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Pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Montana, at the hour of 12:00 noon, the House of Representatives of the 56th Legislature of the State of Montana was called to order by the Honorable Mike Cooney, Secretary of State of the State of Montana.

Posting of the Colors by Captain Mike Yaeger and staff from the Montana National Honor Guard and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

Invocation was sung by Ms. Karla Gallatin of Polson, Montana.

Secretary Cooney recognized the Montana tribal leaders and Lieutenant Governor Judy Martz.

Chief Clerk Marilyn Miller called the roll of the members of the House of Representatives of the 56th Legislature. District No.1, Marian W. Hanson; District No. 2, Ralph Lenhart; District No. 3, Tom Zook; District No. 4, Gary Matthews; District No. 5, Lila V. Taylor; District No. 6, Bill Eggers; District No. 7, Monica J. Lindeen; District No. 8, Bob Clark; District No. 9, Mark E. Noennig; District No. 10, Royal C. Johnson; District No. 11, Kim Gillan; District No. 12, Loren L. Soft; District No. 13, Joan Hurdle; District No. 14, Roy Brown; District No. 15, Daniel C. Fuchs; District No. 16, Jay Stovall; District No. 17, Billie I. Krenzler; District No. 18, Bruce T. Simon; District No. 19, Tom Dell; District No. 20, Peggy Arnott Bergsagel; District No. 21, Daniel W. McGee; District No. 22, Brad Molnar; District No. 23, Joan Andersen; District No. 24, Robert R. Story Jr.; District No. 25, Shiell W. Anderson; District No. 26, Bob Raney; District No. 27, Bob Davies; District No. 28, Cindy Younkin; District No. 29, Beverly Barnhart; District No. 30, Emily Swanson; District No. 31, Steve Vick; District No. 32, Joe Barnett; District No. 33, Karl Ohs; District No. 34, Bill Tash; District No. 35, Steven J. Gallus; District No. 36, Joe Quilici; District No. 37, Bob Pavlovich; District No. 38, Dan W. Harrington; District No. 39, Rick Dale; District No. 40, Gay Ann Masolo; District No. 41, Brennan Ryan; District No. 42, Trudi Schmidt; District No. 43, Diana E. Wyatt; District No. 44, George Golie; District No. 45, Jeff Mangan; District No. 46, Carley Tuss; District No. 47, Joe Tropila; District No. 48, Kathleen M. Galvin-Halcro; District No. 49, Joe McKenney; District No. 50, John Cobb; District No. 51, Chris Ahner; District No. 52, Hal Harper; District No. 53, David Ewer; District No. 54, Chase Hibbard; District No. 55, Mary Anne Guggenheim; District No. 56, Gary Beck; District No. 57, William "Red" Menahan; District No. 58, Doug Mood; District No. 59, Cliff Trexler; District No. 60, Allan Walters; District No. 61, Jim Shockley; District No. 62, Matt Brainard; District No. 63, Dick Haines; District No. 64, Ron Erickson; District No. 65, Rosalie "Rosie" Buzzas; District No. 66, Gail Gutsche; District No. 67, Tom Facey; District No. 68, Carolyn Squires; District No. 69, Carol Williams; District No. 70, Linda McCulloch; District No. 71, Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke; District No. 72, Paul Clark; District No. 73, Rick Jore; District No. 74, John Mercer; District No. 75, Stanley M. Fisher; District No. 76, Paul Sliter; District No. 77, Rod Bitney; District No. 78, Roger Somerville; District No. 79, Verdell Jackson; District No. 80, Bob Lawson; District No. 81, Aubyn Curtiss; District No. 82, Scott J. Orr; District No. 83, Douglas T. Wagner; District No. 84, Darrel Adams; District No. 85, Carol C. Juneau; District No. 86, John L. Holden; District No. 87, John "Sam" Rose; District No. 88, Edith J. Clark; District No. 89, John E. Witt; District No. 90, Toni Hagener; District No. 91, Ray Peck; District No. 92, Matt McCann; District No. 93, William G. "Bill" Thomas; District No. 94, Larry Hal Grinde; District No. 95, Ernest Bergsagel; District No. 96, Sam Kitzenberg; District No. 97, Donald L. Hedges; District No. 98, Frank J. Smith; District No. 99, Betty Lou Kasten; District No. 100, William Rehbein Jr. All members present.

