MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 52nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By Chairman Bardanouve, on April 1, 1991, at 11 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Francis Bardanouve, Chairman (D)
Ray Peck, Vice-Chairman (D)
Dorothy Bradley (D)
John Cobb (R)
Larry Grinde (R)
John Johnson (D)
Mike Kadas (D)
Berv Kimberley (D)
Wm. "Red" Menahan (D)
Jerry Nisbet (D)
Mary Lou Peterson (R)
Joe Quilici (D)
Chuck Swysgood (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Cody, Connelly, Grady, Thoft and Zook

Staff Present: Terry Cohea, Legislative Fiscal Analyst and Jim

Haubein, LFA

Sylvia Kinsey, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Note: Chairmanship alternated between the Chair and the Vice Chair and is not always so designated.

HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 340

Requiring Interest & Penalty on Individual & Crop License Tax to Gen Fund

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. BOB REAM, House District 54, Missoula and Chief Sponsor of House Bill 340 said this bill came out of the revenue oversight committee dealing with the issue of forest land taxation. He said the system up to Jan. 1 of forest land taxation has been based on the standing inventory of timber on site. It means that in order to keep such a tax system current it is very labor intensive and requires periodic up dating. The inventory value

increases through the growth period, then when cut it goes back to zero value. The system would work if the inventory were up dated, but that has not been done since the 1950's. The Revenue Oversight Committee looked at other taxation systems in other states and provinces and came up with this recommendation which is a system based on the productive capacity of the land.

Proponents' Testimony: Don Allen, Montana Wood Products
Association said their tax committee met for approximately 2
years looking toward the time when the existing tax that has been
effect would expire. He said they tried to help to develop the
best approach based on Montana's needs, Montana's forest industry
and something which would encourage a good forestry in the future
from the standpoint of the tax system itself. They met with the
Revenue Oversight committee and tried to assist in working out a
good system. They feel this bill is good, and it is unfortunate
that the money to implement the bill did not get put in earlier.

Al Kington, Professional Forester and Private Land Use Consultant, Helena said he had been asked to present comments on behalf of the Montana Tree Farm Committee. He said this group represents over 400 private landowners in the state that intensively manage over 2 million acres of private timber land in the state of Montana. They have been involved in this proposed legislation for over a year and said they feel the productivity tax as presented, reflects important objectives they feel is necessary for cost effective and fair taxation of our private timber.

Questions From Committee Members: REP. KADAS asked if the administration supports this proposal? Ken Morrison, Property Tax Administrator, DOR said the administration and the DOR in particular worked with the Revenue Oversight Committee on this concept in terms of analyzing the different approaches they pursued. He said as he recalled, at that time the Director did not take a position on it, he left it up to the Revenue oversight Committee to decide what type of taxation system they wanted for timber in the state. He said he felt it is a good system and would be a major improvement over the current system.

REP. KADAS said we are caught in the position of either letting it drop and going back to the 30% which will not cost us anything, or spending \$350,000 a year to do this. He wondered how the Administration came down on this. Mr. Morrison said that question would be better directed to the budget office.

REP. KADAS asked the budget office the question and Curt Nichols, OBPP said he had not been involved personally with the issues but they could get someone down who could answer the questions.

REP. SWYSGOOD said Mr. Kington had said he represented private landowners who had 2 million acres and asked Mr. Allen how many total acres of forest land is out there. Mr. Allen said 3 1/2

million acres total. REP. SWYSGOOD asked what this bill will do to the private forest land owner in regard to his method of cutting timber when he wants to do it as compared to the old law. Mr. Allen said under the current system you have the tax that is paid on the standing inventory, it is an ongoing type tax where it is updated each year. When you cut it you are supposed to report it to the DOR, they update their records and it comes off the record. There are no restrictions on when you can harvest the timber. Under the productivity tax it is an ongoing tax based on the lands ability to produce the timber. The plan is to develop those values and there would be a high, medium and low category in each of the different zones that would be outlined in the state. The ability to harvest would have no restrictions but it would not be a factor because you would be paying tax on the ability of the land to produce it rather than the value of the timber as it grows.

REP. SWYSGOOD referred to the second "whereas" in the bill and asked if Mr. Allen agreed with that statement. Mr. Allen said he thought in lines 2 through 4 the testimony that was heard in the Revenue Oversight Committee and in the subcommittee probably did lend itself to say that there are times, when situations out there where the various landowners might cut it prematurely but did not think it was a huge problem.

REP. SWYSGOOD asked, given what you just said, how is that going to change? Mr. Allen said the important thing is that if you are paying tax on the ability of the land to raise timber, then it would be in your best interest to manage it as well as possible to produce the best crop possible.

