

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BUSINESS AND LABOR COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 6, 1985

The meeting of the Business and Labor Committee was called to order to Chairman Bob Pavlovich on February 6, 1985 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 312-2 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

HOUSE BILL 602: Hearing commenced on House Bill 602. Representative Harry Fritz, District #56, sponsor of the bill, stated that this bill is new legislation defining the relationship between artist and art dealer, creating a consignment relationship and providing that the dealer is a trustee and holds the artist's works and funds in trust and requiring notice to the artist of sales. Representative Fritz explained the proposed amendments that are attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Proponent Julie Cook, representing Montana Art's Council, stated that this will clarify the relationship between artist and gallery and allow for better practices in the industry.

Proponent Janalyn Edmondson, attorney, presented Exhibits 2, 3, and 4, which she read to the committee. Her testimony and letters from Barbara M. Hand, a Missoula weaver, and Joan Jonkel, an attorney in Missoula, are attached.

Proponent Marty Baker, explained that in the past there have been problems with dealers in and out of state. House Bill 602 will give Montana artists leverage in dealing with out-of-state dealers.

Proponent Shirley Cleary, a visual artist, stated that when a piece of art is sold, the money belongs to the artist and not the dealer.

Proponent Brenda Schye, representing the Montana Arts Advocacy, offered her support of the bill and of the amendments proposed by Representative Fritz.

In closing, Representative Fritz added that this bill will grant law to our artistic community who have gained fame through their work. Representative Fritz also presented Exhibit 5, which is attached hereto.

Representative Brown asked Representative Fritz why photography

is not included in the bill. Representative Fritz explained that the amendments do cover photography.

There being no further discussion by proponents or opponents, all were excused by the vice-chairman and the hearing on House Bill 602 was closed.

HOUSE BILL 422: Hearing commenced on House Bill 422. Representative Bernie Swift, District #34, sponsor of the bill, at the request of the Board of Water Well Contractors, distributed to committee members Exhibit 6 and 7 attached hereto. Exhibit 6 gives an explanation of the bill and Exhibit 7 is a Statement of Intent. This bill raises from \$20 to \$50 per day, plus travel expenses, the compensation of members of the Board of Water Well Contractors. The bill deletes from grounds for suspension or revocation of a license "gross negligence and incompetence" but adds as grounds "unprofessional conduct as defined by board rule". Repealed is section 37-43-304, MCA, which provides for a temporary water well contractor's license. The act is effective July 1, 1985, added Representative Swift.

Representative Schultz raised a question regarding "board rule" on page 3, line 21 of the bill and Representative Kadas asked why an effective date of July.

There being no proponents or opponents to the bill, Representative Swift was excused by the vice-chairman and the hearing on House Bill 422 was closed.

HOUSE BILL 402: Hearing commenced on House Bill 402. Representative Norm Wallin, District #78, sponsor of the bill, stated that this bill would establish guidelines for the termination and renewal of table wine distribution agreements. It recognizes a wineries right to terminate a wholesaler's authority to distribute its wines, provided the cancellation is carried out in a fair and orderly manner, added Representative Wallin.

Proponents Ardelle Watkins, Gusto Distributing, Great Falls, Peter Bronken, Bronken's Company, Bozeman, Tei Nash, Earl's Distributing Company, Missoula, Bill McClarty, Fun Beverage Company, Kalispell, and Roger Tippy, Montana Beer and Wine Wholesaler's Association, Helena, presented testimony as shown on Exhibit 8, attached hereto.

Opponent Phil Strobe, staff attorney for the Wine Institute, stated that House Bill 402 is not of advantage to wineries. Mr. Strobe explained that "statute of frauds", calls for a contract to be in writing to be enforceable and all other

must be in existence for one year or longer to be valid. There is no benefit for a winery to cancel a contract for non-payment, it is designed for the benefit of the wholesalers. Mr. Strobe added that if an individual does not want to do business with a winery, he shouldn't have to.

Opponent Syd Abrams, from Seattle, representing the wine institute, stated that should House Bill 402 pass, it should then be fair for a winery to sell directly to the consumer. A distributor can buy on credit and all others must pay within 7 days by law. A small winery may choose not to do business in the state of Montana, should House Bill 402 pass.

Representative Glaser questioned Mr. Strobe regarding Section 1 of the bill. Mr. Strobe stated that it provides that after 24 months a wholesaler can cancel a contract within 60 days by written notice. If the bills are not being paid, a winery would have to continue to ship to the wholesaler. The bill does not provide for cancellation due to non-payment.

Representative Schultz asked Mr. Abrams if there is a resistance of small wineries to sign contracts. Mr. Abrams explained that they would prefer the agreement be in writing.

Representative Bachini asked Mr. Strobe if a provision for non-payment and crop failure were amended into the bill, would it help the institute's position. Mr. Strobe added that it would and said that penalties are for the benefit of the wholesaler.

Representative Kadas asked Mr. Tippy if they want the state to write the contract. Mr. Tippy answered that they are asking the state to put in the procedures for cancelling a contract.

Representative Simon asked Mr. Abrams if this bill is passed, would smaller wineries be discouraged from doing business in the state. Mr. Abrams stated that they would, and cannot jeopardize a lawsuit.

In closing, Representative Wallin stated that the wholesalers need protection and deserve adequate protection. The comment made by Mr. Strobe regarding supplying wine if the bills are not being paid, is not reality, added Representative Wallin.

There being no further discussion by proponents or opponents,

all were excused by the vice-chairman and the hearing on House Bill 402 was closed.

HOUSE BILL 236: Hearing commenced on House Bill 236. Representative Bob Pavlovich, District #70, sponsor of the bill, stated that by a supreme court decision, the "Draw 80" poker machine is not included in the definition of "card game". The revenue generated from these machines stays in the county. The main-street merchants are being asked to pay the 56 million dollar deficit in the unemployment trust fund and are willing to pay, but should be given a chance to make a dollar, added Representative Pavlovich. Exhibits 9, 10, and 11 were distributed to the committee.

Proponent Don Peoples, Chief Executive, Butte-Silver Bow County, stated that the revenue line must be looked at seriously. The loss of approximately \$139,000 in revenue means running or not running a bus system in Butte. Local government needs every cent that can be generated. The poker machines produce badly needed revenue, explained Mr. Peoples.

Proponent Representative Red Menahan, representing Deer Lodge County, explained that they have suffered a 29% decrease in their tax base. Deer Lodge County has the highest property taxes in the state and police and fire protection are needed. We should help people on the local level and have faith in our city fathers, stressed Representative Menahan.

Proponent Representative Dave Brown, District #72, stated that poker machines have been enjoyed all over the state. In many instances these machines represent the margin on which businesses operate and can mean keeping some in business.

Proponent Neal Kirkness, a Billings City Council Member, submitted written testimony which is attached hereto as Exhibit 12.

Proponent Walt Ryseck, testifying as a taxpayer, stated that these machines provide amusement to many. In Billings there were 750 units in 52 taverns. The revenue generated from these machines go to protection and with funds from the federal government becoming less and limited, we need all that we can get, added Mr. Ryseck.

Proponent Ernie Jassiski, provided testimony from Mr. Roger W. Young, President, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 13.

Proponent Senator Dick Manning, District #18, stated that several Canadians expressed their feeling for the need of poker machines. These machines attract the Canadian tourist, which in turn also helps our economy, added Senator Manning.

Proponent Donald W. Larson, representing the Montana Tavern Association, explained that in our depressed economy, additional revenue is needed. House Bill 236 would afford local government and Montana tavern owners the opportunity to work together.

Proponents Earl Kelley and Phil Strobe offered their support of House Bill 236.

Approximately 138 proponents to the bill, offered their support by stating their name, occupation, and where they were from. The visitors' register attached hereto, reflects all those individuals who testified.

Opponent Cathy Campbell, representing the Montana Association of Churches, submitted written testimony which is attached hereto as Exhibit 14. Ms. Campbell also presented Exhibit 15 to be placed on record.

In closing, Representative Pavlovich stated that an approximate loss of \$216,000 has been felt by the loss of the poker machine and that such funds must come out of the general fund. With respect for the church, Representative Pavlovich explained that the vast majority of proponents are church going people of all denominations who support their church, and also support House Bill 236. Slot machines have a handle and these do not. Representative Pavlovich asked the committee to give the main-street businessmen consideration.

There being no further discussion by proponents and opponents, all were excused and the hearing was closed.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 602: Representative Driscoll made a motion that House Bill 602 DO PASS. Representative Driscoll then moved the amendments. Paul Verdon, staff researcher, explained that work was needed on the amendments. Representative Driscoll withdrew his motion.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 422: Representative Schultz raised questions regarding the recourse of an individual that was not satisfied with the work of a water well contractor. Representative Ellerd moved that House Bill 422 DO PASS. Representative Schultz questioned the definition of "unprofessional conduct". Representative Glaser suggested that "gross

negligence as defined by the board or incompetence as defined by the board", be put back into the bill. Representative Ellerđ withdrew his motion and made a substitute motion that House Bill 422 BE TABLED. House Bill 422 is TABLED by unanimous vote.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 402: Representative Wallin moved that House Bill 402 DO PASS. Questions were asked by Representatives Brandewie, Thomas, Bachini, and Glaser as to the requirements for cancellation and the time periods presented in the bill. Representative Simon made a substitute motion that House Bill 402 BE TABLED. Representative Hart seconded. House Bill 402 is TABLED with Representatives Ellerđ, Brandewie, Glaser, Jones, McCormick, and Wallin voting no.

ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 236: Representative Kitselman made a motion that House Bill 236 be referred WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION. Representative McCormick made a substitute motion that House Bill 236 DO PASS. A roll call vote resulted in 10 members voting yes, 9 voting no and one abstaining. House Bill 236 PASSED.

ADJOURN: There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.



Representative Bob Pavlovich
Chairman

DAILY ROLL CALL
BUSINESS AND LABOR COMMITTEE

49th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1985

Date February 6, 1985

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Bob Pavlovich	✓		
Les Kitselman	✓		
Bob Bachini	✓		
Ray Brandewie	✓		
Jan Brown	✓		
Jerry Driscoll	✓		
Robert Ellerd	✓		
William Glaser	✓		
Stella Jean Hansen	✓		
Marjorie Hart	✓		
Ramona Howe	✓		
Tom Jones	✓		
Mike Kadas	✓		
Vernon Keller	✓		
Lloyd McCormich	✓		
Jerry Nisbet	✓		
James Schultz	✓		
Bruce Simon	✓		
Fred Thomas	✓		
Norm Wallin	✓		

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

February 6

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MR. **SPEAKER**

We, your committee on **BUSINESS AND LABOR**

having had under consideration **HOUSE** Bill No. **236**

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REDEFINE "CARD GAMES" TO INCLUDE VIDEO GAME MACHINES

Respectfully report as follows: That **HOUSE** Bill No. **236**

DO PASS

ROLL CALL VOTE

HOUSE COMMITTEE BUSINESS AND LABOR

DATE 2/4/84 BILL NO. 236 TIME 10:30

NAME	AYE	NAY
Bob Pavlovich		
Les Kitselman	✓	
Bob Bachini	✓	✓
Ray Brandewie		✓
Jan Brown		
Jerry Driscoll	✓✓	
Robert Ellerd	✓✓	
William Glaser		✓✓
Stella Jean Hansen		✓✓
Marjorie Hart	✓	
Ramona Howe	✓✓	
Tom Jones	✓	
Mike Kadas <i>abstain</i>		
Vernon Keller		✓
Lloyd McCormick	✓	
Jerry Nisbet	✓	
James Schultz		✓
Bruce Simon	✓	
Fred Thomas		✓
Norm Wallin		✓

Secretary Debbie Aquil

Chairman Bob Pavlovich

Motion: Do Pass 10-9

49th Legislature

LC 1488/01

HOUSE BILL NO. 602 INTRODUCED BY Fritz [Schye, Eck, Loy, Blaylock, Brown]

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DEFINING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AN ARTIST AND AN ART DEALER; PROVIDING THAT A CONSIGNMENT RELATIONSHIP IS CREATED; PROVIDING THAT THE DEALER IS A TRUSTEE AND HOLDS THE ARTIST'S WORKS AND FUNDS IN TRUST; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SALES TO THE ARTIST."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Definitions. As used in [this act], unless the context requires otherwise, the following definitions apply:

{1} "Art Dealer" means a person engaged in the business of selling works of fine art, other than a person exclusively engaged in the business of selling goods at public auction.

