

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BUSINESS & INDUSTRY COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE

March 12, 1985

The 36th meeting of the Business & Industry committee met in Room 325 of the Capitol Building at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 12, 1985. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Halligan.

ROLL CALL: All committee members were present.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 236: Representative Bob Pavlovich Senate District 70, Butte is the chief sponsor of House Bill 236. He stated when it was first introduced in the House it was a very simple bill to allow draw poker machines. He offered some amendments and a statement of intent for the committee's consideration. (EXHIBIT 1) The county attorney's felt it was not clear enough to include Draw 80 Poker so they added games played against the house. The Department of Revenue will be able to apply rules and there is an \$800 fee, \$400 for the cities and towns and \$400 for the Department of Revenue general fund. He gave the committee a list of the cities and counties that had machines before they were made illegal. 28 had machines and 17 were paying a license fee structure and 11 were not paying. There were \$667,931 paid in those counties that paid in 83-84 and in 84-85 it was down to \$452, 512 after the machines were banned. (EXHIBIT 2) He also submitted newspaper clippings concerning Draw Poker machines. (EXHIBIT 3) A petition from residents of Miles City supporting SB 391, and an analysis of coin operated game machines by Dougherty & Associates Great Falls accountants. (EXHIBIT 4) He also submitted a letter from James Davis, Silver Bow Treasurer. (EXHIBIT 5)

PROPONENTS: Don Peoples, Chief Executive of Butte Silver Bow spoke in support of HB 236. With the difficult times that federal and state is faced with he feels it will provide very important revenue for local government. They anticipate it would help replace subsidies they have lost from federal government. He cited examples of how much it would particularly help with programs such as local transit systems and other areas that need assistance.

Neal Kirkness, from the Billings City Council, feels there is much support for having draw poker and it would generate significant sources of revenue for local governments. (EXHIBIT 5) He also submitted a list of machine vendors present from Billings who were in support of HB 236. (EXHIBIT 6) He submitted a letter from May Jenkins, Yellowstone County Treasurer urging support for needed revenues. (EXHIBIT 7)

Mike Kennedy, a member of the Billings City Council, spoke in support of the bill for needed local revenues it might generate. (EXHIBIT 8)

Phil Strobe, from the Montana Tavern Association introduced several from his group who wished to testify supporting SB 236.

Don Larson, of Helena, President of the National Beverage Association, urged support of the bill and the amendment proposed. (EXHIBIT 9)

Hank Yodle, from Miles City, Montana described the losses their business community has suffered in the past couple of years due to fires and how badly they need new business to stimulate the economy again in their area.

Don Robinson, a Great Falls radio broadcaster and owner of several other businesses in that area. He feels the bar and lounge business is very important to our society and that they are not in the business to ruin people but to provide entertainment. He feels the retailers are in support of Draw 80 poker and we need the business to attract those who are going out of state now. He feels that SB 391 is too restrictive of trades and is not a free enterprise concept.

Buck Toustenson, co-owner and manager of the Outlaw Inn in Kalispell, favors this bill because it will provide revenue so badly needed especially more entertainment for visitors. (EXHIBIT 10)

Chris Stobie, former Representative from Sanders County, feels this is a good bill and that it will provide what the public wants. He stated there are not a lot of rich bar owners. He knows you cannot put in a costly machine that ties in to the state computers and if you put too much expense into it the bill will be killed. He feels this bill is a reasonable request and won't tie up a lot of administrative detail.

Stuart McQuade, a university student from Kalispell, who has studied gambling extensively through research, feels this bill would be very marketable because it offers a viable source of revenue and a safe environment for those who enjoy gambling. If they don't gamble here they will go to other states and this would allow the revenue to remain here. House Bill 236 divides the revenues more evenly he feels than SB 391.

Sheldon Neilson, from Plentywood, Montana, representing the tavern owners in Daniels County, explained some of the problems they are having in their area and how much it would mean to them to have the revenues this might generate especially from Canadian neighbors.

Richard Smith, owner of an amusement company in Miles City, explained they support HB 236 because he as a small business owner cannot afford to buy any new equipment and would like to be able to utilize what machines he has now and get them back into operation. (EXHIBIT 11)

Phil Strobe, from the Montana Tavern Association, had the people in the audience stand who were in support of HB 236 and who want the Draw Poker machines. He referred to the information from Dougherty which dispels the myth that SB 391 will bring in great revenues. He stated the people don't want to give the opportunity for just one person to be able to manufacture the machines. He submitted letters from Moose Lodges, a petition from the Cut Bank area and others who cannot testify. (EXHIBIT 12)

OPPONENTS: John Poston, representing the Montana Coin Dealers Association, stated they had just received a copy of the amendments being proposed this morning. He feels the amendments if passed would guarantee a lawsuit. They would like to see the passage of a law to allow the electronic video machines. He feels there is no protection in SB 236 for the player and there is no control over how the machines will be operated. The word poker is not mentioned in the bill only one small portion of an amendment has any reference to poker. He feels this bill would allow the machines to be placed anywhere, and there would be no protection to keep minors from playing the machines. Initially there was no revenue in the bill and he wondered if there will be a fiscal note. Each county attorney had the opportunity to interpret the law before and this would give them that authority again and that is why Draw 80 Poker was eventually banned. He feels it might open the door to all kinds of card games because of the way it is worded in the bill such as stud poker, blind tiger, whiskey poker, 7 card stud and even 2 card stud. He felt Montana was a dumping ground for machines which had been outlawed before in other states and this would open it to these types of machines again. He feels there would be no control of payouts in this bill.

William Rizer, Pastor of St. John's Luthern Chrch in Helena, speaking for the Montana Association of Churches stated they have developed a position which is not against gambling but rather opposes any attempt to expand gambling in the state. He felt that source of revenues would be at a price to the citizens. He feels it is a serious threat to the social order of our communities and sets up crime related problems. He urged a Do not pass.

Kathy Campbell, Montana Association of Churches, feels the Draw Poker machines are simply slot machines. There would be no control over the machines and no restriction over the number of machines in a bar. She fears they might be in grocery stores and where children would have access to them. She also feared more problems with compulsive gamblers. (EXHIBIT 13) She urged defeat.

Vern Bertelson, of Ovando, Montana was amazed to see this bill pass through the House and is very concerned about the welfare of the citizens of Montana. He feels this is simply a clever ploy to bring the slot machines back and with it all the problems that incurred when gambling was allowed. It is very very serious he feels and urged defeat.

Reverend Bob Holmes, Pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Helena, representing the Yellowstone Conference of the church, feels this bill if passed goes against the majority of the people in Montana's wishes when Int. 92 was defeated by a margin of 2 to 1. He stressed the problems that incurred when gambling is prevalent and what it does to the family structure. The only sure winners are those who make a living from it. He feels there are more creative ways of obtaining revenues than this bill would provide.

Rep. Paul Pistoria from Great Falls District 36, has a neutral position on the bill. He is not against the bar owners but he is looking at what is the most feasible for the bar owners and the state. He feels gamblers are going to gamble anyway and why not keep the revenue in the state. He is not against HB 236 but feels that SB 391 will bring in more revenue and be more controlled. He urged the parties involved to resolve the differences between the two video poker bills and work out a compromise. He feels we need something that will protect all the people of Montana.

Letters from Father Staudinger and Rae Kalbfleisch, Toole County Attorney were also submitted. (EXHIBIT 14)

Questions were then called for from the committee members.

Senator Christiaens wondered if a fiscal note had been requested and Rep. Pavlovich stated they had not. With his bill if there were 5000 machines it would generate \$4 million to the state and \$4 million for the local governments and towns.

Senator Gage wondered if there would be a limit on the number of machines that would be placed and Rep. Pavlovich stated there were none. The Department of Revenue might want to include this in their rules however.

Senator Fuller asked Rev. Rizer if he was against bingo and he said the church position accepts the present status on bingo but opposes expanded gambling.

Senator Kolstad asked Rep. Pavlovich about placing machines everywhere. He felt this would not be a problem and that the Department of Revenue could adopt rules or the city and counties could also.

Senator Goodover asked how the fee would be distributed state-wide and was told if it was issued in the county it would go to the county and in the city to the city involved. He wondered if they had received any input from the counties if they would not receive any revenues under this amendment and Rep. Palvolich stated he had not received any opposition.

Senator Williams asked Phil Strobe about the report of Dougherty. He stated the analysis feels that revenue is way overstated in SB 391 from what the revenues actually would be to the state.

Senator Halligan could see a problem in the definition of where the machines could be located. Rep. Pavlovich felt that the Department of Revenue could regulate this and if the committee felt this should be amended, that would be fine with him.

Senator Halligan also felt the definition of poker was pretty broad, but Rep. Pavlovich stated he felt it was not. Senator Gage asked if there was any guess as to how much income it would bring to the tavern owners and Rep. Pavlovich stated it would definitely be a plus for them.

Senator Goodover wondered if the fraternal organizations that were in favor could get together so that if the establishment wanted to be tied in with the state computers they could be if they desired. Rep. Pavlovich felt this would be up to the committee to decide on this. Senator Goodover wondered about the machines that could be changed for the amount of the take on a weekend for example. Rep. Pavlovich stated most bar owners were honest and did not know what the term meant, weekend machines.