REP. QUILICI told Mr. Morrison he was not sure if the change in valuation method is good or bad, but was concerned that you have the University of Montana, by contract, doing a lot of this work with 5.58 FTE plus in '93 the Dept. has 3 more FTE doing this work. He asked why the emphasis be on U of M to do the majority of the work when you are the taxing authority. You are set up with the computing capabilities, and might be able to work CAMAS into it but he was sure the technology is there for the appraisals. He felt the fiscal note was backwards on how to get the job done. Mr. Morrison said the job is really in two parts. The part the University would be responsible for is determining what the land is capable of producing and the Forestry Department at the U of M has the capability of doing that with their computer, and doing a very good job. He said the DOR part would be to do the tax work using that productivity information. QUILICI asked if this would make the state any money. Mr. Morrison said he thought that depends on what the taxable value rate is ultimately set.

REP. PECK asked REP. REAM about the \$600,000 plus in the bill but the appropriation seems to total about \$981,000 and referred to the two appropriation items on lines 2 and 5. REP. REAM said as he recalled, when the bill was drafted this was the estimate, and his guess is the fiscal note is updated. REP. MENAHAN said the date says appropriated to fiscal '94. Is that for a 3 year long period? Mr. Morrison said that is correct. The study itself would be 2 1/2 years and then the University portion would be out of the picture and turn over the system to DOR to administer.

REP. PECK said the paragraph on the bottom of page 2 caused him It says "may provide shifting if taxable valuation became local taxing jurisdiction". Then they go on to say the amount of shifting is unknown. He said if he were living in a high forest area he would be concerned about how much of that shifting is going to take place. They talk about the proposal reducing the amount of acreage from 15 contiguous acres to 5 contiguous acres necessary to qualify as class 13. He said they go on to say the extent of a loss in taxable value due to this type of reclassification is unknown. He felt there are two major unknown components dealing with this bill and you don't know what you are getting. REP. REAM said the 15 acres was amended in the House so it still has 15 in it. The Idaho system uses 5 acres as the cut off point and some of us felt there is a terrible inequity now between the person who owns 14 acres and the person who owns 15 acres. REP. PECK asked if he could get the extent of taxable loss due to reclassification and REP. REAM said there would be some changes within particular areas because of going to the productivity system. The over all revenues, because of the way it is drawn up, would be revenue neutral. There will be some shifts. The more productive sites will be paying more than the less productive ones.

REP. PECK told REP. REAM he had said revenue neutral and Mr. Morrison had said it may or may not be depending on the rates. The rates are not set in the bill? REP. REAM said that is a policy of the Legislature. It is set by a formula that would make it over all revenue neutral, but if we wanted to deviate from that formula in the future, that could be done. We will not know all the answers up front until the productivity study is completed. Mr. Morrison said the LFA did some studies on the impact and you may want to look at the report they did and he assumed it was revenue neutrality rates. There is a temporary increase in taxable value rates on standing timber between now and when the productivity tax would be put in place. The rates raise from 3.85% to 4% under section 6.

REP. KADAS said he was concerned about the amount of dollars needed to do this, and had talked to REP. REAM before about a severance tax or some other temporary tax to pay for this. Since there are 3 to 3 1/2 million acres of forest lands now, he would like to get his reaction to doing perhaps a 3 year, 10 cents an acre assessment to pay for this. REP. REAM said that is the prerogative of the Legislature, there are 3 1/2 million acres and it brings in about \$2 million in revenue, so about 60 cents an acre is the current tax rate around the state as a whole. The 60 cents is all property tax and you are talking about a special tax to bring the money into the general fund to pay for this. Mr.

Morrison said they are not currently administering the program now, and have no severance tax on timber lands although we do have severance tax on other types of property.

REP. BARDANOUVE said it looks like without this bill the forest lands are in trouble. REP. REAM said yes, something has to happen. The other alternative might be to delay implementation. He said timber land has gone up dramatically although the tax notices do not go out until later in the year. REP. KADAS asked what it would go up to and REP. REAM said it would go from 3.84% to 30%.

There was some discussion as to the money needed to implement the bill, the tax increasing 8 times, a severance tax to pay for the implementation, etc. CHAIRMAN BARDANOUVE asked if the title of the bill was broad enough to add a tax. Mr. Allen said they feel they have acted on good faith on this subject all the way through and worked on it but feel as though they are caught in a trap. They did not oppose in House Taxation taking this from 3.84% to 4% in the sense of calculations done, they will oppose any attempt to have the industry fund this bill, whether it is a severance tax or goes by any other name because the industry has tough problems. There are mills closing and some curtailing. He said to implement this would cost about 1/2 of what it would cost to make the current system workable. He said there are a couple of other bills going through this session which have sections dealing with taxation in them that could be worked with.