{2} "Artist" means a person who creates a work of fine art or, if the person is deceased, the person's heir, devisee, or personal representative.

{3} "Consignment" means that no title to, estate in, or right to possession of fine art superior to that of the consignor vests in the consignee, notwithstanding the consignee's power or authority to transfer and convey to a third person all of the right, title, and interest of the consignor in and to such fine art.

{4} "Fine art" means a painting, sculpture, drawing, work of graphic art (including an etching, lithograph, signed limited edition offset print, textiles, silk screen, or a work of graphic art of like nature), textiles, a work of calligraphy, photographs, original works in ceramics, wood, metals, glass, plastic, wax, stone, or leather, or a work in mixed media (including a collage, assemblage, or any combination of the art media mentioned in this subsection).

{5} "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, or other group, however organized.

Section 2. Artist-art dealer relationship. Notwithstanding any custom, practice, or usage of the trade to the contrary, whenever an artist delivers or causes to be delivered a work of fine art of the artist's own creation to an art dealer in this state for the purpose of exhibition or sale, or both, on a commission, fee, or other basis of compensation, the delivery to and acceptance of such work of fine art by the dealer constitutes a consignment, unless the delivery to the art dealer is pursuant to an outright sale for which the artist receives upon delivery or has received prior to delivery full compensation for the work of fine art.

Section 3. Agency relationship -- trust property. A consignment of a work of fine art results in the following:

{1} The art dealer, after delivery of the work of fine art, is an agent of the artist for the purpose of sale or exhibition of the consigned work of fine art within or outside of the state of Montana. This relationship must be defined in writing and renewed at least every three years by both the art dealer and the artist. It is the responsibility of the artist to ensure that the work of art is clearly able to be identified by securely attaching identifying marking to or clearly signing the work of art.

1 {2} The work of fine art constitutes property held in trust by
2 the consignee for the benefit of the consignor and is not subject to claim
3 by a creditor of the consignee.

4 {3} The consignee is responsible for the loss of or damage to
5 the work of fine art while in possession of or on premises of the
6 consignee.

7 {4} The proceeds from the sale of the work of fine art
8 constitute funds held in trust by the consignee for the benefit of the
9 consignor. The proceeds must first be applied to pay any balance due to
10 the consignor, unless the consignor expressly agrees otherwise in writing.
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12 Section 4. Subsequent sale — payment to consignor. A work of fine
13 art received as consignment remains trust property, notwithstanding the
14 subsequent purchase thereof by the consignee directly or indirectly for the
15 consignee's own account, until the price is paid in full to the consignor.
16 If the work is resold to a bona fide purchaser before the consignor has
17 been paid in full, the proceeds of the resale received by the consignee
18 constitute funds held in trust for the benefit of the consignor to the
19 extent necessary to pay any balance due to the consignor and the
20 trusteeship continues until the fiduciary obligation of the consignee with
21 respect to the transaction is discharged in full.
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23 Section 5. Waiver void — exemption from UCC.

24 {1} Any provision of a contract or agreement by which the
25 consignor waives any provision of [this act] is void.

26 {2} [This act] is not subject to the provisions of Title 320,
27 chapters 1 through 9.
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29 Section 6. Tracking provisions. An art dealer selling a work of fine
30 art must provide, upon request from the artist in writing upon consignment
31 of the work, the artist with the name and address of the purchaser of the
32 work of fine art with purchase price of \$200.00 or greater within 30 days
33 after the sale.
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35 Section 7. Saving clause. This act does not apply to a written
36 contract executed prior to October 1, 1985, unless:

37 {1} the parties agree that this act will apply; or

38 {2} the contract is extended or renewed after the effective date
39 of [this act.]
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February 5, 1985

To: House Business and Labor Committee

Re: H.B. 602, Artist-Art Dealer Consignment Law

The proposed artist-gallery consignment law is a measure much needed for the protection of Montana's many working artists. The artist-gallery relationship is only rarely formalized by contract in this state, rather the usual practice is that most artists and their dealers operate on oral/handshake agreements, if any, as to their rights and responsibilities. Although many artists and galleries maintain good working relationships this way, some still do get into difficulties. Without protective legislation or a written contract, the artist is without much real recourse when problems arise.

This bill defines and regulates the consignment relationship, providing the basic protections necessary to prevent misuse of the proceeds of art at the hands of dealers, allocate responsibility for loss or damage, prevent seizure by gallery creditors, and allow artists to keep track of the ownership of their artworks.

The responsibilities outlined in the bill consist of no more than good business practices for the operation of gallery consignments. As art dealers are in the best position to protect against loss or damage during the period of consignment, the risk of such loss is allocated to them. What this really calls for is proper business insurance coverage by galleries, which should be carried in any event.

The fiduciary responsibility of galleries to their consignor-artists is carefully spelled out as a trust relationship. The requirement of timely payment of proceeds to the artists should serve to discourage dealers from using the funds for their own purposes, and if timely payments are not made, the artist has a remedy at law to pursue in addition to a cause of action for breach of contract, if indeed such a contract should exist between the parties. Where there is no written contract, this would provide the only sure protection.

The exemption of this act from the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code is important to protect consignor-artists from seizure of their works by creditors of the galleries, because under Montana's commercial law as it now stands, artists must file financing statements on all consigned artworks in order to gain protection against gallery creditors. Many artists do not

even know of this practice, and for those that do, it is a burdensome requirement. Under this proposed act, artists would be automatically protected against third party seizure of their consigned artworks.

The provision voiding any waiver is necessary to prevent an artist from signing away the protections of the act, which could be very likely considering that most artists have much less bargaining power than the dealers in negotiating the terms of their agreements. Voiding waivers then assures protection for all under the act.

Finally, the provision requiring galleries to provide artists with the names and addresses of purchasers of their artworks is important so that artists may keep full and accurate records of the ownership of their artworks as part of the history of their work, and for later access for retrospective showings of their work. Without such a provision in the law, many gallery owners are reluctant to provide artists with such information.

The arts are very important to the quality of life in Montana, and we should be proud of the wealth of creativity at work within our state. H.B. 602 is an important first step in providing artists with important protections so that they may continue their valuable contributions to the cultural life and the economy of Montana.


JANALYN S. EDMONDSON

Exhibit 2

HB 602

2/6/85

Submitted by: Janalyn Edmondson

TESTIMONY

HOUSE BUSINESS AND LABOR COMMITTEE

Re: Art Consignment Legislation. H B 602

Thank you for the privilege for testifying on this important issue. I am a professional, full time artist-weaver residing in Missoula. I make 95% of my income from within the State. For the past 8 years I have had constant dealings with gallery owners/directors either with the consignment of my work or mounting of exhibitions.

For the most part I have good, positive experiences with Montana art galleries. However, it only takes one bad experience to quickly point out the fact that artists in Montana have very few protections against poor business practices on the part of gallery owners.

For example in December of 1983 I had an exhibit in a Montana gallery where I sold \$1800 worth of hand woven rugs and wall hangings. The works sold represented three months of labor plus materials on my part. Naturally I expected to be paid the 60% of sales as was agreed to in our consignment. To make a long story short, I was finally paid in full in August of 1984, 8 months after the sale of my work. The gallery owner had used both her commission and my earnings from the sale for her operating expenses.

This legislation will protect the individual artist from this type of problem. I call your attention to the laws now extant in eight other states which accomplish this end. Thank you.

February 6, 1985

Barbara M. Hand

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Exhibit 4
HB 602
2/6/85
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February 5, 1985

Testimony in Support of House Bill 602

The Arts Task Force of the National Conference of State Legislatures recommended in its policy resolution on Public Support for the Arts that legislation on artist-art dealer relations be enacted by state legislatures. Such legislation provides protection to artists who give works of art to art dealers on consignment to sell or to exhibit by making the dealer a trustee in holding the art and the funds from sales, and by assisting artists in collecting the money to which they are entitled. Last year at a conference in New York of Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, a national organization of volunteer attorneys committed to assisting the arts community, I learned that Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts also considers enactment of legislation such as House Bill 602 essential to the legal protection of artists.

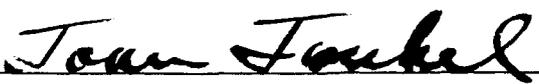
Montana should definitely join the group of states which has enacted such enlightened legislation. This law gives much needed help to artists, and yet does not adversely affect

reputable dealers. Working artists constantly experience problems in getting dealers to account accurately for work consigned to them and for proceeds from the sale of the artist's work. Art dealers experiencing financial difficulties may not inform artists of the sale of their works; the dealer will operate on the capital from the sale, and it may be months before the artist gets his or her money. Unless they have been sophisticated enough to comply with the Uniform Commercial Code filing requirements, artists may also lose their art or sale proceeds to dealers' creditors.

Without the benefit of this proposed legislation, artists are reluctant to take legal action against dealers. The trust and agency relationship created by the law will greatly increase the likelihood that dealers will make notice and payment to artists.

The arts are an essential element of the quality of life in this state, and a source of enjoyment for all. The Montana Legislature should give greater recognition to the creativity of artists and protect artists' rights through this most appropriate legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.


Joan Jonkel

Missoula Museum of the Arts

February 5, 1985

Representative Harry Fritz
c/o State Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Congressman Fritz:

I have discussed with several Missoula area artists some of the provisions of your bill affecting artists and galleries, and would like to express our support.

It is both ethical and good business practice to expect that galleries accepting art work on consignment pay artist commissions in a reasonable length of time. This would normally be on a monthly or quarterly basis. Since artists sometimes have difficulties collecting, it may be necessary to require by law that an escrow account be set up for these proceeds or some other method be taken to ensure that artists are paid.

It is very helpful for artists to know who has purchased their work so that they may contact collectors in coming years to borrow for exhibitions in museums. It is also helpful for museums to be aware of holdings of private collectors. Generally if someone has paid a sizeable amount of money for an art work, they have an interest in receiving mailings of future showings by that artist and may wish to add more pieces to their collection. In my opinion, when \$250 or more is involved, it would be mutually advantageous to require galleries to report the name of the purchaser to the artist (unless some privacy law would prohibit this).

The Museum's mission is to serve the public in our region. An important part of that public is the artists who make art for the rest of the community to enjoy. It is difficult enough to "make it" as an artist; I would hope your bill passes and wish to thank you for your sponsorship.

Sincerely,



Mary Cummings
Director

Missoula Museum of the Arts

BOARD OF WELL CONTRACTORS
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Exhibit 6

HB 422

2/6/85

Submitted by: Rep.
Swift

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STATE OF MONTANA

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HELENA, MONTANA 59620-0407

February 4, 1985

EXPLANATION FOR THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION RELATING TO THE
BOARD OF WATER WELL CONTRACTORS:

HOUSE BILL 422

By

Janet Bramblett, Administrative Assistant
State Board of Water Well Contractors
Department of Commerce

The following changes are intended to clarify and clean up the Statutes of Water Well Contractors and to increase the Board members compensation to make it consistent with the other boards.

1. Page 1
Lines 13 - 25 Section 37-43-201 would be amended to give the Board proper authority to increase the Board members compensation consistent with all other boards under Montana Statute 37-1-133.
2. Page 2
Lines 9 - 25
Page 3
Lines 1 - 9 Section 37-43-307 would be amended to remove temporary licenses from this section. Currently, temporary licenses are issued only until the next exam and presently exams are given every day so there is no need for a temporary license.
3. Page 3
Lines 10 - 25
Page 4
Lines 1 - 25 Section 37-43-311 would be amended to clarify grounds for suspension or revocation of a license. Currently, "gross negligence" and "incompetence" are very hard to define and prove, this would be replaced with "unprofessional conduct as defined by Board rule."