Rep. Pavlovich stated in closing that the unemployment trust is not very solvent and the bar owners contribute regularly to this. He feels they are honest people and churchgoers too. He felt there was more dishonesty after it went to the Supreme Courts. He felt all the machines that were brought in were good machines and not a dumping ground as had been alleged. He felt the machines would not be where children were able to get them. He did not feel it was an expansion of slot machines and there was nothing wrong with a simple poker machine. He would be willing to work with the committee over any problems they might feel there are in the bill. The hearing was closed on House Bill 236.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 359: Representative Gerald Nisbet, House District #35, Great Falls, explained his bill which would provide that loans guaranteed by or covered by takeover agreements of state agencies or boards would not be subject to the loan limits of Section 32-1-432. This bill was requested by the Department of Commerce and affects state chartered banks. These types of guaranteed loans have much of the risk factor taken from them and they felt that not imposing lending limits would make the loans more attractive and desirable.

PROPOSERS: Fred Napier, with the Department of Commerce, and in charge of state-chartered banks proposed this bill to exempt from limitations those loans covered by guarantee or takeover agreements. It would only apply to Economic Development Boards at this time and they feel it would benefit the banks and assist the development board to make loans more easily.

Dale Harris, Deputy Director of the Economic Development Board supports this legislation. They can guarantee loans by using the coal tax fund with the limitations now but it is restrictive. They would like to see this measure passed so the limits would be raised.

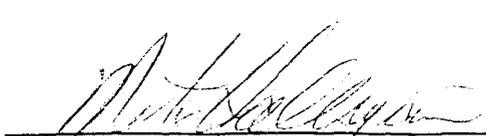
OPPOSERS: There were none.

Questions were then called for. Senator Thayer wondered if bankers were present in the House hearing and was told they were. Fred Napier stated this would apply to all state chartered banks and if this were to pass then the federal banks usually follow suit. Senator Weeding wondered if this might also apply to the Agricultural Economic Board if those bills pass. Dale Harris said it would apply to any state agency granting guaranteed loans. Senator Gage observed this has the potential to help out many many people and thought it strange they were not present to support or oppose it.

Senator Christiaens asked what the limit might be. Dale Harris said the limit would be \$1 million. With coal tax guarantys they are absolute and \$1 million is the limit. Senator Goodover wondered why they wanted to raise the limit but Dale Harris said there was an area that is a gap for obtaining financing and it was a very difficult area for small businessmen to obtain a loan. The interest rates would be about the same as Small Business Loans. Dale Harris stated that insurance companies are reluctant to deal with less than \$1 million loans.

Representative Nisbet closed the hearing on House Bill 359.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.


MIKE HALLIGAN, Chairman

ROLL CALL

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

COMMITTEE

49th LEGISLATIVE SESSION -- 1985

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Chairman Halligan	X		
V-chrm. Christiaens	X		
Senator Boylan	X		
Senator Fuller	X		
Senator Gage	X		
Senator Goodover	X		
Senator Kolstad	X		
Senator Neuman	X		
Senator Thayer	X		
Senator Williams	X		
Senator Weeding	X		

Each day attach to minutes.

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

VISITORS' REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	Check One	
			Support	Oppose
Rue Lee Dulack	Silver Saddle Basin	236	✓	
Mary E. Bunk	Lit. Dir. Kermel & Bunker	236	✓	
Tim Murphy	MAVERICK BAR & Grill	236	✓	
Ann McMillan	MBMDA - Self	236	✓	
Broadview High School	Broadview H.S.	visiting		
James Bennis	Self	visitor		
Gita M. Olson	Self	236	✓	
Jean Nientze	Self	236		
W. Scott Scarley	Self	236	✓	
Joseph P. Dukon	Blunt Park	236	✓	
Wanda G. Gabe	Royal Inn & Barber	236	✓	
Walter F. Williams	Royal Inn & Barber	236	✓	
Gene Johnson	Lake Co. (Member)	236	✓	
Laura Peterson	" "			
Mary Jones	Big Sky Bar	236	✓	
Edith Lewis	Big Sky Bar	236	✓	
Mike Mesovic	Lake Side Resort	236	✓	
Bobby Cook	Silver Spur	236	✓	
Wayne Pennington	Cadillac Band	236	✓	
Valerie Pennington	Alverson	236	✓	
Lara Busse	Club Tiger	236	✓	
Tom Johnson	" "	"	"	
Jane Phillips	Self	236		✓
W. H. Johnson	Yacht Basin	236	✓	

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COMMITTEE ON

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VISITORS' REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	Check One	
			Support	Oppose
Robert Geist	Dusko's Tavern	HB 236	X	
Jeany Cheryl Leithner	Dusko's Tavern		X	
Norman V. Miller	Georgia's Rainbow Tavern		X	
Louise Kind	Land Coulee		X	
Luise Kind	Land Coulee		X	
Henry L. Humphrey	Jackson, Montana		X	
H. L. Humphrey	Jackson Lodge		X	
Nick Mungia	Carbon County Coal Co.		X	
Joe Flynn	Carbon County Tax Assoc		X	
Anita J. Flynn	Snaq Bar		X	
Frank W. Jester	Jesters Bar		X	
Harriet Jester	" "		X	
Robert Beasley			X	
Loreen Dythe	Jerry Salom.		X	
Lynn M. Siph	" "		X	
Donald Adams	Modern West Bar		X	
K.W. Brown	Modern West Bar		X	
James Skovran	Elk Club 214		X	
Mark Rulph	Hideo Game Leasing		X	
David L. Breen	Play Inn		X	
Neal S. Fever	Pioneer Bar Virginia City		X	
E.H. Sandquist	Big Sky Music		X	
Gene Spitzer	Teton Tavern		X	
Alvin E. Deen	Teton Tavern		X	
Ladwin Ackerman	TOWN TAVERN		X	
Margaret Ackerman	Town Tavern		X	

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COMMITTEE ON Pub - Senate

VISITORS' REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	Check One	
			Support	Oppos
Ron Tostenson	Out Law Inn	236	X	
Shelley Butch Niche	Cassidy's Bar	11		
Tom Ferrin	Big B, Biggo Vending Division Bldg.			
Dale Anderson				
Sherry McDonald	City Council Ennis			
Robert McDonald	SILVER DOLLAR ENNIS			
Peggy Seriva	NORRIS BAR, NORRIS			
Barb Levy	Silver Dollar Ennis			
Howard Buchler	Park Cafe Lounge & Lounge			
Helen Buchler	Park Cafe - Concorda			
Gary Matthews	Cellar Lounge - Miles City			
Francis Olson	Water Hole, Libby, Redpoint			
Wendy B. Evans	Nite owl - Helena			
John Murphy	PIN-N-CUE Recreation			
Kelly B. Bond	Log Cabin - Miles City			
Maef Lopez	MURPHY Bowling Center G. PACS			
Don Haggouch	Dillon Bar, Dillon MT			
Ray Johnson	Papats Dillon MT			
Darryl M. McEly	BAR 19 Lewistown, MT			
Clyde Gardner	Flanker Miles City			
W. McCord	Eagle Bar Dillon			
Ray Johnson	Club Buffet Fishland			
John Buelter	Oliver Hill - MC			
Lang Brewer	Brew's B. Hands Butte			
Joe Swan	Highland Dance			
Bob [unclear]	Skylway Bar & Lounge			

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COMMITTEE ON

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VISITORS' REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	Check One	
			Support	Oppose
Dotter Janneman	SWTA	236	X	
Ruhid W. Smith	Big Sky Amusement	236	X	
Mark W. Buck	Big Sky Amusement	236	X	
Christina L. Mace	Homestead Inn	236	X	
Robert P. Glass	GLASS SHIPPER	236	X	
Duane E. Brazil	Steward Inn	236	X	
Dorothy Duffey	Nite Owl	236	X	
Ron Clark	Roses Cantina	236	X	
Jerry Bergner	PT's Lounge	236	Y	
Gabe F. Sander	Andy's Lupa Club	236	X	
Betty G. Southern	2 G's Tavern	236	X	
John G. Parnely	Barabys'	236	X	
Pat Watson	City Bar 2B	236	X	
Phil Horvics	MINNEAPOLIS HOUSE	236	X	
Tom Ruffley	Heas. Est. Bar	236	X	
Rafael S. Ferrero	Rocking R Bar	236	X	
Steve Crusey	Old Family Bar	236	X	
James R. Barkell	Morse Bar	236	X	
Jane L. Harper	Little John's Bar	236	X	
Debra Wilken	287 conoco	236	X	
Burr L. Welch	Melrose Bar	236	X	
Johnny Keston	Bikings M.T.A.	236	X	
Roy Christensen	Conrad	236	X	
Spiky Thomas	Great Falls	236	X	
BV Hanley	Conrad	236	X	