REP. BARDANOUVE asked Mr. Allen which he would resist the most, raising it about 8 or 9 times or having an assessment. Mr. Allen said he was not sure that is the two choices. He said there are two other bills that could be worked with.

Closing by Sponsor: REP. REAM said he did want to clarify one thing, last spring we had Dr. Dave Jackson from the Forestry School at the University came and make a presentation on forest land taxation since that is his specialty. Then subsequent to that, in discussing going to the productivity based system, the DOR did contact the forestry school and there are some individuals, particularly Steve Running who is a leader in the world in terms of looking at forest productivity and looking at remote sensing techniques, and the use of satellite imagery to determine productivity. He has developed a model that he has been using for forest land management and that is how the tie was made between DOR and the school. They can use some of the existing technology that has been developed at the Forestry school. He said the report from the LFA for the DOR is available as is the one from the University.

SPEAKER HARPER said this bill has to be out today. They have no suspension of the rules for revenue bills, and unless you want to put a bill in jeopardy of getting a 2/3 vote in the Senate we need to get them out today and need to have not only the committee report but the printing report read today.

CHAIRMAN BARDANOUVE asked how the committee wished to approach the Harper and Bradley bills. REP. KADAS said he would like to send them both out the way they came to us since the House B & I Committee spent so much time working on them. They know the details and tried to work out a package that would work.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 795

Coal Tax Bonds to Finance Local Infrastructure Loans

Motion/Vote: REP. QUILICI moved to reconsider House Bill 795.
Second by Rep. Kimberley. Motion passed 10 to 3 with 5 absent.
Roll Call # 1.

Motion: REP. KIMBERLEY moved House Bill 795 do pass. Second by Rep. Kadas.

Motion to Amend: REP. KADAS moved to amend House Bill 795,
EXHIBIT 1. Second by Rep. Kimberley. Motion passed 12 to 1 with
Rep. Swysgood voting no and 5 members absent, roll call vote # 2.

Motion/Vote: REP. KIMBERLEY moved House Bill 795 do pass as amended. Second by Rep. Kadas. Motion passed 10 to 3 with 5 absent, roll call vote # 3.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 905

Building a New Century

REP. BRADLEY said the committee might want to hear from Rep. Sheila Rice since she headed the subcommittee that worked on the bill. She said she did not want to downgrade the work that subcommittee did.

REP. RICE said in the Business subcommittee there was a strong inclination to separate the two issues, one being infrastructure principal and interest subsidies and the other being grants for the state to use in local areas for building parks and historic sites. She said they spent a lot of time on it and that was what the subcommittee felt should be done.

REPRESENTATIVE BACHINI said after the subcommittee came back with their report it was felt by the whole committee that it was best to present these two bills separate to the whole House and let them decide.

REP. MENAHAN asked, in view of the loans to local governments, or the grants to local governments, is there any control over who and how much they can get? REP. BRADLEY said in the Harper bill there would be an interest and in some cases principal and interest subsidy and the control would be by the amount of interest available on the infrastructure trust fund. REP. MENAHAN said he meant control of the amount to the recipient. The larger areas have the vote power and no one else would get a chance. REP. RICE said she thought a parallel would be the water bonding program where the applications are made to DNRC and the water bonding program and go to the Dept. of Commerce. They are ranked according to the criteria set forth in the bill and then brought to the legislature.

Motion: REP. KADAS moved to strike the House appropriation committee amendments from House Bill 905 and return it back to the state it came to us from the Business and Economic Development Committee. Second by Rep. Quilici. Motion passed 10 to 3 with 5 absent, roll call vote # 4.

Motion to Amend: REP. BRADLEY moved to amend HB 905, EXHIBIT 2.
Second by Rep. Kadas.

<u>Discussion:</u> REP. BRADLEY said these amendments were errors that were made that needed to be changed in the bill but did nothing substantively to the bill. It was errors the subcommittee made in changing over loans to grants.

Vote: Motion passed 10 to 3 with 5 absent, roll call # 5.

Motion/Vote: REP. KIMBERLEY moved House Bill 905 do pass as amended. Second by Rep. Kimberley. Motion passed 9 to 4 with 5 absent, roll call vote # 6.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON 374

Appropriate Coal Trust Money to Big Sky Dividend Program

Motion: REP. SWYSGOOD moved to reconsider committee action on House Bill 374. Second by Rep. Grinde.