4. Page 4
Lines 13 - 14 NEW SECTION. Section 4 would be amended to repeal Section 37-43-304 which pertains to temporary licenses. Currently, the Board can issue a temporary license to an applicant until the next exam however the exams are given every day so there is no need for a temporary license.

5. Page 4
Lines 19 - 20 NEW SECTION. Section 6 would provide an effective date of July 1, 1985.

49th Legislature

LC 998

STATEMENT OF INTENT

House BILL NO. 422

A statement of intent is required for this bill because it delegates rulemaking authority to the board of water well contractors, in addition to the authority it currently possesses under 37-43-202(2), MCA.

Specifically the bill authorizes the board to define the term "unprofessional conduct" as the basis for disciplinary actions against water well contractors.

The legislature contemplates that in defining this term by rule, the board will consider the generally accepted standards of professional conduct within the water well contracting industry and the protection of the public health, safety, and general welfare with respect to the drilling and development of water wells.

House Bill 402 by Wallin, et al.)
Regulating Termination of Wine)
Distribution Agreements)

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT:
MONTANA BEER AND WINE
WHOLESALEERS

Subsection 1 of Section 1 lays down a basic rule that a wine distribution agreement cannot be cancelled on less than 60 days' written notice except under conditions of insolvency or closure by the state. Subsection 3 goes on to say that distribution agreements more than two years old can be terminated for any reasonable cause put in writing with the sixty days' advance notice. Both provisions are needed. Terminations have been announced on much less than 60 days, and are often announced for no good reason.

Ardelle Watkins, Gusto Distributing, Gr. Falls

Subsection 2 of Section 1 writes into statute a rule stated by the Montana Supreme Court in 198 , in the case of Bronken's vs. J.W. Brown. Bronken's, a wholesaler in Bozeman, had its distribution rights to J.W. Brown's wines cancelled after having them just about one year. The Court said two years was a reasonable time to establish a marketing effort and a supplier who terminated its distributor after a shorter period, without good cause, was liable to the distributor for damages.

Peter Bronken, Bronken's Co., Bozeman

Section 2 provides an important rule for the benefit of the winery and of the new distributor who takes over a wine line. This is that the outgoing distributor must maintain that winery's twelve inches on the second shelf at the supermarket or whatever similar market position he has established for the wine. If he does not, he is liable in damages to the winery under Section 4. Without this rule, the outgoing distributor may slack off his marketing effort and the new distributor has to fight to regain shelf inches or whatever.

Tei Nash, Earl's Distributing Co., Missoula

Section 3 states a few basic areas which are not reasonable cause for termination of a distribution agreement: asking the distributor to break the law, insisting that the distributor take some wine he didn't order, or telling him what competitor wines he can't carry. The distributor's refusal to do any of these things is not grounds for terminating his agreement.

Bill McClarty, Fun Beverage Co., Kalispell

Section 4 is a restatement of the rules for measurement of damages set down by the Supreme Court in the Bronken's v. J. W. Brown case and an extension of this rule to terminations after the first 24 months when such terminations are proposed outside the ground rules laid down by the bill. One would expect that the Supreme Court would extend these principles to the next case it might hear, but enactment of the bill would make it unnecessary to bring that case to the court.

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Exhibit 9

HB 236

2/6/85

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January 29, 1985

TO: Butte Silver Bow Representative
Bob Pavlovich, District #86

Re: Council Bill 228 & Ordinance 228

Bob;

In regards to your phone call of January 29, 1985 in regards to the amount of money taken in on Butte Silver Bow Gambling Ordinance #228 following is a list of the totals for the years 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1985, but the 1985 will not be a final amount as they still have until January 31, 1985 to obtain their license.

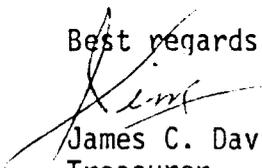
Gambling

1982	\$91,300.00
1983	139,200.00
1984	137,600.00
1985	53,200.00

I hope that these are the figures you are looking for per your phone call today and I would at this time like to bring to your attention that we have a special deputy tax collector who works out of the Sheriff's office through the Treasurer's office to police liquor license, gambling license, amusement license, delinquent personal trailer taxes and personal business taxes and to the best of my knowledge Butte Silver Bow in the past two years has not had one complaint to the Sheriff's office in regards to the gambling ordinance.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,


James C. Davis, Jr.
Treasurer
Butte Silver Bow

COUNCIL BILL NO. 228

ORDINANCE NO. 228

1 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW ORDINANCE NO.
2 169; PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL PAYMENT OF GAMBLING LICENSE FEES;
3 DECLARING THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
4 DATE HEREIN.

5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY AND
6 COUNTY OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW, STATE OF MONTANA:

7 SECTION 1: Section 1 of Butte-Silver Bow Ordinance No. 169 be
8 and the same is amended to read as follows:

9 LICENSE CATEGORIES AND FEES - EXEMPTIONS; The
10 following license categories are established and
11 the following shall be charges for each category:

12 Class A: All authorized card games or gambling
13 machines with two or more tables or
14 machines and raffles and bingo
15 \$3,000.00 per year

16 Class B: (Same)

17 Class C: (Same)

18 Class D: Coin-operated machines operated as
19 authorized gambling games - each machine
20 First machine \$500.00 per year

21 Second machine \$400.00 per year additional

22 Third machine \$300.00 per year additional

23 Four or more machines \$500.00 per year

24 additional per machine

25 Class E: Each distributor of authorized gambling
26 equipment shall pay an annual fee of
27 \$2,500.00 to sell, lease or locate
28 authorized gambling equipment on pre-
29 mises other than his/her own place of
30 business at any location within the City
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and County of Butte-Silver Bow. He/she shall purchase a license for each gambling machine leased or owned by him/her and shall list the location of each machine on the prescribed form issued by the Butte-Silver Bow Treasurer's Office. It shall be unlawful for anyone to locate authorized gambling equipment within the City and County of Butte-Silver Bow other than on premises owned or leased by him/her without having first obtained a gambling equipment distributor's license.

SECTION 2: EMERGENCY DECLARED: It is hereby declared that an emergency exists which requires the immediate enactment of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after December 31, 1984, after passage and approval.

PASSED this 19th day of December, 1984.

James R. Case
CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED this 19th day of December, 1984.

Donald R. Peoples
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

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CLERK AND RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

William J. [Signature]
COUNTY ATTORNEY

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CHAIRMAN OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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COUNCIL BILL NO. 227

ORDINANCE NO. 227

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW ORDINANCE NO. 168; PROVIDING FOR SPECIFIED AMENDMENTS TO THE BUSINESS LICENSE SCHEDULE OF FEES; DECLARING THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREIN.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW, STATE OF MONTANA:

SECTION 1: Section 1 of Butte-Silver Bow Ordinance No. 168 be and the same is hereby amended to to read as follows, to-wit:

SCHEDULE OF FEES: The schedule of fees for business license shall be as follows: PROVIDED, that no business shall be required to obtain more than one license, except Operators of coin operated amusement games:

(A) License fees shall be charged according to the following schedule for all specified businesses listed below:

- (1) through (5) (Same)
- (6) Distributors of coin operated amusement games \$1,000.00 per year
- (7) through (13) (Same)
- (14) Operators of coin-operated amusement games - per game \$40.00 per year
- (15) through (19) (Same)

(B) (Same)

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1 SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall be in full
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3 after passage and approval.

4 PASSED this 19th day of December, 1984.

5 James R. Casey
6 CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS

7 APPROVED this 19th day of December, 1984.

8 Donald R. Peaylor
9 CHIEF EXECUTIVE

10 ATTEST:
11 Lee Arnold
12 CLERK AND RECORDER

13 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
14 Robert M. McCarry
15 COUNTY ATTORNEY

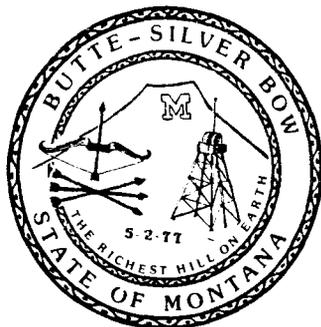
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James C. Davis, Jr.
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Ann Marie Fouts
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OFFICE OF
BUTTE-SILVER BOW TREASURER
P. O. BOX 611
BUTTE, MONTANA 59703



January 29, 1985

TO: Butte Silver Bow Representative
Bob Pavlovich, District 86

Re: Council Bill 227 & Ordinance 227

Bob;

In regards to your phone call of January 29, 1985 in regards to the amount of money taken in on Butte Silver Bow Amusement Ordinance #227 following is a list of totals for the years 1982, 1983, 1984 & 1985, but the 1985 will not be a final amount as they still have until January 31, 1985 to obtain their license.

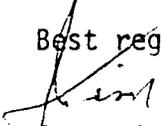
Amusement

1982	\$27,500.00
1983	37,725.00
1984	30,150.00
1985	2,520.00 (Please note amusement licenses have been reduced from \$75.00 to \$40.00 per machine.)

I hope that these are the figures you are looking for per your phone call today and I would at this time like to bring to your attention that we have a special deputy tax collector who works out of the Sheriff's office through the Treasurer's office to police liquor license, gambling license, amusement license, delinquent personal trailer taxes and personal business taxes.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,


James C. Davis, Jr.
Treasurer
Butte Silver Bow

HB236

COUNTY/City	MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION	Cal. Yr. or F.Y. :		
		1982 82-83	1983 83-84	1984 84-85
BROADWATER	Some prorated	507	2,346	
Townsend		4,000	2,700	
* BUTTE/SILVER BOW & CARBON (See Page 4)				
CASCADE	59 poker machines		35,800	
Great Falls	144 poker machines @ \$700		100,800	
	114 Keno @ \$250			28,500
Belt	9 poker machines @ \$250		2,250	
CHOUTEAU	No license fees			
Fort Benton	7 poker machines		3,650	
CUSTER			4,205	950
Miles City			16,060	3,072
DEER LODGE/ANACONDA	\$500/machine	21,500	29,000	23,000
GALLATIN	49 poker		15,450	
	20 Keno			10,445
Bozeman	37 Poker		18,500	
	11 Keno		5,500	
	36 Keno			18,000

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Belgrade 14 @ \$300 4,200 3,300
11 @ \$300

Manhattan 5,900 1,500

Three Forks 400 1,500

FERGUS Country + other incorp. towns (Est) 5,000 (Est) 5,000

Lewistown 33 @ \$300 9,900 9,900

GLACIER No license fee

Cut Bank 28 poker, 1 Keno no fee no fee
28 Keno & mixed

HILL No license fee

Havre (Est. c/y 1985 = \$12,000) 16,581 20,250

JEFFERSON 3,688 2,900

LAKE Never had poker machines 1,200 1,200
24 Keno @ \$50

Polson 15 Keno no fee no fee

Ronan 10 Keno no fee no fee

St. Ignatius 2 Keno (offered \$300/machine to no fee no fee
city commrs. but they did not accept.)

LEWIS & CLARK 47 machines 23,500 18,000
36 machines

Helena 136 machines 68,000 46,000
92 machines

COUNTY/City

MISCL. INFORMATION

Cal. Yr.: 1982 1983 1984
or F.Y. : 82-83 83-84 84-85

LIBERTY 12 poker, 6 Keno no fee
12 Keno no fee

MISSOULA June '83 to present (Keno) 34,511
(Poker tables = \$6,562.50)

Missoula 56,175 55,050

PARK (Including Livingston) 50,000 32,000

PHILLIPS No fee; est. 22 machines no fee no fee

Malta 6,000 2,400

PONDERA 10 poker, 2 Keno (Jan-July '84) 1,330 1,500
Keno, 84-85

Conrad 7 Keno 3,800

* RAVALLI (See Page 4)

ROOSEVELT No fee no fee no fee

Wolf Point 4,875

ROSEBUD 25 machines (\$500 ea. if legalized) no fee no fee

Forsyth 20 machines (\$500 ea. if legalized) no fee no fee

SHERIDAN No fee in county or incorp. towns no fee no fee

TETON no fee no fee no fee

Fairfield Four \$500 gaming licenses + 1 Keno 3,225 2,125

Choteau 3,600

TOOLE 36 Keno machines no fee no fee

TREASURE (Hysham) 4 Keno no fee no fee

VALLEY no fee

Glasgow
 Poker 6,935 3,102
 17 Keno

YELLOWSTONE \$750 + \$200 for each addl. machine; 20 @ \$750 (as of 12/84) 15,000
 28 @ \$200 " " 5,600

Billings 52 machines (fee \$750; some prorated) 21,750

ADDENDUM

BUTTE/SILVER BOW \$500 for 1st machine; \$400-2nd; \$300-3rd; \$500-4 or more, or 121,900 120,000
 \$2500 for all game license

CARBON No fees No fees

Red Lodge All poker (machines & tables) 2,300 1,725

RAVALLI No breakdown on cost/machine or number. 1,350 1,350

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Jan 16, 1985

The City of Wolf Point put a gaming License on our Poker Machines in July 1983 to 1984 for \$250.00 per Machine.