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COMMITTEE ON

Senate Bd

VISITORS' REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	Check One	
			Support	Oppo
Barbara Greeny	Miles City Tavern Assn	236	X	
Gardner Greeny	Miles City Taverns	236	X	
Peggy Lawe	Log Cabin Brady	236	✓	
Carol Clark	Musty's Brady	236	✓	
Edith Jones	Big Sky Bar	236	✓	
Larry Jones	"	236	✓	
Walter Spiering	Halfway House	236	-	
Clare Spiering	" "	236	✓	
Arthur Hables	U.F.W. Home Mt	236	✓	
C. N. Carter	2 JS Tavern Ft Shaw	236	✓	
Howard Bullard	Park County Tavern Assn	236	X	
James Miles	Village Inn Wyo Mt	236	✓	
Bob Blair	Reno Club Billings	236	✓	
Mark Walley	Sheer Koller ^{Bellvue} Billings	236	✓	
Bill Mac Labe	PUG MALLOW'S Billings	236	✓	
Jan Chen	THE BOWL BZM	236	X	
Eileen Lee	TREASURE LADS LIV.	236	X	
Cherie Delany	Delany's Va Villa Buite	236	X	
Keith Delany	Delany's Va Villa Buite	236	X	
Tom Tucker	✓ ✓	236	X	
Wife J. Husky	Mac's Bar	236	X	
Karen Belloumini	PUG MALLOW'S Billings	236	X	
Orin Olson	Beacon Bar	236	✓	
Donnie Lykibe	Rose Room	236	X	
Gordon Wellwa	Buckhorn Bar	236	X	
Frances Wellwa	" "	236	X	

COMMITTEE ON State Bond

VISITORS' REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	Check One	
			Support	Oppose
John W. Hooper	GCTA. & MTA	#13 236	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steve Willson	Steel IN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kathryn Barbell	Moose Bar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frank Flanagan	Oregon Bond - Fairfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jack Flynn	" " "	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Storey Owen	Chokean, WA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DOUGLAS L. MARTIN	Billings, WA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Terry Gie's	LEWISTOWN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emt Dresser	Bornies Black Eagle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Martin Jorick	GREAT FALLS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Jarszewski	Great Falls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dzja Jarszewski	Great Falls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wanda Jarszewski	STOCKETT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dick Bunk	E. Helena	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jackup Stai	Thompson Falls R.R. Inn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dwain Olson	E. HELENA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dorothy Jutz	Carter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Russell Anderson	Butte	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doug Spohn	Great Falls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Terino	Butte	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sigga Cye	Helena	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Long Bern	Butte	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Holmer	Helena	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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COMMITTEE ON Senate Ex

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			Support	Oppo
Beverly J. Hunt	Johnny's Supper Club	236	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
David J. Hunt	"	236	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Chester Ballbach	Silver Saddle Bar		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Stu J. Shur	Dagmar Bar	236	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
JOE M. FERKOVICH	FERK'S REST. LOUNGE ^{PAST. MECH.}	236	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
James A. Smith	Silver Bow PARK AC	236	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Alfred Hoyer	Elstavern Concord	236	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bill Hoyer	Elstavern CONRAD	236	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Donald Wong	Wong's Silver Spur	236	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Jandy H. Roth	Jandy's Reno Inn	"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Don C. "Bob" Robinson	THE BEACON	236	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Jane Schatt	{ J Bar Y	236	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Larry Schatt		236	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Fran Stang	Fran's Bar Bute	236	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Frank Thomas	Western Bar	236	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

VISITOR'S REGISTER

BILL HB 236 ~~HOUSE~~ Senate Bill COMMITTEE _____
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NAME	RESIDENCE	REPRESENTING	SUP- PORT	OP- POSE
Jim Knaus	Helena, MT	Sleeping Giant Lanes	X	
MARIE FERKOVICH	THOMPSON FALLS, MT	PASTIME CLUB	X	
WES TEAGUE	GT. FALLS, MT	Myself	X	
Chris Stobie	Thompson Falls	Myself + R.P.F.	X	
Earl Dagen	Butte, Montana	ALBA'S Baracca	X	
Ally Dagen	Butte, Montana	Ally's Baracca	X	
Carl Mynsting	GT. FALLS	RED DOOR LOUNGE	✓	
Paul Waldron	HAORE	CORNISH BAR	✓	
Sandi Ebel	Coffee Creek	Coffee Creek Bar	✓	

IF YOU CARE TO WRITE COMMENTS, ASK SECRETARY FOR LONGER FORM.
 WHEN TESTIFYING PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

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COMMITTEE ON Business + Industries

BILL NO. HB236

VISITOR'S REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	Check One	
		Support	Oppose
Cathy Campbell	Mt Area of Churches		HB 236
W. Dean ...	"		✓
T. ...	Yellowstone ...		✓
...	...	✓	
Richard P. ...	Sell		HB 236
John P. ...	Mt. Cain Machine Op. Assn		HB 236
...	...	✓	
...	...		✓
Doug W. ...	Mt. Cain Machine Op Assn		✓
...	Stobbs ...	✓	
Richard ...	Big Sky ...	✓	
Stuart J. ...	Halapell, Mt.	✓	
...	...	X	
...	Butte	X	HB 236
Dave Schutte	Helena (self)	✓	
...	Helena		X
Harry ...	Butte	X	
Tom ...	Helena	X	

(Please leave prepared statement with Secretary)

STATEMENT OF INTENT
House Bill No. 236

A statement of intent is required for House Bill No. 236, as amended, because it gives the Department of Revenue authority to make rules to implement the licensing of mechanical or electronic video games machines and to distribute the fees received for the licensing of mechanical or electronic video games machines according to the provisions of the Act. It is the intention of the legislature that the rules be consistent with other relevant laws and existing rules. It is further the intention of the legislature that the department cause to be designed and manufactured a distinctive device that will serve as an identifying and validating mark for each game machine so licensed. The department shall further provide methods to account for all such devices and to enforce the provision that no mechanically or electronic video game machine be made available to the public unless it has been duly licensed with payment of the fee and attachment of the validating device.

Amendments to HB236, third reading bill

1. Title, line 5
Following: "INCLUDE"
Insert: "A GAME PLAYED AGAINST THE HOUSE AND"
2. Title, line 6
Following: "MACHINE"
Insert: "PROVIDING FOR LICENSING OF MECHANICAL OR ELECTRONIC
VIDEO CARD GAMES;"
Following: "AMENDING"
Strike: "SECTION"
Insert: "SECTIONS"
Following: "23-5-302,"
Insert: "23-5-311, AND 23-5-321,"
Following: "MCA"
Insert: "; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES"
3. Line 14
Following: "part"
Insert: ", including a card game played against the house"
4. Following line 18
Insert: "Section 2. Section 23-5-311, MCA is amended to read:
"23-5-311. Authorized card games. (1) It is unlawful for
any person :
(a) to conduct or participate in any card game or make any
tables available for the playing of card games except those
card games authorized by this part, or
(b) to make any mechanical or electronic video game machine
available for the playing of a game simulating a game played
with cards except in conformance with section 4
(2) The card games authorized by this part are and are limited
to the card games known as bridge, cribbage, hearts, panguingue,
pinochle, pitch, rummy, whist, solo, and poker."

Section 3. Section 23-5-321, MCA is amended to read: "23-5-321.
Licensing by local governing bodies. (1) Any city, town, or
county may issue licenses for the games provided for in this
part to be conducted on premises which have been licensed for
the sale of liquor, beer, food, cigarettes, or any other
consumable products. Within the cities or towns, such licenses
may be issued by the city or town council or commission. Licenses
for games conducted on premises outside the limits of any city
or town may be issued by the county commissioners of the
respective counties. When a license ~~has been~~ is required by
any city, town, or county, no game as provided for in this
part ~~shall~~ may be conducted on any premises which ~~have been~~
are licensed for the sale of liquor, beer, food, cigarettes,
or any other consumable product ~~without~~ unless such license
~~having~~ is first been obtained.

(2) Any In addition to the license fee required to be paid to the department of revenue under section 4 , any governing body may charge an annual license fee for each license so issued under this part, which license fee, if any, shall expire on June 30 of each year, and such fee shall be prorated.

(3) Any license issued pursuant to this part shall be deemed to be a revocable privilege, and no holder thereof may acquire any vested rights therein or thereunder.""

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Licensing mechanical or electronic video game machine-fee-rules. (1) The department of revenue shall, upon payment of the fee provided in subsection (2) and in conformance with rules adopted pursuant to subsection (3), issue a license for each mechanical or electronic video game machine that is available for the playing of a game simulating a game played with cards.

(2) Each mechanical or electronic video game machine simulating a game played with cards is subject to an annual license fee of \$800, one-half of which is deposited in the general fund and one-half of which is forwarded, 30 days after collection, to the treasurer of the county or the clerk, finance officer, or treasurer of the incorporated city or town in which the licensed machine is located for deposit to the county or municipal general fund. Under this act, counties will not receive proceeds from fees on licensed machines located in incorporated cities and towns. The license expires on June 30 of each year, and the fee is prorated.

(3) The department of revenue shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section and to provide for the design, manufacture, distribution, and accounting of validating devices to be attached to games licensed under subsection (1).