<u>Discussion</u>: REP. SWYSGOOD said we might as well have them all out there.

REP. KADAS said he would speak against it because the Big Sky Dividend bill is in the Senate and unless you have that bill you don't need this one. REP. GRINDE said if the argument is that the other bill isn't over here maybe we should wait until we get it so we can consider the merits of all 3 at one time. CHAIRMAN BARDANOUVE said we have been told by SPEAKER HARPER that the bill is dead if it is not out of here today.

SPEAKER HARPER said he did not want to get mixed up in the other bill, but it would seem if the appropriation is an important part of the Big Sky Dividend why isn't it here. He said he could not understand why both bills weren't introduced in the House, they are both appropriation bills. You are being asked as an Appropriation Committee to kick out an appropriation bill when you don't even know if the other bill is going to pass.

REP. GRINDE asked why these other bills have to be out today.

SPEAKER HARPER said these bills were worked on extensively in Business Committee, and in subcommittee for a number of weeks and were both passed, if not unanimous then nearly so, in the full committee and put down into this committee as a curtesy to try to give you a little more time to look at the numbers etc. These bills need to go because they are under a time constraint. The Governor's Big Sky Dividend is being pursued on it's own merits over in the Senate. You know that bill has to come into the House because it is an appropriation bill and why it was separated he did not know.

REP. GRINDE said he would buy those arguments but the statement was made that these bills had to be out according to rules or suspension of rules, yet the other day REP. BRADLEY's bill was considered a revenue bill. He did not think those bills had to be out until Thursday. SPEAKER HARPER said there has to be a printing report read today on every revenue bill.

There was further discussion on the Big Sky Bill along with the other two. SPEAKER HARPER said the Governor's bill takes a 3/4 vote and all you need is 2/3 to suspend the rules in either House to accept the bill. If that bill passes for the 3/4 vote, then getting a 2/3 vote on this bill would be no problem. Mrs. Cohea said if the Senate bill comes over you can always amend an appropriation into it on the House side which would be another approach to the issue. Mr. Brooke said SB 55 is the Big Sky Program bill and only requires a majority vote. The appropriation requires a 3/4 vote.

<u>Vote</u>: Motion to reconsider House Bill 374 failed 4 to 9 with 5 absent, roll call vote # 7.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 155

Generally Revise Salary of County Attorney

<u>Motion</u>: **REP. KADAS** moved to reconsider committee action on House Bill 155. Second by Rep. Nisbet.

<u>Discussion</u>: REP. KADAS said there is a \$10 fee now on misdemeanors and we will raise that to \$15. That brings in enough money to pay for the County Attorney's raises plus puts a little into the general fund.

Vote: Motion passed 9 to 4 with 5 absent, roll call vote # 8.

Motion to Amend: REP. KADAS moved to amend HB 155 EXHIBIT 3.

<u>Discussion:</u> REP. KADAS handed out EXHIBIT 2 and said on the bottom of the sheet, option 2 is what the amendments would do. There was discussion on how this would affect the salaries after recent action on the judges salaries which they are tied to. The half time county attorneys were also discussed and REP. KADAS

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said he did not recall, he had not changed it and it would be the same as in the original bill.

<u>Vote</u>: Motion passed 9 to 4 with 5 absent, roll call vote # 9.

Motion/Vote: REP. KADAS moved House Bill 155 as amended do pass.
Motion passed 9 to 4 with 5 absent, roll call # 11.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 340

Property Taxation of Forest Land Based on Forest Productivity Value

REP. KADAS said he would like to put on some kind of temporary assessment so the industry pays for this. He said the one that seems the simplest is 10 cents per acre for 3 years and sunset it after 3 years.

Motion to Amend: REP. KADAS moved House Bill 340 be amended to assess the industry 10 cents per acre and have the bill sunset in 3 years, EXHIBIT 4. Second by Rep. Nisbet.

Discussion: REP. SWYSGOOD said he understood the amendment because of the funding crunch, but had a concern about the way this bill was arrived at with the cooperation of all concerned. This would implement this tax on the landowners without their input. REP. KADAS said he would have a hard time voting for the bill if it came out of the general fund and if the bill fails they will see a tax increase of 8 times. He said he felt the Revenue oversight Committee came up with a good solution but the problem is how do we pay for it. Essentially the timber industry will benefit from going to the new tax and they ought to pay for the cost of it. REP. PECK said with nearly a million dollar hit on the general fund this bill might have a little trouble out on the floor if there isn't a revenue source in it.

<u>Vote</u>: Motion passed 9 to 4 with 5 absent, roll call vote # 11.