We were told by the State to find ways to raise our own money and this was a very good way.

We also specified that the money be spent on our youth. This made both the bar owners and parent happy.

In 1983-1984 year the City of Wolf Point received \$4875.00 from Poker Machines.

Wolf Point is the only town in Roosevelt County that has the License for the Machines. The County does not have any License.

Heenan Shumway
City Council
Wolf Point Montana

January 31, 1985

House Business and Labor Committee
Bob Pavlovich, Chairman
Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59604

Dear Mr. Pavlovich:

In reference to HB236 that is scheduled for hearing February 6, 1985, as a City of Malta Alterman I would recommend and support for passage that Electronic Devices (Poker Machines) be approved.

Effective February 1, 1985, the City of Malta has licensed Keno Machines with one-third of the revenue being collected of what the Poker Machines generated. The last year the Poker Machines brought into the City of Malta was approximately \$6,000.00 and the Keno Machines will bring in approximately \$2,400.00.

I personally researched the revenue brought in by the Keno vs Poker Machines at a location that is consistant in trade patterns. I also checked with other locations from reputable individuals and my findings were consistant throughout. The Keno Machine brings in approx. 1/3 vs Poker.

I have never found any abuse what-so-ever occuring in any establishment having Poker Machines. I strongly feel the economic value to the bar owner is paramount as most bars in any community are the first to support any worth while community endeavor.

At the present time, the laws are not consistant with the original intent. Many counties around Phillips County are allowing electronic devices similar to the Poker Machine to be legal (Or allowing). I am confident the majority of the inhabitants of the State of Montana would want the Poker Machines allowed without the present confusion.

In the City of Malta, there is no problem with the control by the Licensing Ordinance. This gives local authority control with a revenue amount kept at the local level.

I would like to thank-you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Garry L. Adams, Alterman
City of Malta
Drawer 490
Malta, MT 59538
(406) 654-1132

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January 31, 1985

House Business & Labor Committee
Bob Pavlovich, Chairman
State Capitol Building
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Chairman & Committee Members:

As a tavern owner and businessman, I am in support of HB 236. Some of my reasons are explained in the following paragraphs.

In the Phillips County area, more specifically Malta, we rely on farming and ranching for a lot of our business. The last 3 years have been very dry leaving our farmers and ranchers really hurting for income. Because of this, our business is down. Also, with tougher DUI laws and more public awareness of drinking, our business is down. In all, our business for 1984 was down 25%. In previous years we have employed as many as 11 people at a given time and have had to decrease this number to 7 and 8. We feel that if we had the machines in question here, we would have to employ at least one more person.

As we are only 40 miles from Canada, we get quite a few Canadian people who like to have something to do when they come to Malta. It is surprising the number of them that stop on their way to Nevada.

I realize that HB 236 will not solve all my problems, but it can't hurt. As a taxpayer, the revenue my city receives helps also.

As a tavern owner, businessman, taxpayer, and individual, I urge you to pass HB 236.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Byron D. Ereaux, Partner
Roger's Saloon
Malta, MT 59538

Keep electronic poker bill simple

It comes as no surprise that one bill has been introduced to legalize electronic poker and another is being drafted.

Electronic poker became a local option when Attorney General Mike Greely refused to rule on its legality. Draw 80 electronic poker proved to be quite popular in jurisdictions where it was allowed until the state Supreme Court ruled Draw 80 illegal.

Rep. Bob Pavlovich, D-Butte, has introduced a bill to legalize electronic poker. It's short and simple: It defines electronic poker as legal. That's it.

Rep. Paul Boylan, D-Bozeman, has asked legislative language technicians to draw up a more complicated measure. It would set a list of state license fees for manufacturers, distributors and owners of the machines and put the Department of Revenue in charge of divvying up the take, some of which would go to the state and local governments.

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According to Boylan, a survey said 70 percent of the people wanted electronic poker. Perhaps. But we doubt that if given the option of who should control the machines, we doubt that 70 percent would want to add to the bureaucracy in the Department of Revenue.

License fees from poker machines were a nice source of revenue for cities and counties (Butte reportedly was collecting about \$200,000 a year). Local governments already have fees and a licensing procedure in place. We don't think it's necessary for the state to get its hands on a piece of this pie.

Perhaps the Legislature should limit the number of poker machines for each establishment to prevent casino-type operations. And maybe it should set a maximum license fee that local governments could impose to prevent them from taxing a legal enterprise out of business.

We support legalizing electronic poker, but if we are going to have the machines, local governments should be the ones to reap the benefits of licensing revenue.

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Will Reagan search for

N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — President Reagan is entering his second term with high hopes and powerful political support. But the huge margin by which he was re-elected emphasizes that much also is expected of him — particularly that he should lead the way, if possible, toward a prudent easing of Soviet-American tensions.

That is what, by most measures of public opinion, the American people want, and what Reagan has been saying, since early 1984, that he wants, too. That is why he met with Foreign Minister Gromyko last fall, and sent Secretary Shultz to meet Gromyko in Geneva. That is why the agreement they worked out to resume arms control talks was greeted with enthusiasm.

To most Americans, an easing of tensions is likely to mean arms control — better still, in the president's preferred phrase, arms reduction. And just as the best known anti-Communist of his time

day's most prominent anti-Soviet hawk could be the right man to lead suspicious Americans into far-reaching compromise between the nuclear superpowers.

In 1972, Nixon demonstrably knew how to pursue his mighty goals. The question about Reagan — with all due respect to his sincerity — is whether he knows how to move from the resumption of negotiations to a negotiated agreement. He has properly warned that this will be a long, hard task — but seemed to refer more to the proven difficulties of dealing with the Russians than to the necessity for a forthcoming American approach.

There are at least three reasons to question Reagan's ability to reach an arms control agreement. One is the record of his conduct of both the strategic arms (START) talks and the intermediate-range missile (INF) negotiations.

In START, Moscow was asked to make deep cuts in its heavy, land-based missiles, amounting to a major restructuring

were asked to dismantle all (later just some of) their SS-20 missiles aimed Europe, in return for U.S. agreement cancel future deployment in Europe of a or some of the Pershing 2 and cruise missiles agreed upon by the NATO allies.

In both cases, Moscow was expected to reduce its deployed hardware — in STSR more drastically than the United States proposed to cut in return; and in INF only for American agreement not to go ahead with future deployments. The Russians ultimately walked out of both negotiations they are likely to do so again if Reagan insists that Moscow cut back its forces out proportion to what the United States is willing to do.

Nor is agreement likely if Reagan continues his military buildup unabated. He exempts the Pentagon budget from the spending cuts by which he hopes to deal with the federal deficit, and resists elimination of any of the major weapons systems now being developed.

Exhibit 12

HB 236

2/6/85

Submitted by: Neal Kirkness

2/5/85

TESTIMONY PROVIDED BY NEAL KIRKNESS IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 236 THAT WOULD LEGALIZE MECHANICAL DRAW POKER.

SINCE THE STATE OF MONTANA DOES AUTHORIZE LIMITED GAMBLING, IT SEEMS UNFORTUNATE THAT MECHANICAL DRAW POKER CANNOT BE ENJOYED BY THE PUBLIC. IT'S EXTENSIVE USE THROUGHOUT THE STATE PRIOR TO THE SUPREME COURT DECISION IS TESTIMONY OF THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST IN THE GAME. THE DISTINCTION THAT IS DRAWN BETWEEN MECHANICAL KENO AND DRAW POKER IS UNREASONABLE. DRAW POKER MACHINES OFFER A SIGNIFICANT SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ARE A SOURCE OF RECREATIONAL ENJOYMENT FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE. I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 236.

Exhibit 13

HB 236

2/6/85

Submitted by: Ernie
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**GREAT
FALLS AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

P.O. BOX 2127
926 CENTRAL AVENUE
GREAT FALLS, MONTANA 59403
(406) 761-4434

February 5, 1985

To: House Business and Labor Committee

From: Roger W. Young
President - Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

Subject: ***DRAW 80 POKER HB 236 (PAVLOVICH)***

The Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce supports the passage of HB 236 to legalize the playing of Draw 80 Poker in Montana.

In a recent membership survey, 66% of the respondents said they favored passage of legislation to legalize Draw 80. Only 28% were opposed. We believe this support is so widespread because the game had become well accepted before it was abruptly removed from the establishments which were providing this form of entertainment. It was a very popular game for local residents and tourists alike. To our knowledge, there was no evidence that the game had produced any negative social consequences.

Indeed, Draw 80 Poker licensing constituted substantial revenue to local government. Local government is deprived of this revenue at a time when any revenue shortfalls are difficult to absorb. We believe legalizing this form of entertainment is the best way to control and regulate its play. It is an important tool for enterprises who use it to improve the profitability of businesses which are already facing very difficult economic times.

We urge passage of HB 236. It's good for business. It's good for tourism. It's what the people want.

cc: Cascade County Legislative Delegation

Montana
Association of
Churches



Exhibit 14

HB 236

2/6/85

Submitted by: Cathy Campbell

MONTANA RELIGIOUS LEGISLATIVE COALITION • P.O. Box 745 • Helena, MT 59624

February 6, 1985

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE BUSINESS AND
LABOR COMMITTEE:

WORKING TOGETHER:

American Baptist Churches
of the Northwest

American Lutheran Church
Rocky Mountain District

Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
in Montana

Episcopal Church
Diocese of Montana

Lutheran Church
in America
Pacific Northwest Synod

Roman Catholic Diocese
of Great Falls-Billings

Roman Catholic Diocese
of Helena

United Church
of Christ
MT-N.WY Conference

United Methodist Church
Yellowstone Conference

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Glacier Presbytery

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Yellowstone Presbytery

I am Cathy Campbell, speaking on behalf of the Montana Association of Churches and testifying against HB 236.

I've testified here before and stated our position. Commercial gambling is non-productive in nature, creates no new resources and provides no essential services to a community. It places an added strain on the family structure, potentially corrupts government at all levels and sets up many related crime and law enforcement problems. Any expansion of authorized gambling would tend to make these problems worse.

HB 236 is a particularly dangerous bill.

It will legalize electronic poker machines, machines which the Montana Supreme Court has ruled are slot machines. In a decision exactly one year ago today, the Court stated that "the electronic 'poker' machine is clearly a slot machine..." (Gallatin County v D&R Music & Vending Company, 1984 (No. 82-461)

And they are slot machines. As far as I can determine, these electronic slot machines are legal in only two other states, Nevada and Atlantic City, New Jersey. They are casino machines.

New Jersey has a lot of gambling, including electronic poker machines, but these machines are allowed only in the casinos in Atlantic City. They are not legal in taverns or other locations throughout the state as HB 236 would allow them to be in Montana. In New Jersey, they are recognized for what they are and are restricted to casinos.

Two years ago, Montanans voted in 1-92 almost 2 to 1 against the expansion of authorized gambling, including "electronic or mechanical devices." This was after the proponents of the initiative outspent the opponents by a margin of 13 to 1.

The Court has clarified the issue. The voters have spoken on the issue. We oppose slot machines in Montana. I ask you to defeat HB 236.

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.B. 236 ... Rev. George Harper
Yellowstone Annual Conference of
The United Methodist Church

Somebody wrote that "the only thing we learn from history is that we never learn anything from history." But intelligent people should.