Mike Cooney, Secretary of State of the State of Montana extended greetings to the members on behalf of the State of Montana and delivered the following address:

Chief Justice Turnage, Ms. Gallatin, members of the 56th Montana House of Representatives, legislative staff, special guests and my fellow Montanans. It is my distinct pleasure and high honor to stand before you today and again perform the important responsibility of opening the session of the Montana House of Representatives.

This is a task that I have enjoyed performing not only because it is a Constitutional responsibility, but because of my personal memories of having served as a member of the House some 22 years ago. To each of you I offer my congratulations and extend my welcome. The people of Montana have placed their faith and confidence in each of you.

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This legislative session marks the fifty-sixth time this body has assembled in regular session in our state's history and the last of this century. You have before you great challenges. It is a time like no other. This session will be marked with both dramatic ends and amazing beginnings.

The end of the millennium will bring the departure of some of our most respected and senior colleagues from this body. Yet, it will be an opportunity for others to begin assuming new positions of leadership today. You will be responsible for choosing the path and guiding the future for our great state, for it is a time to look back on what has been accomplished and to look forward to what must be achieved.

In preparing these comments, I became a bit nostalgic thinking back to the time that I spent in these chambers as a Representative. How quickly things change. Twenty-two years ago I sat among Representatives Quilici, Harrington, Menahan and Curtiss in this chamber. We debated the issues, we fought fervently for our beliefs, and in the end we respected one another and walked away friends.

This is one of the challenges before you in the coming 90 days. The people of Montana are not asking for perfection; they are asking you to do the right thing. They ask only that you put aside partisan politics and personal desires to do what is best for all of us as Montanans. Let this be the chamber that resembles the spirit of cooperation shared by our fellow Montanans. During the next 4 months, you are the voice of those you represent. As you debate the issues, be passionate...be enthusiastic...be ardent. But when an issue has ultimately been decided, put it behind you and move on with the people's business.

As elected representatives of the people, you and I share a responsibility for the future. It's a responsibility that extends beyond the current issues of the day and instead relates to a very fundamental question. That question is this: What kind of Montana are we going to leave to our children and grandchildren?

Our Montana heritage is one built on strong traditions. We Montanans deserve a robust economy. We deserve an education system second to none, and we deserve the preservation of our natural heritage. Let your passion choose the way of sustaining this for the next generation. Let your leadership enhance what we already enjoy.

There is a tradition in this chamber to leave your signature in your desk drawer. I'm sure when you sat down today you may have noticed names from the past in your desk....Perhaps you saw the names of Max Baucus, Jim Lucas, Pat Williams, Betty Babcock, Francis Bardanouve or Dorothy Bradley. Individuals who worked long and hard with the people of Montana, fighting for our common beliefs and goals. These individuals have made their mark not just in a desk drawer, but on our state's rich history through their actions in this chamber and beyond.

As you work together over the coming 90 days here in Helena, I urge you, each of you, to ask yourselves what you want to be remembered for as members of the 56th Legislative Assembly. Will your mark simply be a signature in your desk, or will it be more?

I congratulate you again on being elected to serve in the Fifty-Sixth Legislative Session. These are exciting times for Montana; for while the challenges are great, the prospects for the future have never been brighter. Thank you and I wish you all well.

Secretary of State Cooney introduced the Honorable Jean Turnage, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Montana. Chief Justice Turnage administered the following oath of office:

" I do solemnly swear that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Montana and that I will discharge the duties of my office as a member of the House of Representatives with fidelity, so help me God."

Secretary of State Cooney informed the members of the House of Representatives that he had been advised that all oaths of office had been signed and received. These were presented to Justice Turnage for his acknowledgment and then filed in the Secretary of State's office.

Secretary of State Cooney called for nominations for Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Representative Harrington nominated Representative Emily Swanson, District No. 30.

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Representative Grinde nominated Representative John Mercer, District No. 74.

Following a roll call vote, Secretary of State Cooney declared Representative John Mercer, District No. 74, elected as Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 56th Legislature with a 59-41 vote.

Representatives Grinde and Swanson escorted Speaker Mercer to the rostrum where he was formally introduced by Secretary of State Cooney and presented with the Speaker's gavel.