Motion/Vote: REP. KADAS moved House Bill 340 as amended do pass.
Second by Rep. Nisbet. Motion passed 8 to 5 with 5 absent, roll
call vote # 12.

Mrs. Cohea said she would need direction as to whether the 10 cent assessment is to go into a special revenue fund and the appropriation would be from that special revenue fund or does it go into the general fund? REP. KADAS said the general fund would be simpler. REP. SWYSGOOD said the bill currently appropriates out of the general fund. REP. PECK said let the money go to the general fund and then the bill will read right because it is appropriated out of the general fund.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Adjournment: 12:07 p.m.

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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL

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REP. RAY PECK, VICE-CHAIRMAN	\		
REP. DOROTHY BRADLEY	V		
REP. JOHN COBB	V		
REP. DOROTHY CODY			V
REP. MARY ELLEN CONNELLY			V
REP. ED GRADY			
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REP. JOHN JOHNSON			
REP. MIKE KADAS	0		
REP. BERV KIMBERLEY	V		
REP. WM. "RED" MENAHAN	v		
REP. JERRY NISBET	i/		
REP. MARY LOU PETERSON	V		
REP. JOE QUILICI	'		
REP. CHUCK SWYSGOOD	V		
REP. BOB THOFT			V
REP. TOM ZOOK			V

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on <u>Appropriations</u> report that <u>House Bill 795</u> (second reading copy -- yellow) do pass as amended.

Signed:

Francis Bardanouve, Chairman

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 2, line 19. Following: "money" Insert: "deposited" Following: "fund"

Insert: "in the preceding year"

2. Page 23, lines 5 and 6. Following: "APPROPRIATION."

Strike: remainder of line 5 through "ACCUMULATED IN" on line 6

Insert: "There is appropriated \$225,000 from"

3. Page 23, line 7.

Strike: "IS APPROPRIATED"

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on <u>Appropriations</u> report that <u>House Bill 905</u> (corrected second reading copy -- yellow -- second printing) do pass as amended.

Signed:

Francis Bardanouve, Chairman

And, that such amendments read:

1. Title, line 19. Strike: "AND A TERMINATION DATE"

2. Page 2, lines 6 and 7. Following: "fund" on line 6 Strike: "--" Strike: "bonds" on line 7

3. Page 4, lines 13 and 14. Strike: "(B)" on line 13 through ";" on line 14 Renumber: subsequent subsection

4. Page 4, line 17. Following: line 16

Insert: "(3) The state treasurer shall transfer money from the building a new century fund to the department to carry out each grant project in the amount authorized by the legislature, and funding must be approved by a three-fourths vote of each house of the legislature."

5. Page 4, line 18. Strike: "-- bond issuance"

6. Page 5, line 5.
Following: "projects"

Insert: "to the governor, prioritized pursuant to subsection (2).

The governor shall review the projects recommended under this section, the projects recommended by the department of administration under [section 5], and the projects recommended by the department of fish, wildlife, and parks under [section 6] and shall submit a prioritized list of recommended projects"

7. Page 8, lines 4 and 5. Following: "to" on line 4 Strike: remainder of line 4 through "of" on line 5 Insert: "the governor for recommendation to"

8. Page 9, line 1.

Strike: "each regular session of"
Insert: "the governor for recommendation to"

9. Page 26, lines 21 and 22.

Strike: section 12 in its entirety

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on <u>Appropriations</u> report that <u>House Bill 155</u> (second reading copy -- yellow) <u>do pass as amended</u>.

Signed: Francis Bardanouve, Chairman

And, that such amendments read:

1. Title, line 8.
Following: "THE SAME AS FOR"
Strike: "95"
Insert: "90"

2. Title, line 11.
Following: "ATTORNEY;"
Insert: "INCREASING THE MONETARY CHARGE FOR A MISDEMEANOR CONVICTION; REALLOCATING JUSTICES' COURTS FEES;"

3. Title, line 11. Following: "SECTIONS" Insert: "3-10-601,"

4. Title, line 12. Following: "7-4-2504," Strike: "AND" Following: "7-4-205," Insert: "AND 46-18-236,"

5. Page 4, line 19. Following: "the same as" Strike: "95%"
Insert: "90%"

to the general fund of the county.