In Montana we have a recent history of allowing gambling machines from which we can learn a lot. If this session were being held in 1960, the memory would be so recent that we would not even be considering bills to expand gambling today. But in 1985 the memories are hazier, and many new Montanans have never experienced the few years around 1950. So let's refresh our memory of that period.

In 1937 the Legislature needed a little money to balance the state budget, and the business community gave the nod to the Hickey Act which authorized card games, with prizes redeemable only in merchandise. Does that sound familiar? Proceeds by gambling establishments were to be taxed.

With the nose under the tent, the camel ... although spotted specifically in the Montana Constitution and named illegal ... came right on in. Games increased. Within a few years the Legislature authorized non-profit social clubs to have slot machines and punch boards. Whereupon every bar in the state was organized as a "social club." Some of you who lived in Montana in those days remember how the punch boards and slot machines became common.

Ignoring the fact that gambling itself was declared illegal by the Constitution, the Legislature passed tax acts on punch boards and slots. The State Board of Equalization, as it was named then, can produce the records that show that they figured from tax returns on punch boards that these little devices alone did a \$24,000,000 business in fiscal year 1948-49.

Their estimate, and that of the Attorney General's office, was that slot machines may have doubled that amount of income to commercial gamblers.

Since gambling was still illegal but out of hand, Attorney General Arnold Olson, prodded by business people of our communities who were sitting on bad debts which were rising astonishingly, moved against gambling enterprises in every part of the state. In twenty district cases, he and others tried in vain to get a judgement to "enjoin the operation" of slot machines. In the twenty-first case, in Lewistown, a young attorney, Louise Galt by name now, got a conviction. Persuaded by Law Enforcement people, the gambler agreed to appeal the case to the Supreme Court of Montana, the last thing the gambling interests wanted.

On June 30, 1950, the Montana Supreme Court handed down a decision stating that all gambling enterprises were illegal under our Constitution.

As a follow up, the question of legalizing slot machines was put on the ballot in the general election of Nov. 1950. The people of Montana voted 4 to 1 against a return of slot machines. Even Silver Bow County went 2 to 1 against them.

Did gambling affect law enforcement, particularly the will of local officials to prosecute? In the spring of 1949, the Attorney General called a conference of

Law enforcement officials. Sheriffs, police chiefs, and county attorneys were to come to discuss the gambling problem. Not one sherrif or police chief came. Only eight County Attorneys of the fifty-six arrived.

After the Supreme Court ruling, and the people's ballot in 1950, the next Attorney General's Conference got full support and attendance.

Perhaps some of these memories of our not-too-distant past influenced the vote on the last state wide referendum concerning gambling. Once again, after an extensive and expensive campaign to sell the people of Montana on the "benefits" of expanded gambling, the people of Montana voted almost 2 to 1 against Initiative 92!

The ballot was simple and easy to read. Everybody knew what they were voted on. "For (or against) expansion of authorized gambling, to include blackjack, punchboards, and certain electronic or mechanical gambling devices, and creation of a State Gaming Commission."

"We can learn some lessons from our history," Montanans said. "We do not want machine gambling, and we do not want our state in the gambling business."

George Harper

George Harper

Feb 6, 1985



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February 5, 1985

TESTIMONY

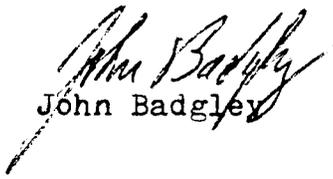
HOUSE BUSINESS AND LABOR COMMITTEE

Re: Art Consignment Legislation. H.B. 602

The Institute of the Rockies sponsored a workshop in December, 1984 on "Art and the Law". Over 40 participants paid to attend and we found a very intense and widespread concern for the business side of art in Montana. Three attorneys and a CPA from the Montana Arts Council served as resource speakers and all spoke to the federal laws extant and protective of artists rights.

As the workshop progressed it became apparent that Montana needs to catch up with other states that have recognized the special needs of artists and craftsmen as well as writers and musicians who must deal with a market that is exceedingly competitive and marginal for most people.

In the long run it seems this legislation will serve to bring the artist and gallery into a full partnership and thereby benefit both parties. I am pleased to speak in support of this bill.


John Badgley

Dear Sirs;

I am writting this letter with some great concern on House Bill # 236 for the legalization of the use of electronic poker machines in the State of Montana. I know that you hear from alot of church organizations on moral issues and on the evils it brings to family life. An maybe that might be true to a certain point, but we will always have within our society people who leak off of the misfortunes of others. That is just part of the human race. Some people look out for only for themselves and no one else. When the United States government back in the 1920's tried to enforce Prohibition. The sale of alcohol did not stop underground bars and organized crime from saling it. Anyway a law might be written, their are some who will find away around it to make a buck.

If you are thinking of voting on this House Bill # 236. Think of all of the aspects of what can be done the honest way. A Gaming Commission and State could put restrictions on the pay-offs and levy a tax pre-machine that could bring revenue to the State to help support the State Office for Public Instruction, Montana State Fire Training Service, State Law Enforcement, or Developmental Disabilities Division. These are just a few areas I'm sure that could benefit from the extra tax revenue.

Your concern shouldn't be the evils of what this House Bill supports, but how can you stop organized crime from coming in the State and doing things illegally. Under State control and with certain restrictions the Bill past will be a honest one.

Sincerely,
Father Greg Staudinger
Saint Raphael Church
Box 1047
Glasgow, Montana 59230

Fr Greg Staudinger



**GREAT
FALLS AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

P.O. BOX 2127
926 CENTRAL AVENUE
GREAT FALLS, MONTANA 59403
(406) 761-4434

February 5, 1985

To: House Business and Labor Committee

From: Roger W. Young
President - Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

Subject: ***DRAW 80 POKER HB 236 (PAVLOVICH)***

The Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce supports the passage of HB 236 to legalize the playing of Draw 80 Poker in Montana.

In a recent membership survey, 66% of the respondents said they favored passage of legislation to legalize Draw 80. Only 28% were opposed. We believe this support is so widespread because the game had become well accepted before it was abruptly removed from the establishments which were providing this form of entertainment. It was a very popular game for local residents and tourists alike. To our knowledge, there was no evidence that the game had produced any negative social consequences.

Indeed, Draw 80 Poker licensing constituted substantial revenue to local government. Local government is now deprived of this revenue at a time when any revenue shortfalls are difficult to absorb. We believe legalizing this form of entertainment is the best way to control and regulate its play. It is an important tool for enterprises who use it to improve the profitability of businesses which are already facing very difficult economic times.

We urge passage of HB 236. It's good for business. It's good for tourism. It's what the people want.

cc: Cascade County Legislative Delegation

January 31, 1985

House Business and Labor Committee
Bob Pavlovich, Chairman
Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59604

Dear Mr. Pavlovich:

In reference to HB236 that is scheduled for hearing February 6, 1985, as a City of Malta Alterman I would recommend and support for passage that Electronic Devices (Poker Machines) be approved.

Effective February 1, 1985, the City of Malta has licensed Keno Machines with one-third of the revenue being collected of what the Poker Machines generated. The last year the Poker Machines brought into the City of Malta was approximately \$6,000.00 and the Keno Machines will bring in approximately \$2,400.00.

I personally researched the revenue brought in by the Keno vs Poker Machines at a location that is consistant in trade patterns. I also checked with other locations from reputable individuals and my findings were consistant throughout. The Keno Machine brings in approx. 1/3 vs Poker.

I have never found any abuse what-so-ever occuring in any establishment having Poker Machines. I strongly feel the economic value to the bar owner is paramount as most bars in any community are the first to support any worth while community endeavor.

At the present time, the laws are not consistant with the original intent. Many counties around Phillips County are allowing electronic devices similar to the Poker Machine to be legal (Or allowing). I am confident the majority of the inhabitants of the State of Montana would want the Poker Machines allowed without the present confusion.

In the City of Malta, there is no problem with the control by the Licensing Ordinance. This gives local authority control with a revenue amount kept at the local level.

I would like to thank-you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Garry L. Adams, Alterman
City of Malta
Drawer 490
Malta, MT 59538
(406) 654-1132

GLA

January 31, 1985

House Business & Labor Committee
Bob Pavlovich, Chairman
State Capitol Building
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Chairman & Committee Members:

As a tavern owner and businessman, I am in support of HB 236. Some of my reasons are explained in the following paragraphs.

In the Phillips County area, more specifically Malta, we rely on farming and ranching for a lot of our business. The last 3 years have been very dry leaving our farmers and ranchers really hurting for income. Because of this, our business is down. Also, with tougher DUI laws and more public awareness of drinking, our business is down. In all, our business for 1984 was down 25%. In previous years we have employed as many as 11 people at a given time and have had to decrease this number to 7 and 8. We feel that if we had the machines in question here, we would have to employ at least one more person.

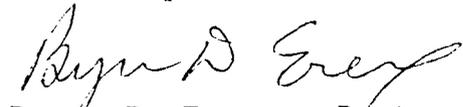
As we are only 40 miles from Canada, we get quite a few Canadian people who like to have something to do when they come to Malta. It is surprising the number of them that stop on their way to Nevada.

I realize that HB 236 will not solve all my problems, but it can't hurt. As a taxpayer, the revenue my city receives helps also.

As a tavern owner, businessman, taxpayer, and individual, I urge you to pass HB 236.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Byron D. Ereaux, Partner
Roger's Saloon
Malta, MT 59538

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

County of Carbon



Red Lodge, Montana
59068

February 5, 1985

Honorable Gary Spaeth
House of Representatives
Helena, Montana 59620

Dear Gary;

The County Commissioners of Carbon County would like to see the return of poker machines. The loss of revenue to the county as well as to business in general has hurt the economy in the area. Carbon County would like to see the return of the poker machines for this reason. This letter is endorsed by the County Commissioners of Carbon County.

Respectfully yours,

Richard Steffan

Richard Steffan, Chairman

Frank Cole, Jr.

Frank Cole, Jr.

Bob Rowland

Bob Rowland

Red Lodge, Montana

February 5, 1985

Honorable Gary Spaeth
House of Representatives
Helena, Montana

Dear Gary,

The town of Red Lodge in Carbon County would like to see the return of poker machines. The loss of revenue to the city as well as to business in general has hurt the economy in the area. The town of Red Lodge would like to see the return of the poker machines for this reason.

This letter is endorsed by the City Council, the Chief of Police as well as myself.

Respectfully yours,

Ronald A. Kotar
Ron Kotar

Mayor, Red Lodge, Mt.

E. R. Owen
Chief of Police

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Jan 16, 1985

The City of Wolf Point put a gaming License on our Poker Machines in July 1983 to 1984 for \$250.00 per Machine.

We were told by the State to find ways to raise our own money and this was a very good way.

We also specified that the money be spent on our youth. This made both the bar owners and parent happy.

In 1983-1984 year the City of Wolf Point received \$4875.00 from Poker Machines.

Wolf Point is the only town in Roosevelt County that has the License the Machines. The County does not have any License.

Heenan Shumway
City Council
Wolf Point Montana

Donald J. Wong
Wong's Silver Spur
2000 N. Montana Ave.
Helena, MT 59601
February 4, 1985

Rep. Jan Brown
House of Representatives
Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59620

Rep. Brown:

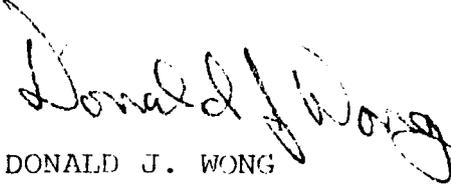
We would like your support on HB 236.

I represent Tri-County Licensed Beverage. I myself have been in the tavern industry for fifteen years and would appreciate your support on this issue.

HB 236 allows all license fees to remain at the local level where revenue is badly needed. It merely corrects the fault the Supreme Court found with present law when they declared poker machines illegal. All of the controls that were there before are still in the law. HB 236 amends only the definition section so the rest of the present law remains unchanged.

Would you please contact me at 458-5500 as to your decision on this matter.