The Sergeant-at-Arms escorted Secretary of State Cooney, Chief Justice Turnage, and Ms. Gallatin from the House Chamber.

Speaker Mercer introduced his family and then delivered his acceptance remarks:

On behalf of the people of Montana, today we begin the most extraordinary legislative session in the history of our state. This is the last legislature where the people were free to elect anyone they wanted to represent their views here in Helena. They elected you, a high honor with great responsibility.

Together with term limits, this legislature is greeted by the grim reality of Montana's lowest standing among the several states in the category of jobs and income. As a result, we all feel an unprecedented sense of urgency coupled with the necessary desire and determination to do more than has ever been done, make the dramatic changes Montana so desperately needs. We cannot allow the hardworking people of Montana to remain in last place.

This sense of urgency resulted in the creation of the Select Committee on Jobs and Income which, together with Governor Racicot, has been working prior to the Session seeking ideas and searching for proposals that can be passed early that will begin making the difference for our citizens. Among those proposals, nothing is more important than eliminating the barrier to increased jobs and income caused by our excessive business equipment tax.

The people of Montana are still waiting for a meaningful tax reform proposal that they can support. Now is the time to craft such a proposal in a bipartisan fashion and place it before the people for their consideration.

Education is not immune from inflation, and declining enrollments create serious financial consequences for our children. In addition, maintenance of school buildings, the need for textbooks, library books and technology cannot be ignored. It is time to take some of the permanent coal tax trust fund that is invested out of state and reinvest it in our schools. Let us not put political allegiance to the coal tax trust fund ahead of our most valuable asset, our children.

It is also time to end the confusing, unpredictable and excessive taxation of motor vehicles in this state. It is time to return to the flat motor vehicle tax.

For many years the hardworking taxpayers of Montana picked up the tab for health care for fellow citizens who could not afford it. Now that we are going to receive money from the tobacco settlement to make up for health problems caused by tobacco and paid for by taxpayers, it is only fair that the majority of that money be returned to the people of Montana in the form of reduced taxes.

Many other complex issues await us, not the least of which is CI-75. Together with the Senate we have created a committee to assist with its implementation. We must never forget that all governmental power flows from the people to the government and not from the government to the people.

Although the corrections crisis has been overshadowed, it has not disappeared. Locking everyone up is not the solution, nor can we afford to go soft on crime by the excessive expansion of home arrest. Instead we must take the actions that will instill in all citizens respect for each other and respect for each other's property.

It is also important that we take swift action on the 6 mill levy and the speed limit.

In our zeal to solve the problems of our state, we must be careful not to bury ourselves in an excessive number of bills. Please discipline yourselves; set priorities and introduce only the most important legislation.

This is not Washington, DC, even though some of your constituents think that is where you are. This is Montana, where we work together, where we sincerely care about each other, where we respect each other's views; but we always get the

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job done.

Representative Swanson addressed the House members with the following:

Mr. Speaker, members of the 56th Legislature, welcome. Thank you for the opportunity to greet you on this opening day of the last regular session of the Montana legislature in this century. I am honored.

For many of us this is our last session in the House of Representatives; for many of you your first; and for those of you in between, you'll be the senior members of this body in the year 2001.

If I could offer you only one tip for this legislative session, it would be to work hard, use your best judgement, and take satisfaction from knowing you gave your very best effort for the people of Montana.

My advice, for whatever it's worth, has no basis beyond my own experience. But here are a few other thoughts especially for the thirty-six members here for your first session.

- 1) If you don't use your assigned parking space because you walk to the Capitol, there are lots of people who would like to talk to you.
- 2) Tip the pages. They deserve it.
- 3) Go to receptions. Your per diem won't stretch to cover meals all month.
- 4) Use the passageway through the restroom and Senate to avoid meeting lobbyists. But do talk to lobbyists. They are an important source of information and knowledge.
- 5) Being a legislator is hard on spouses and families. Be understanding of them when they grow tired of your long absences, early morning committee meetings, and endless phone calls.
- 6) And, remember that too many popcorn snacks today show up somewhere you don't want them tomorrow.

On a more serious note, we've all come here today eager to improve the lives of Montanans. Yes, I believe we - Democrats and Republicans - DO share this goal. We all want a healthy and prosperous future for Montana. We all want a quality of life that includes good jobs, thriving and responsible businesses, environmental care for our land, waters and wildlife, an excellent education for our children. BUT...we Democrats and you Republicans frequently choose different roads to get to this destination--this future for Montana.