NEW SECTION. Section 5. Codification instruction. Section 4 is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 23, chapter 5, part 3, and the provisions of Title 23, chapter 5, part 3, apply to section 4.

NEW SECTION. Section 6. Effective date. (1) This section and subsection (3) of section 4 are effective on passage and approval for the purpose of adoption of rules that are applicable on July 1, 1985.

(2) The remainder of this act is effective July 1, 1985.""

28 Counties: 11 paying
 11 not paying
 56 Counties
 IN STATE

HB236

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

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

COUNTY/City	1982	1983	1984
BROADWATER	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	
Belt	114 Keno @ \$250		28,500
	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	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

83-84- \$667,931.00
 84-85 452,419.00
 215,512.00

Cal. Yr: 1982 1983 1984
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MISCL. INFORMATION

COUNTY/City

Belgrade	14 @ \$300 11 @ \$300	4,200	3,300
Manhattan		5,900	1,500
Three Forks		400	1,500
FERGUS	County + 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 28 Keno & mixed	no fee	no fee
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 24 Keno @ \$50	1,200	1,200
Polson	15 Keno	no fee	no fee
Ronan	10 Keno	no fee	no fee
St. Ignatius	2 Keno (offered \$300/machine to city commrs. but they did not accept.)	no fee	no fee
LEWIS & CLARK	47 machines 36 machines	23,500	18,000
Helena	136 machines 92 machines	68,000	6,000

LIBERTY	12 poker, 6 Keno 12 Keno	no fee	no fee
MISSOULA	June '83 to present (Keno) (Poker tables = \$6,562.50)	34,511	
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) Keno, 84-85	1,330	1,500
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
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 17 Keno	6,935	3,102
YELLOWSTONE	\$750 + \$200 for each addl. machine; 20 @ \$750 (as of 12/84) 28 @ \$200 "		15,000 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 \$2500 for all game license	121,900	120,000
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 License the Machines. The County does not have any License.

Keenan 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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H.B. 236 is the better way to go with poker machines

Of the two bills now before the legislature that would legalize poker machines, House Bill 236 is the better way to go.

This bill would simply make poker machines legal, subject to authorization by officials in each county. If a county or city doesn't want poker machines, it can keep them out.

This contrasts to Senate Bill 391, which has several bad features. The big hangup over that bill is that it will give a virtual monopoly to Zollie Kellman of Great Falls, the only resident poker machine assembler and distributor in the state. The bill also would link all poker machines to the state Revenue Department by computer for daily monitoring of money paid in and paid out.

It's pretty obvious by now that tavern owners have a big stake in electronic gambling. They are lobbying hard for legal poker machines and no daily monitoring of the take. They would strongly prefer paying a flat license fee to local government units.

That's because poker machines bring in a lot of money. Although it's true that the money must be split up — a percentage goes back to players in the form of winnings and a percentage goes to the machine owners — there was no doubt that poker machines were highly profitable before being declared illegal last year by the Montana Supreme Court.

Bar owners also have a big stake because liquor sales are declining and the price of booze, wages and other overhead costs is continually going up.

That leaves gambling as the prime avenue for making up the difference.

Although this newspaper has no quarrel with well-regulated electronic gambling, it must repeat what it said a few days after the Legislature convened in January: If the public is to put up with expanded gambling — and the social and law enforcement costs of expanded gambling — then the gaming industry must provide the public treasury with a tax return that will pay those costs.

As it currently stands, H. B. 236 would leave it up to city and county governments to set flat taxes for poker machines. In Great Falls the annual fee was \$700 per machine until they were outlawed by the Supreme Court decision.

We think that amount is far too low. It should be doubled or perhaps even tripled.

City and county commissions will encounter pressure from the tavern industry to keep the fees low. But they should resist that type of lobbying and set fees that are high enough to meet the social costs of expanded gambling. And make no mistake about it: there are some in the gaming industry who will seek a virtual free ride from taxing authorities if they think they can get away with it.

H.B. 236 will be the subject of a Senate hearing March 12. We recommend its approval. We recommend that S.B. 391 be killed because of its several flaws.

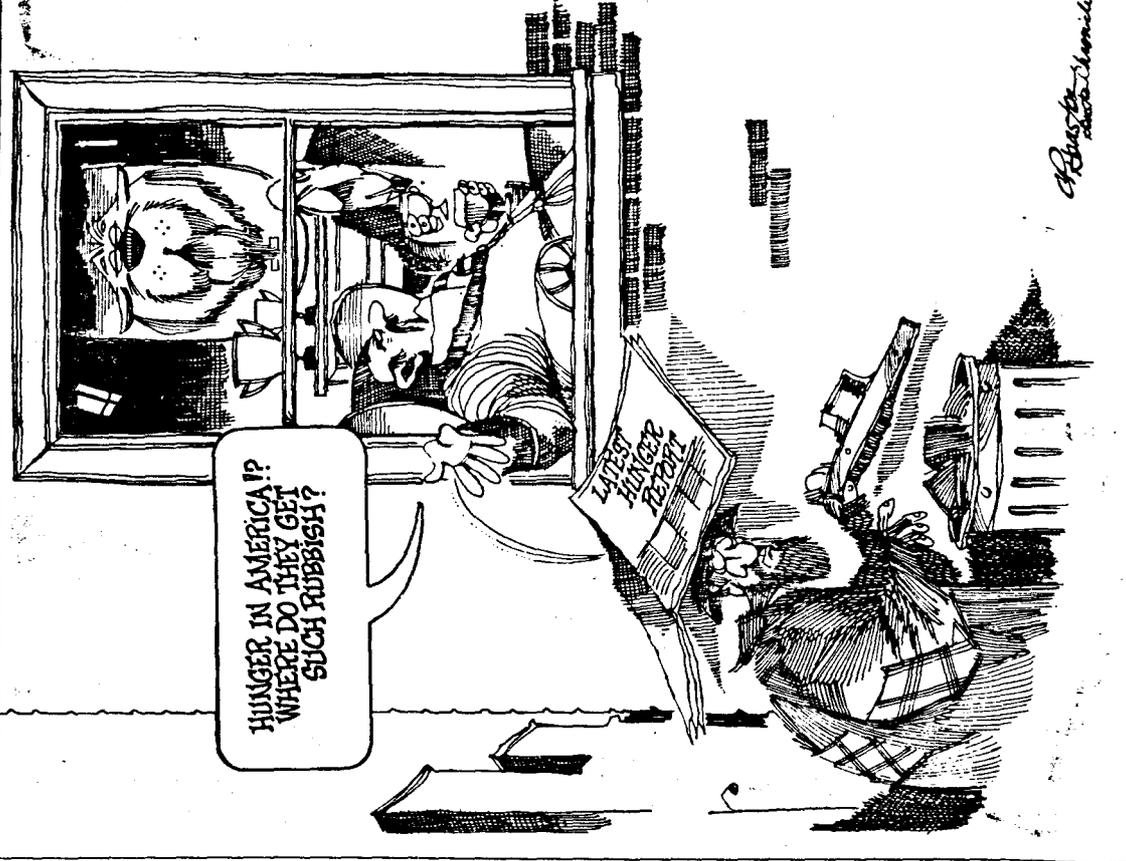


EXHIBIT 3
BUSINESS & INDUSTRY
March 12, 1985

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

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

were asked to dismantle all (later just some of) their SS-20 missiles aimed Europe, in return for U.S. agreement to cancel future deployment in Europe of 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 START 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 of 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

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EXHIBIT 4

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

March 12, 1985

GREAT FALLS, MONTANA 59403

Concerned Citizens and Legislators:

Re: COIN OPERATED GAME MACHINES
SPECIFICALLY SB 391 and HB 236

Attached is an analysis of Game Machine Incomes for 13 operations that have been clients of our firm of several years.

While it is known that they would be considered average, based on their volume it would seem that they would fall into a reasonable average of the licensed premises in the State.

Our firm has been provided with a projected income under SB 391 showing a Net Revenue to State of \$2,601, 200 for 1985 and \$8,482, 800 for 1986 along with a projected income to city/county of 3,340, 350 for 1985 and 13,361, 400 for 1986. It would seem from the attached analysis that these figures are approximately 1000% OVERSTATED!!

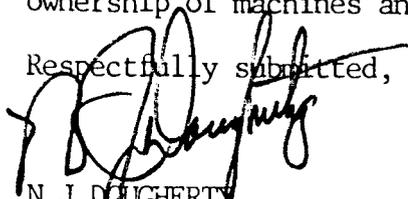
Based on past years records of income, it could be assumed that "Draw Poker" Machines have more appeal to the public and would generate a better income, but even doubling the actual incomes attached, it would still not be even, be in the "Ball Park" area of the income as projected under the proposed SB 391.

There are further flaws to SB 391. Because of the costs of telephone lines and computer service, there are licensed premises in our relatively rural state that would not be able to participate because of cost.

It would seem that enough of a target has been made of the so-called "Sin Business". With the present trend reduction of drinking and the proposed raise of the drinking age and the proposed increase of liquor and cigarette tax, there is going to be a steady decline of gross income for all businesses involved in the liquor industry. This would result in decrease tax income under the proposed SB 391 but would not affect the tax income under HB 236.

