

MINUTES

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

CONFERENCE

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GERRY DEVLIN**, on April 19 & 20, 1999
at 4:45 P.M. & 11:15 A.M., in Room 413/415 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gerry Devlin, Chairman (R)
Sen. Charles Swysgood (R)
Sen. Barry Stang (D)
Rep. Sam Rose, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Raney (D)
Rep. Larry Grinde (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Staffer
Pam Schindler, Committee Secretary

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 540, 4/19/1999
Executive Action: HB 540

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ACTION ON HB 540

Sen. Devlin opened meeting and asked **Rep. Grinde** what his intent
of this meeting was. **Rep. Grinde** explained that there was a
typographical error regarding the effective date and that it
should be 2001 not 2002.

EXHIBIT (cch86hb

540fa01)

Motion: REP. GRINDE moved HB 540-CHANGE DATE TO 2001. MOTION FAILED WITH SEN. DEVLIN AND SWYSGOOD VOTING NO.

Discussion: Rep. Grinde then discussed the fiscal impact of this bill. Brenda Nordlund, Dept. of Justice and Jim Gillette, Dept. of Rev. explained the fiscal ramifications of HB 540. Rep. Grinde explained the fees as \$195.00 + fees, \$65.00 + fees, \$6.00 + fees if add \$10.00.

Jim Gillette was asked by Sen. Swysgood how many cars this would impact. Gillette responded with 252,769 automobiles and 191,110 new cars. Sen. Stang inquired how many "losers" there would be. 75% of all cars would pay less.

Sen. Swysgood requested the Dept. of Rev. supply them with more information regarding "winners/losers", and the impact on the General Fund. Jim Gillette will have the figures in the a.m.
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Discussion: there was then discussion regarding the time of the meeting to be scheduled, and what was to be addressed at that time.

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Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. with arrangements made to reconvene at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday 4/20/99.

Sen Devlin called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. 4/20/99. Rep. Grinde asked Jim Gillette about the information he was to provide the committee with. Mr. Gillette supplied the committee with a chart that showed 74% would pay less with approximately 26% paying more.

EXHIBIT (cch86hb

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Sen. Devlin stated that he did not feel the effective date should start mid year; and again raised the issue of changing the effective date to 1/1/2001 after the voters voted on it in 2000.

Motion/Vote: REP. GRINDE moved HB 540-MOVE EFFECTIVE DATE FROM 2002 TO 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. COLE moved HB 540-PASS AS AMENDED THE FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT. Motion carried unanimously.

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Meeting adjourned 11:41.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:41 A.M.

SEN. GERRY DEVLIN, Chairman

REP JOHN "SAM" ROSE, Chairman

Pam Schindler, Secretary

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