- (2) All fines, penalties, and forfeitures that this code requires to be imposed, collected, or paid in a justice's court must, for each calendar month, be paid by the justice's court on or before the 5th day of the following month to the treasurer of the county in which the justice's court is situated.
- (3) The county treasurer shall, in the manner provided in 15-1-504, distribute money received under subsection (2) as follows:
 - (a) 50% to the state treasurer; and
 - (b) 50% to the county general fund.
- (4) The state treasurer shall distribute money received under subsection (3) as follows:
 - (a) 23% 27.88% to the state general fund;
- (b) 108 9.09% to the fish and game account in the state special revenue fund;
- (c) 12.5% 11.76% to the state highway account in the state special revenue fund;
- (d) 36% 33.86% to the traffic education account in the state special revenue fund;
- (e) 0.6% 0.57% to the department of livestock account in the state special revenue fund;
- (f) 16.9% 15.9% to the crime victims compensation account in the state special revenue fund; and
- (g) 18 0.94% to the department of family services special revenue account for the battered spouses and domestic violence grant program."
- Section 6. Section 46-18-236, MCA, is amended to read:

 "46-18-236. Imposition of charge upon conviction or
 forfeiture -- administration. (1) Except as provided in
 subsection (2), there must be imposed by all courts of original
 jurisdiction on a defendant upon his conviction for any conduct
 made criminal by state statute or upon forfeiture of bond or bail
 a charge that is in addition to other taxable court costs, fees,
 or fines, as follows:
 - (a) \$10 \$15 for each misdemeanor charge; and
- (b) the greater of \$20 or 10% of the fine levied for each felony charge.
- (2) If a convicting court determines under 46-18-231 and 46-18-232 that the defendant is not able to pay the fine and costs or that he is unable to pay within a reasonable time, the court must waive payment of the charge imposed by this section.
- (3) The charge imposed by this section is not a fine and must be imposed in addition to any fine and may not be used in determining the jurisdiction of any court.
- (4) When the payment of a fine is to be made in installments over a period of time, the charge imposed by this section must be collected from the first payment made and each

subsequent payment as necessary if the first payment is not

- sufficient to cover the charge.

 (5) The charges collected under subsection (1), except those collected by a justice's court, must be deposited with the appropriate local government finance officer or treasurer. If a city municipal court or city or town court is the court of original jurisdiction, the charges collected under subsection (1) must be deposited with the city or town finance officer or treasurer. If a district court is the court of original jurisdiction, the charges collected under subsection (1) must be deposited with the county finance officer or treasurer. If the court of original jurisdiction is a court within a consolidated city-county government within the meaning of Title 7, chapter 3, the charges collected under subsection (1) must be deposited with the finance officer or treasurer of the consolidated government.
- (a) A city or town finance officer or treasurer may retain the charges collected under subsection (1) by a city municipal court or a city or town court and may use that money for the payment of salaries of the city or town attorney and his deputies.
- (b) Each county finance officer or treasurer may retain the charges collected under subsection (1) by different courts for crimes committed or alleged to have been committed within that county. The county finance officer or treasurer shall use the money for the payment of salaries of its deputy county attorneys and for the payment of other salaries in the office of the county attorney, and any funds not needed for such salaries may be used for the payment of any other county salaries. ""

Renumber: subsequent section

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on Appropriations report that House Bill 340 (second reading copy -- yellow) do pass as amended .

Signed: Francis Bardanouve, Chairman

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 1, line 18. Following: "TAXATION:" Insert: "IMPOSING AN ASSESSMENT ON ALL PRIVATELY OWNED TIMBERLAND: "

2. Page 26, line 12.

Following: line 12

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 13. Assessment on privately-owned timberland -- collection -- disposition. (1) An assessment of \$0.10 per acre or portion of an acre is imposed on all privately-owned timberland for tax years 1991 through 1993. The assessment is imposed on the owner of the land as of January 1 of each year.

- (2) This assessment is done on November 30 of each year and must be paid with the property tax due as provided in 15-16-101.
- (3) By September 1 of each year, the department of revenue shall provide county treasurers with a list showing: a) all owners of private timberland in the county as of January 1 of that year; and b) the number of acres of timberland owned by each as of January 1 of that year. county treasurer must send each listed owner a bill for the assessment imposed in (1) with the property tax notice required in 15-16-101.
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(5) The state treasurer shall deposit all collections from the assessment imposed in (1) in the general fund. **
Renumber: subsequent sections

3. Page 27, line 6. Following: "6" Strike: "and 11" Insert: ", 11, and 13"

4. Page 27, line 12. Following: "[Sections 6]" Strike: "and 11"

Insert: ", 11, and 13"

5. Page 28, line 4.
Following: line 3
Insert: "(3) [Section 13] terminates on January 1, 1994."

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See minutes page 2	

Amendments to House Bill No. 795 Second Reading Copy

For the Committee on House Appropriations

1. Page 2, line 19.
Following: "money" Insert: "deposited"

Following: "fund"
Insert: "in the preceding year"