Besides the income to State, counties and cities, it would seem that the adoption of SB 391 would create a monopoly type situation that would prevent individual ownership of machines and exclude small independent operators.

Respectfully submitted,


N J DOUGHERTY
NJD/kd

11 March 1985

ANNUAL ANALYSIS OF COIN OPERATED-GAME MACHINES

PROJECTED REVENUE-AFTER PROPOSE AMMENDMENT
 SB 391 HB 236

	GROSS INCOME	# MAC	MCHNE GROSS INCOME	AFTER PO MCHNE	STATE	CITY-CO	STATE	COUNTY
Cascade Co:								
A	\$ 190,000	5	\$ 48,000	\$ 9,600	\$ 480	\$ 1,440	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
B	160,000	6	42,000	8,400	420	1,260	2,400	2,400
C	175,000	4	44,400	8,880	444	1,332	1,600	1,600
D	110,000	4	51,000	10,200	510	1,530	1,600	1,600
E	220,000	6	48,000	9,600	480	1,440	2,400	2,400
F	72,000	3	39,000	7,800	390	1,170	1,200	1,200
Hill Co:								
A	\$ 48,000	1	\$ 9,600	\$ 1,920	\$ 96	\$ 288	\$ 400	\$ 400
B	75,000	1	18,000	3,600	180	540	400	400
Liberty Co:	57,600	2	14,400	2,880	144	432	800	800
Roosevelt Co:	101,000	2	29,000	5,800	290	870	800	800
Toole Co:	89,000	1	29,600	5,920	296	888	400	400
Judith Basin Co:	57,000	1	12,800	2,560	128	384	400	400
Lewis & Clark Co	79,000	1	10,600	2,120	106	318	400	400
TOTAL	\$1,433,600	37	396,400	\$79,280	\$3,964	\$11,892	\$14,800	\$14,800
AVERAGE	\$ 110,278	1	10,714	\$ 2,143	\$ 305	915	400	400

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WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO NOT SUPPORT SB 391. WE BELIEVE THIS BILL WOULD PAVE THE WAY TOWARD A MONOPOLY ON THE ASSEMBLY AND DISTRIBUTION OF VIDEO POKER MACHINES IN THE STATE OF MONTANA.

AS A MORE EQUITABLE SOLUTION, WE DO SUPPORT HB 236. UNDER THIS BILL THE MACHINES WOULD BE EASIER TO INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET WITH A SET LICENSE FEE PER UNIT AND WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH AMERICA'S FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM.

NAME	ADDRESS	COUNTY	BUSINESS
1) Richard W. Smith	MILES CITY	USTER	Big Sky Amusement / SMITH Bros
2) Earl E. Kelly	MILES CITY	USTER	RANGE RIDERS BAR
3) Jean A. DeWitt	MILES CITY	USTER	BAR tender
4) Lois M. Bunker	Miles City	Custer	OLIVE HOTEL - L
5) Vicki K. FitzGerald	Miles City	Custer	
6) V.R. Buehler	"	"	
7) Macky M. Furland	Miles City	Custer	Retailer
8) Ray Price	Kennedy Pt	Miles City	farmer
9) Maria McFarland	Broadus Stage	M. City	
10) Ann McFarland	Broadus Stage	911 C	
11) Marcia Reed	Billings	Mont	
12) Carl J. Schack	Miles City	Custer	Trucking / Berge
13) John C. Gierke	Rt 1 Box 9999	Miles City	MONTE GIERKE DIST
14) CALVIN KURTZ	Miles City	Custer	GOLDEN WEST LOUNGE
15) Tony Pellegrini	Miles City	Custer	Compass Inn
16) Gary Matthews	Miles City	Custer	CELLAR LOUNGE
17) Kelly B. Reed	Miles City	Custer	Log Cabin Bar
18) Audrey Egan	Miles City, MT.	Custer	600 Lounge
19) David Thompson	Miles City, MT.	CUSTER	MILES CITY APP
20) Chuck Palmer	Miles City, MT.		Alta Club

- 21) Susan Johnson Miles City - Club to Altos Club
- 22) Melvin D Johnson Miles City Custer Co. 214th Ave TV Club
- 23) Kay Johnson miles city Custer Co. " " "
- 24) Robert L. Wain Miles City Custer Big Sky Amusement/Warm Amusement
- 25) Roy L Mace Broadus Powder River Homestead Inn
- 26) Christine L Mace Homestead - Broadus Mt.
- 27) Tony Jones Powell Lake Big Sky Bar
- 28) Eddie Jones Powder River Big Sky Bar
- 29) Russ Lihonki Hoback Mt. Club Buffet
- 30) Myron Becking Calstrip Mt. Morse 2140
- 31) Jack R. Snyder Fossil, Mont. Buff. Bar
- 32) Mark A Reichert Billings mont. Big Sky Amusement, TECH
- 33) R. Blair Billings Reno Club
- 34) E.H. Schwesert Billings Big Sky Music & Fun
- 35) James Strick Billings Strick Amusement Co
- 36) ~~Mark~~ Sunset Bowl.
- 37) ~~Mark~~ Billings
- 38) Joe DeHann Billings Clock Inn
- 39) Knight & Martensen Billings Jubilee Bar
- 40) Corrie Kline Beelings Lions Club
- 41) Clyde McFarlane mile city Bison Bar
- 42) Johnny Ucelton Bpps Horseshoe
- 43) NEA KIRKNESS Blgs City Council
- 44) Mike Kennedy Blgs City Council
- 45) Mark St. Valley Billings Silver & Hopkins
- 46) Neal LaFaver Uperniville Pioneer Bar
- 47) Fran Sully Billings Video Game Learning
- 48) Duane E. Brazill Billings Video Game & Under
- 49) Donald W. Ravn Helena Ingwers
- 50) David Bruce Blgs Play

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EXHIBIT 5
BUSINESS & INDUSTRY
March 12, 1985

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.

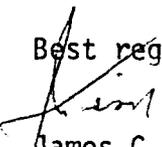
Amusement

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

1 COUNCIL BILL NO. 227

2 ORDINANCE NO. 227

3 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW ORDINANCE NO.
4 168; PROVIDING FOR SPECIFIED AMENDMENTS TO THE BUSINESS LICENSE
5 SCHEDULE OF FEES; DECLARING THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS; AND
6 PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREIN.

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

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

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

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

20 (1) through (5) (Same)

21 (6) Distributors of coin operated
22 amusement games \$1,000.00 per year

23 (7) through (13) (Same)

24 (14) Operators of coin-operated amusement
25 games - per game \$40.00 per year

26 (15) through (19) (Same)

27 (B) (Same)

28 SECTION 2: EMERGENCY DECLARED It is hereby declared that an
29 Emergency exists which requires the immediate
30 enactment of this Ordinance.
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1 SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall be in full
2 force and effect from and after December 31, 1984,
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 Shesed
12 CLERK AND RECORDER

13 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

14 Robert M. McGee
15 COUNTY ATTORNEY

16 Ed Carroll
17 CHAIRMAN OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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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.

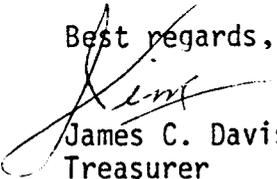
Gambling

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:

Bill Disvall
CLERK AND RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Robert M. [Signature]
COUNTY ATTORNEY

Bob [Signature]
CHAIRMAN OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE



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 consistent in trade patterns. I also checked with other locations from reputable individuals and my findings were consistent throughout. The Keno Machine brings in approx. 1/3 vs Poker.

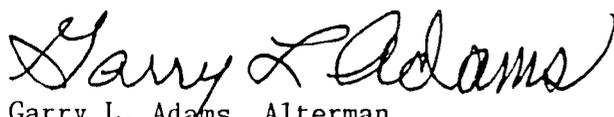
I have never found any abuse what-so-ever occurring in any establishment having Poker Machines. I strongly feel the economic value to the bar owner is paramount as most bars in any community are the first to support any worthwhile community endeavor.

At the present time, the laws are not consistent 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. Rowen
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 parents 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.

Norman 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:

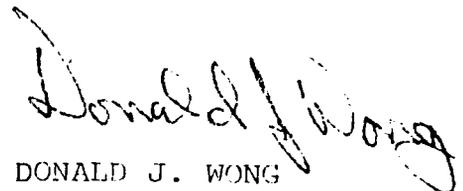
We would like your support on HB 236.

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



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

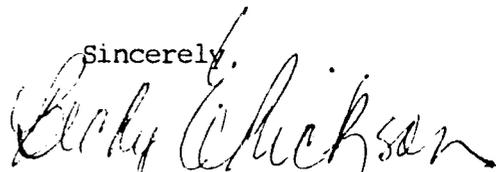
Enclosed please find copies of letters, petitions, and statements of support for HB 236. While gathering this testimony, as you can see, I found support from many different segments of our populace.