Thank you,


DONALD J. WONG



Rodgers Oil Company

P. O. BOX 1169 · GLASGOW, MONTANA 59230 · (406) 228-4231

January 30, 1985

Re: House Bill #236

Business & Labor Committee
Capitol Building
Room 312 - 2
Helena, Montana 59620

Gentlemen:

I understand, that in the near future, you will be holding hearings on House Bill # 236, regarding the Electric Poker Machines.

According to the City of Glasgow, most of the money from the licensing of these machines, is used by the Local Police Department for Enforcement and all types of Law Enforcement in Valley County.

As you are all aware, the current economy makes it necessary to utilize the monies that we can raise from any licenses or sale of permits, at the local level. Otherwise, the set costs go right back to the property tax payers and can not be afforded.

For these reasons and others, I will support: House Bill 236 for Electric Poker Machines.

Respectfully Submitted:

Thomas E. Rodgers
Rodgers Oil Company
Glasgow, Montana 59230

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE, INC.
AREA

BOX 832 GLASGOW, MONTANA 59230

TELEPHONE (406) 228-2222

January 31, 1985

Chairman Pavlovich and Members of
House Business and Labor Committee

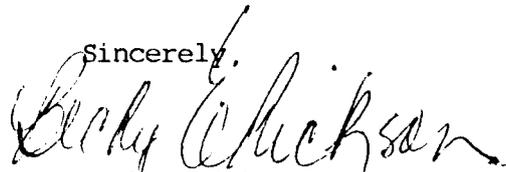
Enclosed please find copies of letters, petitions, and statements of support for HB 236. While gathering this testimony, as you can see, I found support from many different segments of our populace.

These documents are being forwarded because the travel time, distance and expense simply is not practical for so many to give testimony in person.

I, along with two other young women, own and operate Sam's Supper Club and Lounge here in Glasgow. We have been in business six years and still find ourselves cooking, washing dishes and tending bar just to make ends meet. The added revenue produced by poker machines would certainly be put to good use in our business, by helping to pay some of the always increasing costs of doing business. As I'm sure you know, the economy of our area is not good, and we find ourselves grasping at straws just to stay in business. All revenue produced by these machines simply does not accrue to the owners or operators. In Valley County, the last year they were being used, approximately \$7,000.00 of License Fee money went towards improved law enforcement for our area.

I take this opportunity to impress upon you how important the passage of this legislation is to us, and respectfully ask that you vote in favor of HB 236.

Sincerely,



Becky Erickson
Immediate Past President

Sam's Supper Club

307 1ST AVENUE NORTH
GLASGOW, MONTANA 59230

January 31, 1985

Members of Business and Labor Committee,

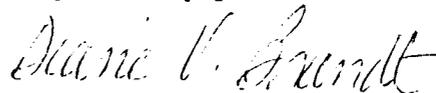
I support HB 236 legalizing electronic or mechanical video game machines.

I support passage of this bill for the following reasons:

1. the revenue from licensing these machines goes to the city and county tax base. In Glasgow, much of this revenue goes to subsidize the city law enforcement.
2. the machines create jobs for vendors, thus creating new small businesses.
3. living in an agricultural community that is economically depressed, our small businesses are barely surviving, any type of additional revenue is important for survival.
4. taverns and restaurants are important small businesses to any community. I am part owner of Sam's Supper Club. Our business provides twenty jobs in Glasgow. Three-fourths of these people are single, divorced, or widowed women supporting their families. Our restaurant alone in 1985 spent over \$2,000.00 supporting tournaments, rodeos, little league baseball, senior citizens and numerous other community activities.

After serving for one year on the Governor's Council of Economic Development, I believe the State of Montana wants to help create and maintain small businesses. Supporting HB 236 is a step towards attaining this goal.

Respectfully yours,



Diane Brandt



AND CONVENTION CENTER

P.O. Box 1240 - Highway 2 East - Glasgow, Montana 59230 - Telephone 406/228-8213

January 31, 1985

Montana State Representatives
Business and Labor Committee
Helena, Mt., 59624

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I would urge each of you to vote "YES" for the passage out of committee to the floor of H.B. 236.

I have been an Innkeeper in the great State of Montana for many years, and have seen many changes in the business climate of our industry. We are presently facing the toughest times in our industry that we have ever faced economically. There are many small tavern operators that are facing bankruptcy because of the drought in Eastern Montana, the almost complete shutdown of the oil industry, high utility bills and countless other problems and crises.

One of the great salvations in years past were the electronic gaming machines that were allowed for a period of about two years. The proceeds from the machines helped these operators of small business keep their doors open.

Many people say that we were taking money from families that needed that money to feed, house and cloth themselves. I believe that these people were and are wrong! The typical player of these devices played a few dollars for amusement and because they did not wish to get involved in a real card game. The devices were restricted to adults and contrary to some horror stories, minors were not allowed to play the machines. I have never heard of any machine being fixed to not pay out any winnings.

We in the innkeeping business are for the most part responsible taxpaying citizens who support our communities and state by donations, employment, and involvement in community affairs. In order to survive we need as many sources of revenue as possible! Please, vote yes.

Sincerely,

COTTONWOOD INN

Lawrence J. McRae
General Manager For Reservations in Montana Call Toll Free 1-800-521-6383

To Members of Business & Labor Committee

I support H. B. 236

I have owned and bartended for seven years and feel gambling should be legalized. The economy of Glasgow has gone downhill for the past few years. We need the money from the machines to stay in business

Diane Konekush
Gateway Inn
Box 266
Sact Pch, VA

59223

To whom it may concern:

I support H.B. 236 - due to drought and slow economy - We need extra income to help the Lar Business -

Ruth A. Danoko.
Sac. Mt-5926,

To Members of Business & Labor

I Support HB 236

Economy the way it is we could
use this support to keep
Business open. Please support
us.

Ed Dinger
B.F. & P. #1722
CLAS904MT59230

To: Members of Business & Labor —
I support HB 236 —
I oppose the computerized
paper machine bill. Please
support us.

Pamela D. Kelly
Owner

Alley's Bar
331 1ST Ave S
Glasgow, MN.

59230

I support HB236. The bars and supper clubs in this area are barely getting by. Taverns are important small businesses in Northeastern Mont. They contribute to community programs along with other small businesses. Please support the poker & keno machine bill. This bill will make a difference in my town. The added revenue to our city and local ~~revenue~~ tax base is needed to lower the property taxes.

Carl Huff
Box 147
Matta Wat

To members of business and Labor

I oppose computerized poker
machine bill. I support

HB 236. I ~~we~~ have owned
the Montana Bar for 3 years
and I need the money from
these machines to pay bills.

We feel its time you
support us.

Paul & Darlene Morson
Montana Bar
Glasgow, Mont.

We support Legalizing Electronic
 poker: KENO Machines. HB-236

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Occupation:</u>
Duan Burford	Labour
Wanda Burford	wife
Carl Woodall	Saco Mt 59261
Harold Woodall	Clark Saco Mt 59361
Ray Knudsen	Rancher Saco Mt 11
Tom Skjerve	Rancher
Leroy Costin	Rancher Saco Mt.
Jack Jacobson	Labour
Vern Dale	Labour
Charlie Miller	labo
Danar Hansen	mechanic
Myrl Smith	Super Bab
Lance Beto	Bar m
Mike Rembersu	Bar Tender
Art Carney	Shambler
Arvid Simpson	Ranch And
Marianne Costin	housewife
Juan Jacobson	Secretary
Wade Jorgensen	Welder
Leuel Henri	water leader

For Members of Business & Labor Comm.

I support HB 236. I live in a small farming community, we support many community projects, including the high school, little league, ~~baseball~~ ^{and} rodeos etc. We are a important small business in this drought stricken area. The poker & keno machines are added income to our business, this money goes to pay our utilities, bank loans. I would appreciate your needed support on this bill.

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Cody O'Brien
Box 116
Law, Mt
OB'S Bu

You support House Bill 236.

NAME:

OCCUPATION:

Cindy Bianco	Lawyer
Atty. Alessia	Bar tender
Mary Grobel Wesen	Nurse
Karen Flint	Waitress
Glenn Scott	Water clerk
Robbie Spidel	Nurse
Hanna Dennis	NR-EMT-A
Wanda Scott	
Jennifer Hicks	Nurses Aide
of Stone	Bar tender
Dean Jegg	BN Railroad
Reik Ost	Sales Rep
Jeff Hayward	Self Employed
Raymond Paulson	Beer
Wally Wilson	

In. MEMBERS OF BUSINESS + LABOR COMMITTEE:

I SUPPORT HOUSE BILL #236. SALES IN MY RESTAURANT AND SALOON ARE DOWN SHARPLY AND I NEED INCOME FROM THE ELECTRONIC MACHINES TO OFFSET UTILITIES, ETC.

Chuck Loge, OWNER
CHUCK'S PIZZA + SUCH
GLASGOW, MT

To whom it may concern -

I am in support of H.B. #236. All bars need this extra income at this time to help with our rising electric + phone bills.

Sharty Bartes
Rainbow Room Bar
Kincaidale, Mont. •

59241

1-29-85

Members of Business & Labor Committee

I support AB 236 to legalize poker and
keno machines. The Tavern industry
in Valley County makes significant
contributions to our community.

EW Crawford
Abstractor
Glasgow, Mt.

You support HB- 236:
 (To legalize Electronic Poker & Keno Machine)
NAME: OCCUPATION:

Lloyd Hopstad	BRKMN. Burlington Northern
Winn Krombach	Bar tender
John Hoyt	Bar tender
Doris Kacich	Housewife
Wayne Jacob	Farm & Ranch
George Alexand	RETIRED
Ernie Frost	Bar owner
B & E Jones	Loco Engnr BN inc
M. A. Tussitt	B. N.
Marvin S. Orator	retired
Grace Fassitt	Valley View Home
James J. Joy	ELECTRICIAN
Chasler Frost	Bar owner.
Dale E. Spitzer	Contract Specialist
Clara Kemmis	Ret. Military
Edily Bianco	Housewife
Wayne Leissner	Bar tender
Bob O. [unclear]	AUDITOR
Barbara Barnett	Bar tender
Laurel Clark	Housewife
Gene Wolbachger	Electronics Tech.
Reynolds	Bar Owner

To Whom it May Concern:

I support HB 236 —

I am a bar owner in Hinsdale
& supporter of the community.

We need your support — we need
this extra revenue to pay
the bills.

— signed —
Sam Peterson
Northern Bar
Hinsdale Mont.

Use support House Bill - 236.

NAME:

Occupation:

Don Minnerath	carpenter
Carl Palm	Jobber
Carl Palm	Rancher
Web Taylor	Rancher - Farmer
Buck Taylor	" "
Bob Minnerath	Carpenter
Geddie Presis	Gen Cowman
Becky Erickson	Supper Club Owner
Kyle G. Donoho	Liquor Store
Chuck Kelly	Rancher
Charles E. ...	Matte, etc.
Daniel Elsworth	O'Brien Cafe & Motel
Maggie Keenan	bartender
Scott Keenan	Rancher
Harvey G. Norwitz	owner Botany Wine
Wayne ...	Wayne ... MDU
Jack Bernard	MDU
Rory Kittleson	Man
Clark ...	Precher
Al ...	Engineer

In support Parlovichs HB-236.

NAME:

Occupation:

Jack Sauer
Donald B Hughes
Ray Fullerton
Charles W Adams
Lloyd A Skjinn
Russell Williams
Sturley Hoggins
Frank Black
Brenda Rangel

BAR TENDER
Mechanical Engineer
Diesel - oil Rigs
FARMER
Retired
Public Work
Teacher
Laborer
Student

Donald B. Helms
Lloyd Johnson
LeRoy E. Koski
Eugene J. P. J. J. J.