2. Page 23, lines 5 and 6. Appropriation Strike: remainder of the strike of the strike

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Insert: "There is appropriated \$225,000 from"

3. Page 23, line 7.

Strike: "IS APPROPRIATED"

Amendments to House Bill No. 905 Corrected Second Reading Copy For the Committee on House Appropriations

1. Title, line 19.

Strike: "AND A TERMINATION DATE"

2. Page 2, lines 6 and 7.

Following: "fund" on line 6

Strike: "--"

Strike: "bonds" on line 7

3. Page 4, lines 13 and 14.

Strike: "(B)" on line 13 through ";" on line 14

Renumber: subsequent subsection

4. Page 4, line 17.

Following: line 16

Insert: "(3) The state treasurer shall transfer money from the building a new century fund to the department to carry out each grant project in the amount authorized by the legislature, and funding must be approved by a three-fourths vote of each house of the legislature."

5. Page 4, line 18.

Strike: "-- bond issuance"

6. Page 5, line 5.

Following: "projects"

Insert: "to the governor, prioritized pursuant to subsection (2). The governor shall review the projects recommended under this section, the projects recommended by the department of administration under [section 5], and the projects recommended by the department of fish, wildlife, and parks under [section 6] and shall submit a prioritized list of recommended projects"

7. Page 8, lines 4 and 5. Following: "to" on line 4

Strike: remainder of line 4 through "of" on line 5

Insert: "the governor for recommendation to"

8. Page 9, line 1.

Strike: "each regular session of"

Insert: "the governor for recommendation to"

9. Page 26, lines 21 and 22.

Strike: section 12 in its entirety

Roll Call Vote

Fiscal Impact - House Bill 155, as Amended

EXHIBIT_

Assumptions:

- (1) Senate Bill 228 (increasing judges salaries) will be enacted.
- (2) County Attorney salaries set at 90% of District Court Judge salaries.
- (3) County Attorney salaries under current law would increase 3.5% per year.
- (4) Increase local court misdemeanor charge from \$10 to \$15.(5) Only charges imposed by justice courts would be available to state.
- (6) Revenues from increased charge will be split 50/50 between state and counties.
- (7) Reallocate state share so general fund is adequate to pay increased salaries. (8) County Attorney salaries paid 50% general fund and 50% county funds.

	Dist. Court	Full-Time	
Salaries:	Judges	Cty. Attor	ney
July 1, 1991	\$57,178	\$51,460	
January 1, 1992	59,178	53,260	
July 1, 1992	61,178	55,060	
January 1, 1993	63,178	56,860	
Costs:	1992	1993	1993
			Biennium
House Bill 155 costs	\$1,164,713	\$1,244,792	\$2,409,504
Current law at 3.5% per year	1,093,378	1,131,646	2,225,025
House Bill 155 over current law	71,334	113,145	184,480
Revenue increase:		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Additional revenue (5\$ x 96,604)	483,020	483,020	966,040
Total to state	241,510	241,510	483,020
Total to counties	241,510	241,510	483,020
Reallocation:	Current	Option 1	Option 2
General Fund	23.00%	29.59%	27.88%
Fish, Wildlife and Parks Account	10.00%	8.88%	9.09%
State Highway Account	12.50%	11.48%	11.76%
Traffic Education Account	36.00%	33.06%	33.86%
Department of Livestock Account	0.60%	0.55%	0.56%
Crime Victims Compensation Account	16.90%	15.52%	15.90%
Battered Spouses/Domestic Violence	1.00%	0.92%	0.94%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Comments:

Increasing misdemeanor charge will also increase city revenues. Without reallocation, general fund increase would be \$107,000 during biennium. HB 2 has insufficient funding under current law for County Attorney salaries. 1993 biennium additional general fund costs and new revenues will be:

	Option 1	Option 2	
Revenues: House Bill 155 Cost:	\$483,020 184,480	\$385,512 184,480	
House Bill 2 Shortfall: Balance Remaining	\$187,664	110,876 \$ 90,156	
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Exhibit 3

Amendments to House Bill No. 155 Second Reading Copy EXHIBIT 5

DATE 4-1-91

HB 155

Requested by Representative Kadas For the House Appropriations Committee

> Prepared by Carroll South March 27, 1991

1. Title, line 8.

Following: "THE SAME AS FOR"

Strike: "95" Insert: "90"

2. Title, line 11.

Following: "ATTORNEY;"

Insert: "INCREASING THE MONETARY CHARGE FOR A MISDEMEANOR CONVICTION; REALLOCATING JUSTICES' COURTS FEES;"