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



ACCREDITED
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
OF THE UNITED STATES

Sam's Supper Club

307 1ST AVENUE NORTH
GLASGOW, MONTANA 59230

January 31, 1985

Members of Business and Labor Committee,

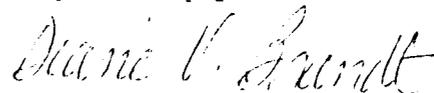
I support HB 236 legalizing electronic or mechanical video game machines.

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 1-800-501-0000

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
Salt Lake, UT

55223

To whom it may concern:

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

Ruth A. Donoho.
Sac. Mt-59261

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 Orange
B.F. & P. #1722
C/AS904MT59230

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 So.
Glasgow, MD.
59230

I support HB236. The bars and
supper clubs in this area are
barely getting by. Taverns are
important small businesses in
Northwestern 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 ~~government~~
tax base is needed to
lower the property taxes.

Carl Pumphrey
Box 147
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To members of business and Labor

I oppose computerized paper
machine bill. I support

HB 236. I ~~am~~ 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 Mason
Montana Bar
Blossow, Mont.

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

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Occupation:</u>
Duan Bunsford	Labour
Wanda Bunsford	wife
Carl Woodall	Succ Mt 59261
Frank Woodall	Clack Mt 5936
Ray Knudsen	Rancher Succ Mt 11
Tom Simpson	Rancher
Leroy Costin	Rancher Succ Mt.
Jack Jacobson	Labour
Vern Dale	Labour
Charlie Miller	LABOR
Dan Harnas	Mechanic
Myle Merritt	Super Gro
Lance Beto	Bar
Mike Renservu	Bar Tender
Art Carney	Drumler
Arvid Simpson	Ranch And
Marianne Costin	housewife
Juan Jacobson	Secretary
Wade Jones	Welder
Leuel Henry	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.

Edna O'Brien
Box 116
Law, Mt
O'Brien

We support House Bill 236.

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Occupation:</u>
Cindy Bianco	Lawyer
City Classic	Bar Tender
Mary Grobel Wesen	Nurse
Karen Flint	Waitress
Sharon Scott	Waterlark
Robbie Zindel	Nurse
Herman Fennick	NR-EMT-A
Wade Scott	
Jennie Hicks	Nurses Aide
Al Long	Bar Tender
Dean Gigg	BN Railroad
Rich Ost	Sales Rep
Jiff Hayward	Self Employed
Raymond Hudson	Busi
Ray McLean	

To: 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 Logg, 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 Barts
Rainbow Room Bar
Kensdale, Mont. •

59241

1-29-85

Members of Business & Labor Committee

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

EWT Crawford
Abstractor
Glasgow, Mt.

You support H.B. 236.
 (To legalize Electronic Poker & Keno Machines)
NAME: OCCUPATION:

Lloyd Hopstad	BRKMN. Burlington Northern
Niam Kondrusek	Bar tender
John Hoyt	Bar tender
Doris Lauck	Housewife
Wayne Jacob	Farm & Ranch
George Alexand	RETIRED
Ernie Frost	Bar owner
D. E. Jones	Loco Engr BW inc
M. A. Jussett	B. N.
Marvin S. Oraton	retired
Jack Fassett	Valley View Home
James J. Ivy	ELECTRICIAN
Lauren Frost	Bar owner.
Dale E. Spitzer	Contract Specialist
Clara Kemmis	Ret. Military
Edy Bianco	Housewife
Wendy Bussier	Bar tender
Bob O. [unclear]	AUDITOR
Sharon Barnett	Bar tender
Laurel Clark	Housewife
Gene Wohlshlager	Electronics Tech.
Ray [unclear]	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 — I need
this extra revenue to pay
the bills.

— signed —
Sam Peterson
Northern Bar
Hinsdale Mont.

Use support House Bill - 236.

NAME:

OCCUPATION:

Jan Minneratta	carpenter
Carl Palm	labber
Carl Palm	Rancher
Web Taylor	Rancher - Farmer
Buck Taylor	" "
Bob Minneratta	Carpenter
Eddie Press	Jan Currier
Lecky Wickson	Supper Club Home
Kueh G. Donoho	Liquor Store '03
Chuck Kelly	Rancher 40K
Charles E. ...	Matt, et.
Daniel Elsworth	O'Brien Cafe Hotel
Maggie Keenan	bartender
Scott Keenan	Rancher
Harrold G. Noritz	Owner Bottom Workshop
Wayne R. ...	Harrold G. Noritz MDU
Jack Bernard	MDU
Rory Kittleson	Man
Clark Kittleson	Preacher
A. C. Sutfold	Engineer

You support Parlovichs HB-236.

NAME:

Jack Sauer
Donald B Hughes
Lloyd Fullerton
Charles W. Adams
Edward A. Stigm
Russell A. Stigm
Stanley Hogg
Frank Black
Brenda Rangel

Occupation:

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

Richard B. Stelm
Frank B. Stelm
Lloyd Johnson
Jerry E. Koski
Carol J. J. J. J.

Manager
Printer
Operator - Engineer
Salesman
Lawyer

Ure support Parloricni HB-236 —

NAME:

OCCUPATION:

Frances Black	State Worker Bartender
Shayna Barnett	Bartender
Glen E. Lohman	Railroader
Thom A. Wren	BARTENDER
Alan Knudson	Wolf Cart Mt. Salem
Earl Roness	Retired
Mary Sawbater	Student
Larry Schlein	VIP
Heidi Kosmians	BARTENDER
Dennis Fignaker	Const. Worker
Mike Bryan	RANCH HAND
Elton M. Christensen	Const. Worker
Maieid	DRIVER
Colleen Charlenson	waitress
John Lowe	Carpenter
Paul Aune	Bricklayer
Jelen Kennick	Housewife
Carole Phillips	Accountant
Mr. [unclear]	LABORER
Frank Hartree	Railroader
Wendy Stuart	dishwasher
Don Elliott	self employed ^{redets} _{adep}
on only working	Service station etc.
Judy Elliott	Freightomat Owner
Cheryl (L. [unclear])	Road [unclear]

DRAW 80 - MACHINES

You support Bob Parlovichs' HB-236.

NAME:

Occupation:

E.P. Olinger

C. Club Manager

Elmer P. Myers

Unemployed

Lore Fuhrmann

Retired

Mike Mease

Retired

Ronald G. Moore

Teacher

Donald B. Holland

Publisher

Larry Larsonquist

Francis Selby

Perry E. Koski

Salesman

Norman H. Hapner

Manager

John H. Jones

Teacher

Rod Obery
 Beverly Starbais
 Warren DeBray
 Karen Moran
 Roy M. Smith
 Joe Britton
 Lucien Bellanger
 Fran Black
 Ed J. Phelps
 Dolan Gray
 Robert Sanders
 Paul Kelly
 Gary Smith
 Debbie Bayley
 Kelly Mohrhead
 Loretta Myhr
 Al DeLong
 Phil Mohrhead
 Bernie Mohrhead
 Wendy Makoff
 Kathy Smith
 Pat Taylor
 Anita Sherman
 G. Heston

Carl B.N.
 waitress
 Laborer (City of Glasgow)
 Home maker
 Carpenter -
 owner - farmer & son
 dishwasher
 waitress
 Handicapped & Homeless
 Retired Teacher
 Farmer
 House Keeper
 Operator
 Beautician
 Stockyard
 Bartender
 Turner
 Westland Oil owner
 Bill's One Stop owner
 self-employed
 Water Rights Club
 accountant
 Bricklayer
 R.R.

Ull support Parlorists HB 236 —

NAME:

Occupation:

Tony Dull

Farmer - Rancher

Lyn Chapus

" "

Pick Sudduth

" "

Paul Monson

Truck Driver

Eldon Courtney

Tech Foreman

Ray Grozan

Drilling Supt.

Edt Eads

Retired

George Bryant

RETIRED —

Ray Miles

Carpenter

Jack Bullman

Nail

Richard H. Lyndell

Teacher

Vern Volk

worker

D. D. Bunchurst

R. R. Brakeman

Yorky Kucel

B. N. Eng

Debra Jurgens

B. W. Eng

Anne Bell

retiree

Isabelle Sundry

Senior Citizen

VIP

Ray Twigg

Larry Schlein

Hilda K. Wittmayer

Retired

[Signature]

retired

Brian Thompson

PIMP

Ulline

Rancher

Bronc Ride

Max Sledge

[Signature]

U.S. support Parlorians' HB 236

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>Occupation:</u>
Shirley Smuder	WELDER
Joe Miller Jr	STUDENT
Joe Schild Jr	Roughneck LIER
John Spotted Wood	SPRINTY TRK. DR.
Alvin D. Owen	
Pamela D. Kelly	Ally's Bow
Milton A. Lien	Retiree
Myrna Newton	Glasgow
Rachy D. Kochendorfer	Roughneck
Karl Reagan	Oil inspector
Stacy Hilleborn	Driller - Oil Rigs
Smith Northrup	Railroad
Pearl Hagen	Secretary
Archie Hagen	Farmer
Don Hagen	Farmer
Brenda Hopkins	Student
Dale Souler	Laborer
Ellen Kingel	Retired
Harb Fullerton	unemployed
Carol Dascher	Painter
Gene Dascher	unemployed
Allan C Lawson	Retired
Troy Root	grocery clerk
Larry Hain	Postbox

Com. Members of Business and Labor,

We have been in business in
Glasgow for about 7 1/2 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
"Tom & Wendy"

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

Heisler MT. CITY

Bar-Owner OCCUPATION

In our Community our Bar contributes
all the marathons for MS - March of Dimes,
donates to all school functions. The really need
the extra revenue these machines bring to
up with larger phone, electric & Natural Gas
as our owners 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,

Arata Faust NAME
924 1st Ave ADDRESS
Glasgow, Mt CITY
Bus Owner OCCUPATION

We believe that legalizing electronic poker
machines would increase revenue in
the state. It has produced revenue to
pay bills and also payed out that
money changed 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 Moore NAME
902 3rd Ave So. ADDRESS
Glasgow Mont. CITY
Montana Bar Owner OCCUPATION

We support all different types of
activity in Glasgow. 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,

William F. Jellid NAME
62 Heather Lane ADDRESS
Helena, Montana CITY
Mayor of Helena OCCUPATION

the city of Helena was taxing the machine by
a system of license. This license was used to support
the law enforcement of the city. This loss in license
has put additional pressure on our system of
property taxation.

