITTEE TAXATIONDate 6/29/89 Senate Bill No. 28 Time 3:27

NAME	YES	NO
SENATOR BROWN		X
SENATOR BISHOP		X
SENATOR CRIPPEN	X	
SENATOR ECK		X
SENATOR GAGE	X	
SENATOR HAGER	X	
SENATOR HALLIGAN		X
SENATOR HARP		X
SENATOR MAZUREK		X
SENATOR NORMAN		X
SENATOR SEVERSON	X	
SENATOR WALKER		X

Bill Robyans  
SecretarySENATOR BOB BROWN  
ChairmanMotion: by Senator Severson that SB 28  
Be PassFailed



# ROLL CALL VOTE

SENATE TAXATION

EXHIBIT NO. 7

DATE 6/29/89

BILL NO. SB-28

SENATE COMMITTEE TAXATION

Date 6/29/89 Senate Bill No. 28 Time 3:29

NAME	YES	NO
SENATOR BROWN	X	
SENATOR BISHOP	X	
SENATOR CRIPPEN		X
SENATOR ECK	X	
SENATOR GAGE		X
SENATOR HAGER		X
SENATOR HALLIGAN	X	
SENATOR HARP	X	
SENATOR MAZUREK	X	
SENATOR NORMAN	X	
SENATOR SEVERSON		X
SENATOR WALKER	X	

Bill Whyane  
Secretary

SENATOR BOB BROWN  
Chairman

Motion: by Senator HARP to table SB-28

Carried