

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Vice Chairman Bob Story, on March 28, 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. 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. Hal Harper (D)

Members Absent: None.

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 300 (3/18)
SB 336 (3/19)
SB 386 (3/19)

Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON SB 386Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Del Gage, Senate District 43, opened the hearing on SB 386, a bill requested by the Department of Revenue. The bill would clarify distribution of oil and natural gas production taxes. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.3.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Don Hoffman, Department of Revenue. EXHIBIT 1. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.0.}

Dennis Burr, Montana Taxpayers' Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.3.}

Gail Abercrombie, Montana Petroleum Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.7.}

Jim Manning, Legislative Audit Division. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.0.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.7.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Senator Gage closed the hearing. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.6.}

HEARING ON SB 300Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Senator Fred Thomas, Senate District 31, opened the hearing on SB 300. The bill would revise the taxation of class six personal property intended for rental or lease. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 12.3.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Riley Johnson, Northern Rockies Rental Association. EXHIBIT 2 AND 3. {Tape: 1; Side: a; Approx. Time Count: 15.0.}

Dennis Burr, Montana Taxpayers' Association. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26.3.}

Kevin Pierson, Strobels Rental, Great Falls. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.5.}

Dan Jacques, A-1 Rentals, Helena. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.8.}

John Burt, Sun Rentals, Butte. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.3.}

Clyde Funk, High Country Rentals, Livingston. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 29.0.}

Robert Schlamp, ABC Rentals, Bozeman. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 29.5.}

Patti Scott, East Helena Rentals. {Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 29.9.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.4.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Sen. Thomas closed the hearing. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 5.0.}

HEARING ON SB 336

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Senator Mike Halligan, Senate District 34, opened the hearing on SB 336, a bill extending the recycling tax credit termination date by four years. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.1.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Carl Schweitzer, Montana Contractors' Association. EXHIBIT 4. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 10.0.}

Rep. Haley Beaudry, House District 35. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 12.1.}

Mike Stevenson, Envirocon. EXHIBIT 5. {Tape: 1; Side: b;
Approx. Time Count: 14.4.}

Russ Ritter, Envirocon. {Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count:
20.3.}

Dennis Burr, Montana Taxpayers' Association. {Tape: 1; Side: B;
Approx. Time Count: 22.0.}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 23.2; Comments: Questions
continued on Tape 2 A.}

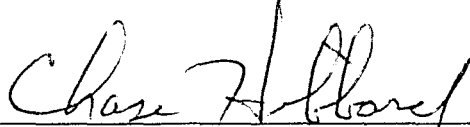
Closing by Sponsor:

Senator Halligan closed the hearing.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.6; Comments: Adjourn.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:30 a.m.



REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman



DONNA GRACE, Secretary

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