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

Gary Lloyd NAME
Box 907 ADDRESS
Nashua Mt. CITY
Farmer - 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.

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

Ralph E. Berger NAME
933-57th Ave So ADDRESS
Glasgow Mont CITY
Carpenter - Painter OCCUPATION

All of the Counties, Cities & the state need the
massive revenue that this bill will generate.

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

Wm Barnell NAME
Box 131 ADDRESS
Fort Peck Mt CITY
Myr Whippin' Club OCCUPATION

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

W. S. G. G. G. G. NAME
1107 E KANSAS ADDRESS
FORT PECK MT. CITY
HOTEL OWNER OCCUPATION

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

S.L. Smith NAME
Box 886 ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY
employed OCCUPATION

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

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

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

Robert Elring NAME
135 4th Ave N ADDRESS
GLASGOW CITY

OCCUPATION

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

Bill Franzen NAME
741 6th Ave South ADDRESS
Blaine CITY

OCCUPATION

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

May J. Fuhrman NAME
RA 1 west - 4390 ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY

OCCUPATION

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

GARY DASCHER NAME
HC R 271-1112 ADDRESS
Glasgow, MT CITY
Pub Tech OCCUPATION

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

Lee Kimpell NAME
Box 625 ADDRESS
Coleman CITY
OCCUPATION

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

Pearl Golden NAME
Box 1135 ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY
OCCUPATION

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

Vernon Stewart NAME
Nashua ADDRESS
CITY
Bar + Lanes OCCUPATION

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

Rick Kinzell NAME
Box 625 ADDRESS
Glasgow Mt CITY
OCCUPATION

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

Ray E. O'Brien NAME
700 N. 1st Ave ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY
Rural Co. U.S.A. OCCUPATION

Rene Fletch NAME
RR# Box 4970 ADDRESS
Glasgow Mt. CITY
Ranch Hand OCCUPATION

Edgar Newport NAME
Box 286 ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY
Rancher OCCUPATION

Paul [Signature] NAME
P.O. Box 444 ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY
Sales OCCUPATION

R. F. [Signature] NAME
16 Heather Ln ADDRESS
Billings mt. CITY
Sales OCCUPATION

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

[Signature] NAME
515 E. 4th Ave. Rm. 201 ADDRESS
Helena, MT CITY
Senior Pastor OCCUPATION

Linda D. Hume NAME
P.O. Box 1032 ADDRESS
Helena CITY
Retired Teacher OCCUPATION

Phillip Adreon NAME
1005 6th Ave. S. ADDRESS
Helena, Mont CITY
Cook OCCUPATION

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

Camela Kisker NAME
Box 1062 ADDRESS
Helena CITY
MT 59203 OCCUPATION

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

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

Patricia Smith NAME

705 Grand ADDRESS

Glasgow CITY

Hand Solderer OCCUPATION

Walter W. Turner NAME

Box 442 ADDRESS

Glasgow Mont. CITY

Poker Player OCCUPATION

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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SINCERELY,

[Signature] NAME
[Signature] ADDRESS
[Signature] CITY
[Signature] OCCUPATION

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[Signature] CITY
[Signature] OCCUPATION
[Signature]

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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SINCERELY,

Virginia Kent NAME
Scotts Bluff Box 304 ADDRESS
Lawton CITY
Homeskeeper OCCUPATION

Debra Webb NAME
RT 1 4970 ADDRESS
EC 757-00 CITY
W.P.T. OCCUPATION

Betty Keough NAME
10-A Skyline Dr ADDRESS
Glendon CITY
Waitress OCCUPATION

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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SINCERELY,

Carl Connor NAME
1005 6th Ave S. ADDRESS
Helena MONT CITY
INSURANCE OCCUPATION

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

SINCERELY,

Angie Bucher NAME
1005-6th Ave S. ADDRESS
Helena Mont CITY
Insurance OCCUPATION

SINCERELY,

Doris Kelger NAME
Box 1139 ADDRESS
Helena Mt CITY
Bar Owner OCCUPATION

Anna Nandy NAME
640 5 Ave S. ADDRESS
Helena CITY

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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SINCERELY,

Wendy Grant NAME
1009 2nd Ave. So. ADDRESS
Glasgow, Mont. CITY
dishwasher OCCUPATION

SINCERELY,

Mary Ann Remme NAME
615 6 St. No. ADDRESS
Glasgow, Mt CITY
Club OCCUPATION

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

Jim Brown NAME
5th Leonard ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY
Banker/player OCCUPATION

Kim Erickson NAME
407 2nd Ave No. ADDRESS
Glasgow, MT 59401 CITY

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

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

[Signature] NAME
808 11th Ave North ADDRESS
Clayton CITY
Ret - Bank OCCUPATION

[Signature] NAME
412 4th St. W. ADDRESS
Clayton CITY
Montes Personal OCCUPATION

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

[Signature] NAME
914 7th Ave N. ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY
Banking OCCUPATION

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

Tammy Whitlow NAME
402 9th St. N. ADDRESS
Chicago CITY
Book Keeper OCCUPATION

Scott A. Peterson NAME
Box 245 ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY
Farmer/Booker OCCUPATION

F. Beverly Bennett NAME
3413 Ave 10 ADDRESS
Glasgow Mont CITY
1017 17th St OCCUPATION

Don Schulte NAME
Glasgow ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY
Bar MAN OCCUPATION

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

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

Howard Scott. NAME
329-5th Ave. So. ADDRESS
Glasgow, Mt. CITY
"retired" OCCUPATION

Larry 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 Potter NAME
HCR 271-2187 ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY
Waitress OCCUPATION

Glenda R. James NAME
442116 Ave ADDRESS
Glasgow, Mt. CITY

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

Fujikawa NAME
4560 #1 St South ADDRESS
Glasgow Mont CITY
Bowling Prop. OCCUPATION

SINCERELY,

Ray L Kombsky NAME
RR1 #4560 ADDRESS
GLASGOW MT CITY
CHEF OCCUPATION

SINCERELY,

David Kempert NAME
1100 2nd Avenue #3 ADDRESS
Glasgow, MT CITY
Teacher OCCUPATION

SINCERELY,

Nelson Hallberg NAME
He Lin Terrace #76 ADDRESS
Glasgow CITY
Educator OCCUPATION

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

Donna Gascher NAME
54 Peck Rd #1112 ADDRESS
Glasgow Mont CITY
Bookkeeper OCCUPATION

Beverly Jade NAME
910 Valley View ADDRESS
Mascon 177 59230 CITY
Bookkeeper OCCUPATION

Heldin Logan NAME
630 10th St N ADDRESS
Glasgow Mont. CITY
Cartographer OCCUPATION

Debbie Dulaney NAME
ADDRESS
Glasgow, Montana CITY
Secretary OCCUPATION

TO STATE OF MONTANA LEGISLATORS:

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LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER AND KENO MACHINES.

SINCERELY,

Larry E. Allen NAME
601 mahon ADDRESS
Glasgow MT CITY
 OCCUPATION

Suzanne Will NAME
210- 9th St. S. ADDRESS
GLASGOW, MT 59230 CITY
Travel Agent OCCUPATION

Pat Gilman NAME
923 10th Av. N. ADDRESS
Glasgow, Mont. CITY
Housewife OCCUPATION

Irene Beyle NAME
Box 891 ADDRESS
Glasgow, CITY
Banking OCCUPATION

Tim Newton NAME
P.O. Box 865 ADDRESS
Glasgow MT CITY
Banker OCCUPATION

Coin Operators from Bellings
Automatic Music - Phil Keith & Larry McGrail
Big Sky Music Clarence Storch
Big Sky Amusement Env. Sweigert
Valley Sales John Alguire
Video Game Leasing Frank Payble
Silver Dollar Vending Mark Wally
D & R Vending ~~Paul Ripper~~
Starward Investment Duane Brazier

Proponents for HB 236

EXHIBIT 6
BUSINESS & INDUSTRY
March 12, 1985

March 11, 1985

TO: THE SENATE BUSINESS & INDUSTRY COMMITTEE:

I am a member of the Billings City Council. I am recommending to this committee to support H.B. 236. This bill would simply make the poker machines legal.

