

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Chase Hibbard, on January 24, 1997, at 8:00 a.m., in Room 437.

ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Chase Hibbard, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Robert R. Story, Jr., Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)  
Rep. Robert R. "Bob" Ream, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)  
Rep. Paul Bankhead (R)  
Rep. John C. Bohlinger (R)  
Rep. Bill Carey (D)  
Rep. Alvin A. Ellis, Jr. (R)  
Rep. Marian W. Hanson (R)  
Rep. Hal Harper (D)  
Rep. Dan W. Harrington (D)  
Rep. Rick Jore (R)  
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)  
Rep. Bob Raney (D)  
Rep. John "Sam" Rose (R)  
Rep. William M. "Bill" Ryan (D)  
Rep. Richard D. Simpkins (R)  
Rep. Emily Swanson (D)  
Rep. Lila V. Taylor (R)  
Rep. Jack Wells (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Peggy Arnott (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Lee Heiman, Legislative Services Division  
Donna Grace, Committee Secretary

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 20 (1/22/97)

Executive Action: HB 210 Do Pass as Amended

HEARING ON SB 20

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Del Gage, District 43, Glacier County, opened the hearing on SB 20, a bill to revise the definition of average mill levy applied to railroad car property. The bill was brought forward at the request of the Revenue Oversight Committee. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.2.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Dave Woodgerd, Attorney, Department of Revenue. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.7.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.8; Comments: Questions continued on Tape 1 B.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Sen. Gage closed. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 11.0.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 210

Motion:

Rep. Simpkins moved HB 210 Do Pass. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 18.3.}

Amendments:

Rep. Harper moved the amendment to HB 210 Do Pass. **Exhibit 1.** On a voice vote the amendment passed, 18 - 2. Story and Ream voting no. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 19.2.}

Discussion:

Exhibits 2 and 3. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 23.0; Comments: Discussion continued on Tape 2 A.}

Amendment:

Rep. Swanson moved an amendment to raise the proposed fee from \$.30 to \$1.00. On a roll call vote the motion failed 17 - 3. Reps. Ryan, Swanson and Ream voting yes. *{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.3.}*

Vote:

On a roll call vote, HB 210 was passed as amended, 14 - 6. Reps. Story, Orr, Arnott, Wells, Jore and Raney voting no. *{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 30.4.}*

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The Committee discussed the agenda for the Joint Senate/House Tax Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 29, dealing with the tax implications of utility and telecommunication industry restructuring. *{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 31.7.}*

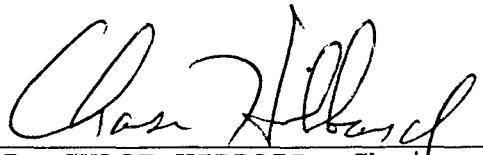
The Committee held an informal discussion of the Department of Revenue CAMUS System. *{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 35.00; Comments: The discussion was continued on Tape 2 B.}*

*{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 34.6; Comments: Adjourn.}*

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:40 a.m.



REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman



DONNA GRACE, Secretary

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