

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CHASE HIBBARD**, on January 25, 1999 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Chase Hibbard, Chairman (R)
Rep. Kim Gillan, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bob Story, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Gary Beck (D)
Rep. Rick Dale (R)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)
Rep. Hal Harper (D)
Rep. Dan Harrington (D)
Rep. John L. Holden (R)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)
Rep. Bob Raney (D)
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)
Rep. Sam Rose (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Donna Grace, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted:

SB 84 - 1/18/99
HB 60 - 1/12/1999
HB 68 - 1/12/1999

Executive Action:

SB 84 - Action Deferred
SB 53 - Action Deferred
SB 52 - Concur
HB 137 - Do Pass as Amended
SB 28 - Concur

HEARING ON HB 60

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. John Cobb, House District 50, opened the hearing.

EXHIBIT (tah19a01)

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Proponents' Testimony:

Kathy McGowan, Heart, Cancer and Lung Associations and Montana Association of Homes for Children

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Jim Aherns, Montana Hospital Association

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Veda Lovitt, Montana Medical Association

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Rebecca Moog, Montana Womens Lobby (written testimony)

EXHIBIT (tah19a02)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.9}

Opponents' Testimony:

Jerome Anderson, Brown Williams Tobacco Company.

EXHIBIT (tah19a03)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.7}

Steve Wade, Phillip Morris Tobacco Company

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Brenda Brewer, Small Business Owner, Helena

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Sheldon Feist, Montana Wholesale Dealers Association

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Mark Staples, Montana Wholesale Dealers Association

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Informational Witnesses

Jeff Miller, Department of Revenue **EXHIBIT**(tah19a04)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 7.2}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 8.9}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.9}

HEARING ON HB 68

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. John Cobb, House District 50, opened the hearing.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.8}

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

Jerome Anderson, Brown and Williams and Lorillard Tobacco Corp.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13.4}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None.

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13.9}

HEARING ON SB 84

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Senator Mike Halligan, Senate District 34, opened the hearing.
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.7}

Proponents' Testimony:

Gene Walborn, Department of Revenue
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16.7}

LesLee Shell, Secretary of State's Office
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.3}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.6}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.8}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 84

Motion:

Rep. Harper MOVED to CONCUR in SB 84.
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.3}

Discussion:

Rep. Harper withdrew his motion and further action on the bill was deferred to a later date.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 53

Discussion:

The bill will be amended and further action was deferred to a later date.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 28

Motion/Vote

Rep. Hanson MOVED to CONCUR on SB 28. On a voice vote, the MOTION PASSED, unanimously.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 137

Motion:

Rep. Rose MOVED DO PASS on HB 137.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4.2}

Motion:

Rep. Rehbein MOVED an amendment to the bill. EXHIBIT(tah19a05)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 6.3}

Discussion:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 7}

Vote:

On a voice vote, the amendment passed unanimously.

Motion:

Rep. Harper MOVED an amendment to the bill. EXHIBIT(tah19a06)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 14.8}

Discussion:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 15.3}

Vote:

On a voice vote, the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Motion:

Rep. Rose MOVED HB 137 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21.9}

Discussion:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22}

Vote:

On a voice vote, the **MOTION PASSED**, 18 - 2. Holden and Beck voting no.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9.2}

Adjourn.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.6}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:25 A.M.

REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman

DONNA GRACE, Secretary

CH/DG

EXHIBIT (tah19aad)