We in the city of Billings, along with the rest of the cities and towns in the state, desperately need other sources of revenue to fund local government.

We simply cannot keep raising property taxes to fund the money needs that local government has. I again plead with you to support H.B. 236.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Neal C. Kirkness
Billings City Council
413 Russell Dr.
Billings, Mt. 59102
259-4422

March 12, 1985

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.

County of Yellowstone



TREASURER

P.O. Box 35010
Billings, Mt. 59107

March 11, 1985

EXHIBIT 7
BUSINESS & INDUSTRY
March 12, 1985

Business & Industry Committee
Helena, Mt. 59601

Re: HB 236

As a member of the Yellowstone County Gambling Commission for the past 10 years, I can speak with some authority as to the gambling issues.

In Yellowstone County those establishments that legally license their premises, machines and poker tables do not cause us any concern. The establishments are monitored by the Sheriff and whenever a problem arises, the Gambling Commission notifies them and puts them on probation or fines them or both.

To legalize a poker machine would generate much needed revenue to the City and County especially if the license would start at a substantial figure. Example: \$1,000 for the 1st machine, \$1,500 for the 2nd, \$2,000 for the 3rd and up. I realize these license fees would be set by the City Council or County Commissioners. I threw those figures out as that is what I've been hearing the establishments are willing to pay.

Yellowstone County has 23 Premises and the City has 42, that would likely put poker machines in from this standpoint, the revenue for County could be estimated at \$34,500 depending of course how many machines each establishment would license. The City could generate \$63,000 or thereabouts.

These are only estimates.

MAY JENKINS
Yellowstone County Treasurer

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF HB236 BY DONALD W. LARSON, CHAIRMAN
OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE MONTANA TAVERN ASSOCIATION.
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1985

TO: CHAIRMAN, SENATOR MIKE HALLIGAN AND MEMBERS OF
THE SENATE BUSINESS & INDUSTRY COMMITTEE:

ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MONTANA
TAVERN ASSOCIATION, WE UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORT HB236, WITH
AMENDMENTS OFFERED BY REP. BOB PAVLOVICH.

THE MONTANA TAVERN ASSOCIATION UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED
THE CONCEPT OF HB236 AT OUR ANNUAL CONVENTION IN SEPTEMBER,
1984, AT WHICH TIME THE BOARD WAS INSTRUCTED TO CARRY OUT
THEIR MANDATE.

THIS SUPPORT HAS BEEN REAFFIRMED AT THREE SUBSEQUENT
MEETINGS.

OUR MEMBERS DESIRE TO HAVE POKER MACHINES LEGALIZED
IN THE STATE OF MONTANA UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF HB236,
WITH THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OFFERED BY REP. PAVLOVICH.


DONALD W. LARSON, Chairman
Executive Board of the
Montana Tavern Association

P. O. Box 851
Helena, MT 59624

Ph: 442-5040

EXHIBIT 9
BUSINESS & INDUSTRY
MARCH 12, 1985

NAME: D. W. Larson DATE: 3-12-85

ADDRESS: 1801 9th Ave.

PHONE: 442-6380

REPRESENTING WHOM? M.T.A

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB 236

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: Prepared statement

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: RICHARD SMITH DATE: 3/12/85

ADDRESS: MILES CITY

PHONE: 406-232-1153

REPRESENTING WHOM? BIG SKY AMUSEMENT

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB 236

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: VIDEO GAME VENDOR

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

EXHIBIT 11
BUSINESS & INDUSTRY
March 12, 1985

Senator HULLIGAN
State Capitol
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Senator HULLIGAN :

I respectfully ask for your support of HB236, a bill by Rep. Bob Pavlovich to legalize electronic poker machines in Montana, which has passed the House and is now in the Senate.

The revenue that will come from licensing these machines will provide local governments with an alternate source of revenue that they desperately need without adding more to our taxes.

I think people ought to have the right to enjoy this form of entertainment. If some don't want to play the machines, they're certainly not forced to do so.

Very truly yours,

Moose # 334
Gov Alan A. Sinter

P E T I T I O N

TO: SENATOR STAN STEPHENS
SENATOR ALLEN KOLSTAD

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HEREBY RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR SUPPORT
OF HB236 BY REP. BOB PAVLOVICH TO LEGALIZE ELECTRONIC POKER MACHINES
IN MONTANA:

NAME ADDRESS CITY OCCUPATION

Barbara Coon Box 2144 Cut Bank Homemaker

Margaret Amberg 123-5 Central Cut Bank Homemaker

Mary Kapp Box 2293 Cut Bank Bookkeeper

Glenn Whitford Cut Bank Retired

Carl Bannhart Valer Retired

Mary Bannhart Valer Retired

Patrick Fields Box 701 Cut Bank Electronic Tech

Christie Hamerschmitt Cut Bank Housewife

Richard Clive Cut Bank Retired

Marianne Bendig 183 E Central Cut Bank

LeRoy Krause Cut Bank Retired

Lera Kapp Cut Bank Laundry worker

Tom R. Johnson Cut Bank, Montana

James Fald Cut Bank M.H.

Arnold R. Amberg CUT BANK OIL FIELD T7787

NAME: Tom Kirwin DATE: 3/12/85

ADDRESS: Billings

PHONE: 256-8699

REPRESENTING WHOM? Big B Bings Vending Division

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: 24B 236

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: _____

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: Jerry L. T. Heiser DATE: _____

ADDRESS: Box 89 Sand Coulee

PHONE: 736 5188

REPRESENTING WHOM? MTA

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB 236

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: Coin Operator + Bar Owners

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: Franz Pruby DATE: 3-12-85

ADDRESS: Billings

PHONE: 259-4659

REPRESENTING WHOM? Video Game Leasing

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HA 236

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? OPPOSE?

COMMENTS: _____

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

Montana
Association of
Churches



MONTANA RELIGIOUS LEGISLATIVE COALITION • P.O. Box 745 • Helena, MT 59601

EXHIBIT 13
BUSINESS & INDUSTRY
March 12, 1985

March 12, 1985

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

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE BUSINESS AND
INDUSTRY COMMITTEE:

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

I've testified here before, so you know our
position against any expansion of gambling in Montana.

HB 236 is a particularly alarming bill. It will
legalize electronic poker machines, machines which the
Montana Supreme Court has ruled are slot machines. In
the decision in 1984, 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. They are the casino
machines found in great numbers in Nevada and Atlantic
City, New Jersey. A New York Times article (Jan. 21, 1984)
entitled "Electronics Invades Gambling Industry" reports
"some casinos have entire sections devoted to video
poker machines. (Some) are built into bar counters so
customers can play while they drink." In Nevada, there
is an entire video gambling casino. With no restriction
on the number of machines in an establishment, that's
exactly what we will have in Montana. This will be
allowed under HB 236.

But even in Atlantic City and Nevada, there are
controls on the machines that do not exist in HB 236. In
New Jersey, the electronic poker machines are recognized
for what they are, casino machines. They are allowed
only in the casinos in Atlantic City. They are not legal
in taverns or other locations throughout the state as
HB 236 will allow in Montana.

In Nevada, the Gaming Control Board has ordered video
poker machines removed from a video arcade in a pizza
parlor. But HB 236 will allow video poker machines in
pizza parlors or grocery stores or many other places.

The Montana Card Games Act, which HB 236 amends, provides:

23-5-321 (1) Any city, town, or county may issue licenses for the games provided for in the part to be conducted on premises which have been licensed for the sale of liquor, beer, food, cigarettes, or any other consumable products..."

Imagine the implications of this. Children will have access to these machines. They will be located in places children can go without adult supervision.

In other testimony on this bill, it has been claimed that these gambling machines operate with no problems in West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky and North Carolina. I have checked with the Attorney General's office in each of these states and have found that this is not true. Some of the states do allow Draw 80 poker machines, but only as arcade machines. They can only award free games, as does a PAC MAN machine. If there is any cash or merchandise prize, the machines are considered gambling machines and are illegal. That's not what we're talking about here.

The Gamblers Anonymous group in Great Falls has reported that 80% of their people are hooked on electronic machines. In the last 90 days, they have been contacted by 15-20 new compulsive gamblers. These are people who are having severe family and financial problems because of their gambling.

This is why we oppose this bill and other gambling bills, because of the problems an expansion of gambling will cause for people and communities.

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 benifit 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 59238

Fr Greg Staudinger

JOHN G. NLSBU, Chairman
TOM SHERRARD, Commissioner
J.G. GOTTFRIED, Commissioner
RAE KALBFLEISCH, County Attorney
ELIZABETH MUNSON, Clerk and Recorder
VERN L. ANDERSON, Sheriff



COUNTY OF TOOLE

Shelby, Montana

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EXHIBIT 14
BUSINESS & INDUSTRY
March 12, 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,

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Toole County Attorney