That's the basis for a two-party system, and it should be a healthy sign that those differences exist.

As Minority Leader, I will make sure Democratic voices are heard in debates about how we best achieve our goals. The people of Montana expect and deserve to hear all sides of the debate in these halls.

So how are these differences shaping up as we enter the Fifty-Sixth Session? We're all looking at how to spur the Montana economy. It's not an easy problem to solve. We didn't get to fiftieth in personal income overnight, and a few bills this session aren't going to turn us around overnight. What we need is a set of solutions that invest in our future. The best of these we can agree on. Some we may not.

There will be differences between us. Many Republicans believe that elimination of the business equipment tax will spur the economy. Democrats believe it is time to give homeowners the tax break first, and then give a targeted tax exemption on business equipment.

In education, Democrats believe that schools need money in their base budgets if they are to maintain small class sizes and keep well-qualified teachers. Maybe we can agree on that, but last session Republicans favored one-time money to meet schools' needs. You can't give children an occasional nutritious meal to provide what they need to grow and be healthy; we know that the same is true about education. You don't build strong bones with one nutritious meal, and you don't build strong futures with one-time, one-shot funding for schools. Adequate funding, high academic standards, and accountability are what Democrats have always stood for.

And how are we going to provide jobs and a living wage for Montana families? How do we get jobs in Malta and Darby and Dillon? We know it's unlikely that Microsoft will build a plant in Malta. We know agricultural products are at all-time low prices. We know that many people are having to work two or even three jobs. So we need products that improve yields or cut costs for agricultural producers. We need business in Darby that adds value to natural resources found in the Bitterroot and increases well-paid manufacturing jobs. We need products that can be manufactured in Dillon

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and shipped to markets via I-15. This is where research at our universities holds such great promise for economic growth in Montana. Research provides the real opportunity for development of products which are right for Montana production and marketing. At UM they are working on a vaccine for AIDS which has great promise and could spin off into licensing agreements, production, and good jobs for Montanans. At MSU, Ag research produced McNeal spring wheat with higher protein content and improved yields per acre for farmers along the Hi-Line. Research needs a firm commitment of state dollars. I am hopeful that we can agree to an ongoing funding source of these dollars so development of products and processes can boost our economy.

We have much to discuss. I look forward to knowing and learning from each of you as we chart the course of Montana's future together. We come from different parts of the state. We represent different sorts of people: Montanans who live in Representative Kasten's district and Montanans who live in Representative Golie's district may not have much in common. Yet, we are here to design policy which helps all of them. We owe it to all of Montana to have vigorous, respectful, and civil debate about what we decide here. We owe it to all of Montana to listen to citizens and respond to their needs. As Winston Churchill said so well, "The ears of a leader ring with the voices of the people."  
Thank you.

Representative Ohs moved the following be nominated as officers of the House of Representatives for the 56th Legislature:

Speaker Pro Tempore - Representative Doug Mood  
Chief Clerk - Marilyn Miller  
Sergeant-at-Arms - Nancy Meuli

The House officers were unanimously elected.

Chief Clerk Marilyn Miller announced that the caucuses have elected the following officials:

House Majority Leader - Representative Larry Grinde  
House Minority Leader - Representative Emily Swanson  
House Majority Whips - Representative Karl Ohs and Representative Paul Sliter  
House Minority Whip - Dan Harrington  
Minority Caucus Leader - Linda McCulloch

Representative Grinde moved that the rules of the 55th Legislature be adopted as the temporary operating rules of the 56th Legislature with the exception that the amendments adopted by the Joint Rules Committee to Joint Rule 40-40 imposing a 4-request limit on bills requested after 11 a.m. on December 18, 1998, and exempting bills requested by a joint select or joint special committee from cancellation for failing to be preintroduced also be adopted.

Motions passed.

Representative Grinde moved that the Speaker appoint a committee of four members to notify the Governor that the House is now organized and ready for business. Motion carried.

Mr. Speaker appointed Representatives Hanson, Chairman, Barnhart, Quilici, and Zook.

Representative Grinde moved that the Speaker appoint a committee of four members to notify the Senate that the House is now organized and ready for business.