Operator - Engineer
Salesman
Lawyer

Yue support Parloriers HB-236 —

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>OCCUPATION:</u>
Frances Black	Street Walker Bartender
Shayna Barnett	Bartender
Glenn E. Golum	Railroader
Thom & Wren	BARTENDER
Alan Knudson	Wolf Out Mt. Salem
Earl Rones	Retired
Harry Sawbaker	Relief
Larry Schlein	V/P
Sheila Rosencrans	BARTENDER
Dennis Frymoyer	Const. Worker
Mike Boyan	RANCH HAND
Elto M. Christensen	Const. Worker
Maieid	FN SW.
Colleen Charlenson	waitress
John Iowa	Carpenter
Paul Aern	Bricklayer
Leslie Hennrich	Housewife
Carole Phillips	Accountant
Wesley	LABORER
Fred Fortref	Railroader
Wendy Duwat	dishwasher
Don Elliston	self employed ^{redie} _{adoption}
on only working	Service station att.
Judy Elliston	Freundomat Owner
Charles (keeper)	(Routemaster)

DRAW 80 - MACHINES

You support Bob Parlovichs' HB-236.

NAME:

OCCUPATION:

E. P. Linger

Club Manager

Glenn P. Myers

Unemployed

Lore F. Ehrmann

Retired

Mike Mason

Retired

Ronald G. Gore

Teacher

Donald B. Holland

Publisher

Larry Larsonquist

Francis Kelly

Jerry E. Koski

Salesman

Norbert M. Apres

Manager

John H. Jones

Teacher

Rod Oberg
 Beverly Beaubais
 Dawn DeBroy
 Lauren Moran
 Roy Mink
 Joe Benton
 Lucien Bellanger
 Fran Blau
 Ed & Helen
 Dolan Gray
 Robert Sanders
 Paul Kelly
 Gary
 Debbie Bayley
 Kelly Moberstead
 Lovita Myhre
 Al Doffinger
 Bill Mowhouse
 Bernie Mowhouse
 Wendy Makoff
 Kathy
 Pat Day
 Anita Sherman
 G. Hutzinger

and B.N.
 waitress
 Laborer (City of Glasgow)
 homemaker
 carpenter
 owner Jamesston
 dishwasher
 waitress
 Hardware & Home
 Retired Teacher
 Farmer
 Housekeeper
 Operator
 Beautician
 Stockyard
 Bartender
 Typist
 Westland Oil Co
 Bill's One Stop
 self-employed
 water rights
 accountant
 Bricklayer
 R.R.

Ull support Parlorists HB 236 —

NAME:

Occupation:

Tony Dull	Farmer - Rancher
Tom Haynes	" "
Rich Sudduth	" "
Paul Monson	Truck Driver
Eldon Courtney	Tech Foreman
Ray Hogan	Drilling Supt.
Edt Eads	Retired
George Bryant	RETIRED —
Leo Miles	Carpenter
Jack Billma	Rail
Robert H. Lyndell	Teacher
Vern Volk	worker
J. D. Brunckhorst	R. R. Brakeman
John Kuebel	B N Eng
Dustin Ferguson	B. W. Eng
Anna Bell	retired
Isabelle Sundby	Senior Citizen
VIP	Larry Schlein
Ray Twest	Retired
Helen W. Wilmayer	retired
John	PIMP
Brian Thompson	Rancher
Ullin	Max fledge
Bronc Rider	John Soper

Uu support Parlorians' HB 236

NAME:

Occupation:

Shirley Smuder	WELDER
Joe Miller Jr	STUDENT
Joe Schild Jr	Roughneck Lie
John Spotted Wood	SPOTTY TRK. DR.
Alvin Dierck	
Pamela D. Kelly	Alley's Bow
Wilton A. Lien	Retiree
Myrna Newton	Glasgow
Rochy D. Kochendorfer	Roughneck
Karl Rood	Oil inspector
Gray Kellert	Driller - Oil Rigs
Smith Northrup	Railroads
Pearl Hagen	Secretary
Neal Hagen	Farmer
Don Hagen	Farmer
Brenda Hopkins	Student
Dale Souler	Laborer
Elmer Kingel	Retired
Hal Fullerton	unemployed
Carol Dasecher	painter
Gene Dasecher	unemployed
Allan C Lawson	Retired
Troy Root	grocery clerk
Larry H. in.	Postbox

Com. Members of Business and Labor,

We have been in business in
Glasgow for about 7½ years. We
are very much in favor of

H.B. 236 as it is very tough
to try and pay all the bills the
way the economy has been going.

I feel this bill would not
only benefit the businesses but
also the State and local
governments as well.

Sincerely,

The Mint Bar
423 1st Ave So.
Glasgow, Montana
59230

Cheryl Ann Waters-owners
John H. Waters

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

I WOULD LIKE TO GO ON RECORD SUPPORTING HB 236, THAT WOULD
LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

Milda Carter NAME

Box 362 ADDRESS

Hinsdale MT. CITY

Bar-Owner OCCUPATION

In our Community our Bar contributes
to all the marathons for MS - March of Dimes,
Donates to all school functions. The really need
the extra revenue these machines bring to
help with larger phone, electric & Natural Gas.
The as low as ours our Canadian trade has
really dropped. They before used to come play
these machines. They also made purchases at
the other stores in our area. In Eastern
Montana we are really supporting this
Bill.

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

I WOULD LIKE TO GO ON RECORD SUPPORTING HB 236, THAT WOULD
LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

Jim Koessl NAME
513 ADDRESS
Nashua, Mt. CITY
Salesman OCCUPATION

I would like to go on record as
saying I support Nashua Little League,
Nashua Lions Club, Nashua Winterfest, Sheriff's
Dept, Nashua & Glasgow Sports Programs,
Nashua Senior Citizens, and I would
like to see HB 236 take effect!

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

I WOULD LIKE TO GO ON RECORD SUPPORTING HB 236, THAT WOULD
LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

Arta Faust NAME
224 1st Ave ADDRESS
Missoula, Mt CITY
Bus Owner OCCUPATION

We believe that legalizing electronic poker machines would increase revenues in the state. It has produced revenue to pay bills and also pay salaries that money changes hands several times. In our particular area the economy is down and additional revenue is much needed. By legalizing these machines the city, county & state would also benefit.

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

I WOULD LIKE TO GO ON RECORD SUPPORTING HB 236, THAT WOULD
LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

Dorlene Paul Monson NAME
902 3rd Ave So. ADDRESS
Glascow Mont. CITY
Montana Brewer OCCUPATION

We support all different types of
activity in Glascow. Such as School
Calendars - base ball and many more.
to many to even mention. I think the
machines help our community and it
also helps draw people to our town
which benefits stores hotels motels.

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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SINCERELY,

<u>William F. Jellie</u>	NAME
<u>67 Heather Lane</u>	ADDRESS
<u>Helena Mont.</u>	CITY
<u>Mayor of Helena</u>	OCCUPATION

*the city of Helena was taxing the machines by
a system of licenses. This income was used to support
the law enforcement of this city. This loss in license
fee puts additional pressure on our system of
property taxation.*

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SINCERELY,

Larry Lloyd NAME
Box 107 ADDRESS
Nashua Mt. CITY
Former Bar Owner OCCUPATION

We are very strong members of our community. Our children are all in school and we support and donate to every community organization. Our community enjoys the machines and totally supports these machines. It certainly helps us with our high cost of living bills and is very much needed.

Sharon Lloyd.

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SINCERELY,

Ralph E Berger NAME

933-57th Ave So ADDRESS

Glasgow Mont CITY

Carpenter - Painter OCCUPATION

All of the Counties City's & the state need the
massive revenue that this bill will generate.

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SINCERELY,

Steve Barnett NAME
Box 131 ADDRESS
Fl. Rock mt CITY
Myr. Supper Club OCCUPATION

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G. S. Gustafson NAME
1107 E KANSAS ADDRESS
FORT ROCK MT. CITY
HOTEL OWNER OCCUPATION

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SINCERELY,

St. Smith NAME
Box 886 ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY
employed OCCUPATION

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Walter F. Anderson NAME
Box 683 ADDRESS
Craigmont, Mont. CITY
OCCUPATION

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SINCERELY,

Robert Elfring NAME
135 4th Street N ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY

OCCUPATION

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SINCERELY,

Bill Frantz NAME
741 6th Ave South ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY

OCCUPATION

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SINCERELY,

Mary J. Fuhrman NAME
RR 1 west - 4390 ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY

OCCUPATION

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SINCERELY,

GARY DASCHER NAME
HER 271-1112 ADDRESS
Glasgow, mt CITY
Pub Tech OCCUPATION

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SINCERELY,

Lee Kippell NAME
Box 625 ADDRESS
Coleman CITY

OCCUPATION

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SINCERELY,

Pearl Golden NAME
Box 1135 ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY

OCCUPATION

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SINCERELY,

Keenan Stewart NAME
Nashua ADDRESS
CITY
Bar & Lanes OCCUPATION

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SINCERELY,

Rick Kinzell NAME
Box 625 ADDRESS
Elizaville Mt CITY
OCCUPATION

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SINCERELY,

Ray E. Emen NAME
700 N. 1st Ave ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY
Retired Co. U.S.A. OCCUPATION

Panel Fletch NAME
RR# Box 4970 ADDRESS
Glasgow Mt, CITY
Ranch Hand OCCUPATION

Patricia Newport NAME
Box 286 ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY
Rancher OCCUPATION

Paul J. Hill NAME
P.O. Box 44 ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY
Sales OCCUPATION

R. F. Rogers NAME
16 Heather Ln ADDRESS
Billings mt. CITY
Sales OCCUPATION

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SINCERELY,

[Signature] NAME
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Helena, MT CITY
Senior Psyc OCCUPATION

Linda D. Hume NAME
P.O. Box 1232 ADDRESS
Helena CITY
Dist. Worker OCCUPATION

Phil Adams NAME
1005 6th Ave. S. ADDRESS
Helena Mont CITY
Cook OCCUPATION

Larry Miller NAME
East Park Dr 29 ADDRESS
Helena CITY
Contractor OCCUPATION

Camela Kisker NAME
Box 1062 ADDRESS
Helena CITY
MT 59203 OCCUPATION

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SINCERELY,

M. J. Braden NAME

1100 Warden Dr ADDRESS

Glasgow MT. 59230 CITY

Const. OCCUPATION

Betty Ann Morrison NAME

Box 1175 ADDRESS

Glasgow, Mt CITY

OCCUPATION

Carly Smith NAME

75 Grand ADDRESS

Glasgow CITY

bar keeper OCCUPATION

Walker W. Turner NAME

Box 442 ADDRESS

Glasgow Mont CITY

Poker Player OCCUPATION

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Verna J. Plant NAME
Scottsdale RT Box 304 ADDRESS
Washington CITY
Home Keeper OCCUPATION

Dickie Wells NAME
RT 1 4970 ADDRESS
GLASGOW CITY
WIFE OCCUPATION

Betty Keough NAME
10-A Skyeview Dr ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY
Waitress OCCUPATION

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SINCERELY,

Jack Conner NAME
1205 6th Ave S. ADDRESS
Great Falls MONT CITY
INSURANCE OCCUPATION

How can you tell anyone how they
can spend the money they earn
at their job?

