

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN GERRY DEVLIN, on April 17, 1997, at 8:00 a.m., in 415.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gerry Devlin, Chairman (R)
Sen. Bob DePratu (R)
Sen. Dorothy Eck (D)
Sen. Wm. E. "Bill" Glaser (R)
Sen. Mike Sprague (R)
Sen. Fred R. Van Valkenburg (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Mack Cole (R)
Sen. Barry "Spook" Stang (D)
Sen. Mike Foster, Vice Chairman (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Services Division
Renée Podell, Committee Secretary

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: None
Executive Action: SJR 20, Adopted

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 20

Motion: SEN. ECK MOVES SJR 20 BE ADOPTED.

Discussion:

SEN. ECK states this joint resolution appropriately goes to the Revenue Oversight Committee to monitor the effects of the new restaurant beer and wine license and to study the existing alcoholic beverage quota systems. For as long as I have been in the Senate, we have been struggling over quotas and how to work with the system. Every new member that comes to the Taxation Committee thinks we need to do something about this and then after awhile they give up. This session I think we are finally getting something through, that's a start to making it work. It's important that the Revenue Oversight Committee keep an eye

on it, and I think it's important that we and the businesses out there know really what is happening to the value of licenses. My own guess is that they will keep going up, they won't go down.

Vote: THE MOTION TO ADOPT SJR 20 PASSED WITH CHAIRMAN DEVLIN
VOTING NO. SEN. COLE VOTED YES BY PROXY.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:07 a.m.



SEN. GERRY DEVLIN, Chairman



RENEE PODELL, Secretary



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