

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Vice Chairman Robert Story, on February 4, 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. Peggy Arnott (R)
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: None.

Members Absent: None.

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 7 (1/28)
SB 130 (1/28)
SB 26 (1/28)
SB 119 (1/28)

Executive Action: SB 119 - Concurred
SB 7 - Concurred In
SB 130 - Discussion Only
HB 384 - Do Pass
HB 311 - Discussion Only

HEARING ON SB 7

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Mike Foster, Senate District 20, opened the hearing on SB 7. The bill would correct the allocation of the metal mines tax. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.2.}

Proponents' Testimony:

None.

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.9.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Sen. Foster closed the hearing. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.5.}

HEARING ON SB 130

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Ric Holden, Senate District 1, presented the opening statement on SB 130. The bill reflects changes required as a result of a recent Supreme Court ruling. An amendment was proposed. EXHIBIT 1. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.5.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Dennis Burr, Montana Taxpayers Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 13.4.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.1.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Sen. Holden closed the hearing. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26.1.}

HEARING ON SB 26

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Mack Cole, Senate District 4, opened the hearing on SB 26. The bill was introduced at the request of the Department of Revenue. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.5.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Sharon Ferguson, Department of Revenue. EXHIBIT 2. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 29.3.}

Bud Schoen, Motor Vehicle Division. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 31.0.}

Ken Hoovestol, Montana Snowmobile Association, Montana Boating Association, and Walleyes Unlimited. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 31.6.}

Ben Havdahl, Montana Motor Carriers Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 33.0.}

Dean Roberts, Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle Division. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 36.1.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 36.1; Comments: Questions from Committee continued on Tape 1 B.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Sen. Cole closed the hearing. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.5.}

HEARING ON SB 119

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Mack Cole, Senate District 4, opened the hearing on SB 119, a bill which would revise laws governing tax administration, introduced at the request of the Department of Revenue. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 5.3.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Bill Kloker, Department of Revenue, Income Tax Program Manager. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 8.9.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1114.6.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Sen. Cole closed the hearing.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 119

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Story moved that SB 119 be concurred in. On a voice vote, the motion passed 19 - 0. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 23.7.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 7

Motion\Vote:

Rep. Ellis moved that SB 7 be concurred in. On a voice vote the motion passed 19 - 1. Rep. Raney voting no. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 25.7.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 130

Motion:

Rep. Rose moved that SB 130 be concurred in. Rep. Ream moved that the suggested amendments be adopted. No action was taken and final executive action will occur when further information is received by the Committee. *{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 29.8.}*

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 384

Motion:

Rep. Ellis moved that HB 384 do pass. *{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 33.4; Comments: Discussion of the motion is continued on Tape 2 A.}*

Vote:

On a voice vote, the motion passed 18 - 2. Reps. Harrington and Ream voting no. *{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.3.}*

Rep. Swanson distributed information on a comparison of taxes levied and average mill levies. EXHIBIT 3. *{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 18.2.}*

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 311

Rep. Orr discussed HB 311; however, further action was postponed because of the lack of an accurate fiscal note. *{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 11.6.}*

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 22.5; Comments: Adjourn.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:10 a.m.



REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman



DONNA GRACE, Secretary

CH/DG