SINCERELY,

Wendy Bueche NAME
1015-6th Ave S. ADDRESS
Great Falls Mont CITY
Therapist OCCUPATION

SINCERELY,

Doris Belzer NAME
Box 1139 ADDRESS
Great Falls CITY
Bar Owner OCCUPATION

Ann Dandy NAME
640 5 Ave S. ADDRESS
Great Falls CITY
Sec. OCCUPATION

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SINCERELY,

Wendy Mount NAME
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Glasgow, Mont. CITY
dishwasher OCCUPATION

SINCERELY,

Mary Ann Remme NAME
615 6 St. So ADDRESS
Glasgow, Mt CITY
Club OCCUPATION

James Jones NAME
802 6th St. No. ADDRESS
Wagner CITY
Banking OCCUPATION

Jim Braun NAME
5th Street ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY
Bank employee OCCUPATION

Kim Erickson NAME
407 2nd Ave No ADDRESS
Glasgow, MT 59230 CITY
FNB of Glasgow OCCUPATION

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SINCERELY,

Pat Woodley NAME
1009 2ND AV. SO. ADDRESS
GLASGOW CITY
Housewife OCCUPATION

[Signature] NAME
800 11th Ave N ADDRESS
Glengary CITY
Ret - Bank OCCUPATION

Carrie K. King NAME
412 4th St. N. ADDRESS
Glengary CITY
Montes Pereno OCCUPATION

Julie M. Lawson NAME
1037-4th Ave S. ADDRESS
Glasgow MT 59030 CITY
Secretary OCCUPATION

[Signature] NAME
904 7th Ave N. ADDRESS
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Banking OCCUPATION

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403 9th St. N. ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY
Bookkeeper OCCUPATION

Scott A. Bowers NAME
Box 245 ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY
Farmer Rancher OCCUPATION

J. Beverly Bennett NAME
3413 12th Ave. N ADDRESS
Glasgow Mont CITY
WITNESS OCCUPATION

Paul Schull NAME
Glasgow ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY
Bar MAN OCCUPATION

Olga B. Kones NAME
154-1st St. N. ADDRESS
Glasgow Mt. CITY
Bookkeeper OCCUPATION

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Howard Scott. NAME
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Glasgow, Mt. CITY
"retired" OCCUPATION

Jerry Tade NAME
910 Valley View ADDRESS
Glasgow, Mt. CITY
Utility Employee OCCUPATION

Terese Rankin NAME
P.O. Box 414 ADDRESS
Glasgow MT CITY
Secretary OCCUPATION

Ann Patten NAME
HCR 271-2187 ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY
Waitress OCCUPATION

Shonda R James NAME
442 N. Main ADDRESS
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Self employed OCCUPATION

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Jeff Lemus NAME
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Glasgow Mont CITY
Bowling Prop. OCCUPATION

SINCERELY,

Ray L Komrosty NAME
RR 1 #4560 ADDRESS
GLASGOW MT CITY
CHEF OCCUPATION

SINCERELY,

Marie Komrosty NAME
1100 2nd Avenue #3 ADDRESS
Glasgow, MT CITY
Teacher OCCUPATION

SINCERELY,

Nelene Hoeberg NAME
He Lin Terrace #76 ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY
Educator OCCUPATION

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Missoula 177 59230 CITY
Bookkeeper OCCUPATION

Michelle Tager NAME
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Commitologist OCCUPATION

Debbie Dulaney NAME
ADDRESS
Glasgow, Montana CITY
Secretary OCCUPATION

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Loye Estlin NAME
601 mchcn. ADDRESS
Glasgow mt CITY
X OCCUPATION

Suzanne Will NAME
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GLASGOW, MT 59230 CITY
Travel Agent OCCUPATION

Pat Selman NAME
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Housewife OCCUPATION

Irene Beyle NAME
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Banking OCCUPATION

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Glasgow MT CITY
Banker OCCUPATION



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4 February 1985

HOUSE BUSINESS & LABOR COMMITTEE
State Capitol
Helena, MT 59601

Re: House Bill 236

Dear Committee Members:

With reference to the above entitled bill to legalize video machines to include play of all card games, it is my opinion that this legislation is not in the best interests of the people of the State of Montana. Local law enforcement agencies will bear the brunt of the problems created by casino gambling as authorized by this bill and there can be no denial that numerous problems will arise.

I personally disagree with any attempt to fund state government via gambling proceeds. Neither the State of Montana or the local governmental agencies will receive any significant revenue unless the State of Montana licenses and controls the video machines and actually own the same under supervision of a State Gambling Commission.

It is my opinion that passage of House Bill #236 will lead to a proliferation of gambling and will authorize wide-open casino gambling through the use of slot machines, i.e: video machines, because the video machines can be adapted to allow black jack and all other games, thereby effectively legalizing all slot machines in Montana.

Respectfully yours,

Rae V. Kalbfleisch,
Toole County Attorney

HB 236
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Rt 1, Box 11

Jarvis MT 59542

January 29, 1985

Mr. Bob Pavlovich, Chairman
Business & Labor Committee
Capitol Bldg.
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Mr. Pavlovich,

We wish to protest extension of legalized gambling
in Montana as ~~amplified~~ ^{amplified} by
HB 184 and HB 236.

We strongly oppose a State Lottery, a State gambling
commission, or electronic devices for new gambling games
or those now legal, such as poker.

Very truly yours,

Clarice G. Kegel

and
Ken C. Kegel

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BUSINESS AND LABOR

COMMITTEE

BILL NO. House Bill 602

DATE February 6, 1985

SPONSOR Representative Fritz

NAME (please print)	REPRESENTING	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Janalyn Edmondson	artists	X	
Brenda Seings	Montana Arts Advocacy	X	
Julie Cook	Montana Arts Council	X	
MARTIN K BAKER	ARTIST	X	
Alley Cleary	Artist	X	
Plym McFarland	Bison Bars	X	
Lee Robinson	H. Falls	X	
D. Murphy	H. Falls	X	
Murphy	H. Falls	X	
Robert Cook	Helena	X	
Paul Donald Maul	Helena	X	
William Lincoln	Kalispell	X	

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BILL NO. ~~402~~ ~~202~~ 402

DATE February 6, 1985

SPONSOR Representative Wallin

NAME (please print)	REPRESENTING	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
<i>Clay M. Olsen</i>	<i>Self</i>	X	
<i>James G. Wallin</i>	"	X	
<i>Mike Helia</i>	<i>Waco, Texas</i>	X	
<i>Don Fox</i>	<i>Denny's Lounge</i>	X	
<i>Harry W. [unclear]</i>	<i>Self</i>	X	
<i>Arvid [unclear]</i>	<i>MBLWA</i>	X	
SYD ABRAMS	WINE INSTITUTE		X
<i>Alan [unclear]</i>	<i>Self</i>	X	
<i>Roger T. [unclear]</i>	<i>Mont Beer & Wine Wholesale</i>	X	

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SPONSOR Representative Pavlovich

NAME (please print)	REPRESENTING	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
NEAL KIRKNESS	SELF (Blgs Council)	X	
WALT REISIK	SELF	X	
Frank Mory	"		X
Richard H. Harjo		X	
Jeff M...	Roosevelt County	X	
Chubert Frost	Valley Co.	X	
Arnie Frost	Valley Co.	X	
Richard D. Arnold	Phillips Co.	X	
Kent Schull	Valley Co.	X	
Paul Monson	" " "	X	
Carlye Harjo	Valley Co.	X	
Mervin Harjo	Valley Co.	X	
Alva + Gloria Conant	3 Counties, Tatum Ave Augusta, Deciso Clark	X	
Mr + Mrs Ken Suelby	East Side Sac Self mt	X	
MARTIN + PAKEL	MOUNTAIN STATE	X	
Scott E. Papp	Self	X	
Myra E...	Phillips County	X	
Ronald Thomas	Lewis Clark Co.	X	
Terita L. Thomas	J + C County	X	

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Luc Rolinson

X

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Support Oppose

NAME	RESIDENCE	Support	Oppose
Alvin Leem	HAURE		X
Joe Swan	"		
Terley C. Bell	"		
Jack Hays	Fairfield		X
Grande Flanagan	"	X	
Ernest Hill	Est Falls	X	
Maude Stoddard	Miles City	X	
Earl Kelly	MILES CITY	X	
Barbara Kelly	" "		
Carlina Pettiquet	" "	X	
Louy Pettiquet	" "	X	
Thiele Benjamin	HELENA	X	
Hella Bryant	Libby	X	
Robert S. Bryant	Libby	X	
Jacob D. Snyder	Forsyth		
Hank Weitzel	Harborton	X	
BG Holmes	Helena	X	
Dean Stockton	Great Falls	X	
Louise Foster	Great Falls	X	
John Perry	Butte	X	
Jim Leasing	Butte	X	
Logan F. Bair	Great Falls	X	
Joe Swan	Butte	X	
Mc Fall	Great Falls	X	

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SPONSOR Carlovich

NAME (please print)	RESIDENCE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Art Nabbe	Naure	X	
Neal La Fever	Belling	X	
Jandy Keith	Butte	X	
Todd Lanning	GREAT FALLS	X	
Kelly Wynne	GREAT FALLS	X	
Jerry Cheryl Leithiser	Land Coulee	X	
Bill Martin	BILLINGS	X	
Louis Kind WODIS KIND	Land Coulee	X	
Beverly J HUNT	BEIT, MONT.	X	
DAVID L. HUNT	BEIT, MONT.	X	
W. W. Larson	M. T. 14	X	
Don Peoples	Butte	X	
Grand Thornton	Red Lodge	X	
Joe Flann	Red Lodge	X	
Wm John Garbaczski	Great Falls	X	
Mr + Mrs Alvin Ridder	Dutton Mont.	X	
Senator Dick Manning	Great Falls	X	
HAZ STELLING	HELENA MONT.	X	
Carol B Warfield	Helena Mont	X	

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Roland Tharleson	226 E. Main E. Falls	X	
Frank Burk	510 E. King St. E. Falls	X	
Rolland E. Lee	RR Box 4709 G.F.	X	
Linda Lethier	RR 4709 G.F.	X	
David Lethier	403 Colorado Ave. NW. ^{Gr+} Falls	X	
PATRICIA MILLER	MURRAY 201 ^{LIVINGSTON} W PARK	X	
Sary Eludye	Mint Bar Lumber	X	
Clifton Miller	MURRAY 201 W PARK	X	
Maude Durkee	Helena	X	
Randy Byllevig	Helena	X	
Don C. Robinson	GT. FALLS	X	
Orin Olson	GT Falls	X	
Shirley Dinsmore	Gr. Falls	X	
Dale Flurry #	Gr Falls	X	
Robert Glass	Helena	X	
Billie & Red McManus	Deer	X	
Thelma Miller	Helena	X	
Michael McMillan	HELENA	X	
Jim Gary Tran	Maurel	X	

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Reggie Lane	Brady	X	
Marilyn Christensen	Conrad	X	
Gerald Dudley	Brady	X	
Joan Weikum	Brady	X	
Rita R. Bradley	Brady	X	
Charlotte Lender	Brady	X	
Hanney Weikum	Brady	X	
Martin Sprisky	Tray	X	
Chon Sprisky	Tray	X	
Wennis Gidibel	Great Falls	X	
Louis Mitchell	Troy Mt	X	
Norlene Suggs	Wells Mt	X	
Bob Bearley	Libby	X	
Lionel Clegg	Libby	X	
Gene Richerson	HEVER	X	
Bob Dello	Bowmans Corner	X	
Gordon Dello	Augusta Mt.	X	
Chester Bullock	Basin Mt.	X	
Rose Lee Bullock	Basin Mt.	X	

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Steve + Debbie Wilken	Three Forks		
Jim Howarth	Libby	X	
Arnon Broerman	Libby	X	
Richard Wood	Libby	X	
George Wood	Libby	X	
Larry Richards	Libby	X	
Lee Steffanich	Billings	X	
Betsy Steffanich	Billings	X	
DAN FITZ	MSLA	X	
MICK HOLLEN	MSLA	X	
HARRY BREWER	Butte	X	
BOB MURPHY	MALTA	X	
Don Long	Helena	X	
Don Ferris	Helena	X	
Timothy S. Wood	Gr. Falls	✓	
Art Murphy	Gr. Falls	✓	
W E Trerise	Mont City	✓	
John F. [unclear]	Butte	✓	
JOHN MAHONEY	HELENA	✓	

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TOM Heisler	Great Falls	X	
Arno Anderson	Great Falls	X	
Leann Anderson	Great falls	X	
June Schatt	Great Falls	X	
Judy Schatt	Grt Falls	X	
Eric Grosseschi	" "	X	
Johnny Usilton	Bkgs. Mt.	X	
Bob Blair	" "	X	
Carla Mills	Fairfield, Mt	X	
Carl Stevens	Fairfield Mt	X	
Steve Secora	" " " "	X	
DOUGLAS L. MARTIN	WESTERN BAR	X	
Dorothy FATZ	Dominicks	X	
Caemen Neuman	Power	X	
Dean Neuman	Les' Bar Power	X	
Marine Johnson	Jefferson City	X	
W. Billie Loesch	Clancy Mt.	X	
W. Billie Loesch	WESTERN BAR & GRILL	X	
James Buel	Billings	X	

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