3. Title, line 11. Following: "SECTIONS" Insert: "3-10-601,"

4. Title, line 12.

Following: "7-4-2504,"

Strike: "AND"

Following: "7-4-205,"

Insert: "AND 46-18-236,"

5. Page 4, line 19.

Following: "the-same-as"

Strike: "95%" Insert: "90%"

6. Page 10, line 23.

Following: line 22

Insert: "Section 5. Section 3-10-601, MCA, is amended to read:
 "3-10-601. Collection and disposition of fines, penalties,
forfeitures, and fees. (1) Each justice of the peace shall
collect the fees prescribed by law for justices' courts and shall
pay them into the county treasury of the county wherein he holds
office, on or before the 10th day of each month, to be credited
to the general fund of the county.

- (2) All fines, penalties, and forfeitures that this code requires to be imposed, collected, or paid in a justice's court must, for each calendar month, be paid by the justice's court on or before the 5th day of the following month to the treasurer of the county in which the justice's court is situated.
- (3) The county treasurer shall, in the manner provided in 15-1-504, distribute money received under subsection (2) as follows:
 - (a) 50% to the state treasurer; and
 - (b) 50% to the county general fund.
 - (4) The state treasurer shall distribute money received

under subsection (3) as follows:

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- (a) 23% 27.88% to the state general fund;
- (b) 10% 9.09% to the fish and game account in the state special revenue fund;
- (c) 12.5% 11.76% to the state highway account in the state special revenue fund;
- (d) 36% 33.86% to the traffic education account in the state special revenue fund;
- (e) 0.6% 0.57% to the department of livestock account in the state special revenue fund;
- (f) 16.9% 15.9% to the crime victims compensation account in the state special revenue fund; and
- (g) 1% 0.94% to the department of family services special revenue account for the battered spouses and domestic violence grant program."
- Section 6. Section 46-18-236, MCA, is amended to read:

 "46-18-236. Imposition of charge upon conviction or
 forfeiture -- administration. (1) Except as provided in
 subsection (2), there must be imposed by all courts of original
 jurisdiction on a defendant upon his conviction for any conduct
 made criminal by state statute or upon forfeiture of bond or bail
 a charge that is in addition to other taxable court costs, fees,
 - (a) \$10 \$15 for each misdemeanor charge; and
- (b) the greater of \$20 or 10% of the fine levied for each felony charge.
- (2) If a convicting court determines under 46-18-231 and 46-18-232 that the defendant is not able to pay the fine and costs or that he is unable to pay within a reasonable time, the court must waive payment of the charge imposed by this section.
- (3) The charge imposed by this section is not a fine and must be imposed in addition to any fine and may not be used in determining the jurisdiction of any court.
- (4) When the payment of a fine is to be made in installments over a period of time, the charge imposed by this section must be collected from the first payment made and each subsequent payment as necessary if the first payment is not sufficient to cover the charge.
- (5) The charges collected under subsection (1), except those collected by a justice's court, must be deposited with the appropriate local government finance officer or treasurer. If a city municipal court or city or town court is the court of original jurisdiction, the charges collected under subsection (1) must be deposited with the city or town finance officer or treasurer. If a district court is the court of original jurisdiction, the charges collected under subsection (1) must be deposited with the county finance officer or treasurer. If the court of original jurisdiction is a court within a consolidated city-county government within the meaning of Title 7, chapter 3, the charges collected under subsection (1) must be deposited with the finance officer or treasurer of the consolidated government.
- (6) (a) A city or town finance officer or treasurer may retain the charges collected under subsection (1) by a city municipal court or a city or town court and may use that money

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- (6) (a) A city or town finance officer or treasurer may retain the charges collected under subsection (1) by a city municipal court or a city or town court and may use that money

for the payment of salaries of the city or town attorney and his deputies.

(b) Each county finance officer or treasurer may retain the charges collected under subsection (1) by district courts for crimes committed or alleged to have been committed within that county. The county finance officer or treasurer shall use the money for the payment of salaries of its deputy county attorneys and for the payment of other salaries in the office of the county attorney, and any funds not needed for such salaries may be used for the payment of any other county salaries.""

Renumber: subsequent section

Amendments to House Bill No. 340 Second Reading Copy

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For the Committee on House Appropriations

Prepared by Teresa Olcott Cohea April 1, 1991

1. Page 1, line 18. Following: "TAXATION"

Insert: "IMPOSING AN ASSESSMENT ON ALL PRIVATELY OWNED TIMBERLAND;"

2. Page 26, line 12. Following: line 12

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5. Page 28, line 3. Following: line 3 Insert: "(3) [2]

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