Mr. Speaker appointed Representatives Ahner, Chairman, Barnett, Hagener, and Menahan.

Representative Grinde moved that the Speaker appoint a committee of four members to notify the Supreme Court by letter that the House is now organized and ready for business.

Mr. Speaker appointed Representatives B. Clark, Chairman, Curtiss, Pavlovich, and Wyatt.

The committees were discharged from the chamber.

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Mr. Speaker directed the House to stand at ease to await the report of the Select Committee from the Senate and the three Select Committees of the House.

**REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES**

A committee from the Senate composed of Senators Bohlinger, Ellis, Keenan, Tester, Roush, and Cocchiarella was admitted and reported to the House that the Senate was organized and ready for any legislation the House might care to send it.

The committee appointed to notify the Governor that the House is ready for business reported it had done so. The committee was thanked and discharged.

The committee appointed to notify the Senate that the House is ready for business reported that it had done so. The committee was thanked and discharged.

The committee appointed to notify the Supreme Court that the House is ready for business reported it had done so. The committee was thanked and discharged.

The following employees were recommended to be hired by the 56th Legislature:

CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE AND ROSTRUM STAFF

Chief Clerk - Marilyn Miller  
Assistant Chief Clerks - Marilynn Petek, Louise Sullivan  
Aide to the Chief Clerk - Joanna Bankhead  
Journal Clerk - Andrea Small  
Voting Clerk - Tim Love  
Bills Clerk - Carolyn Renaud  
Status Clerk - Meg Angell  
Bills Coordinator - Elaine Eck  
Amendments Coordinator - Abe Moore  
Reading Clerk/Assistant Amendments Coordinator - David Halvorson

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS STAFF

Sergeant-at-Arms - Nancy Meuli  
Security - Terry Janeway, Ben Hainlin, Don Ramage, Dan Gilmore  
Pages - Dana Rowe  
Supply Clerk - Lorraine Peterson  
Bills Distributor - Darren Schuldheiss

LEADERSHIP STAFF

Secretary to Speaker - Amy Casterline  
Admin Asst. to the Speaker - Paul Bankhead  
Admin Asst. to the Majority Leader - Travis Rothweiler  
Aide to Majority Leader - Ben Good  
Secretary to Minority Leader - Melissa Shannon  
Aide to the House Minority Leader - Brenda Elias  
Permanent Page to the Minority Leader- Tim Tatarka

WORD PROCESSORS

Karen Cutler  
Susie Hamilton

COMMITTEE AIDES

Virginia Peterson  
Jeri Hoff  
Tempie Daigle  
Jo Ann Daly

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COMMITTEE SECRETARIES

Agriculture - Joyce Bankhead

Appropriations - Joanne Gunderson

Approp/Subcommittees:

Education - Marty Eddleman

Gen Gov - Lynn Daily

Hum. Serv. - Delila Croucher

Inst. - Linsey Mortensen

Long Range - Cassandra Drynan

Nat. Res. - Summer Alger

Bus/Labor - Pati O'Reilly

Education - Linda Scott

FWP - Mikell Johnson

Human Serv. - Jaelene Racicot

Judiciary - Pam Schindler

Natural Resources - Deb Thompson

Loc. Govt. - Kimberly Walkenhorst

State Admin - Karen Mills

State/Fed Rel - Deb Thompson

Taxation - Donna Grace

Transportation - Mary Lou Schmitz

**FIRST READING AND COMMITMENT OF BILLS**

The following House bills and resolution were introduced, read first time, and referred to committees:

**HB 1**, introduced by T. Zook, referred to Appropriations.

**HB 2**, introduced by T. Zook (by request of the Office of Budget and Program Planning), referred to Appropriations.

**HB 3**, introduced by T. Zook (by request of the Office of Budget and Program Planning), referred to Appropriations.

**HB 4**, introduced by L. Taylor (by request of the Office of Budget and Program Planning), referred to Appropriations.

**HB 5**, introduced by M. McCann (by request of the Department of Administration, and the Governor), referred to Appropriations.

**HB 6**, introduced by M. McCann (by request of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and the Office of Budget and Program Planning), referred to Appropriations.

**HB 7**, introduced by M. McCann (by request of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and the Office of Budget and Program Planning), referred to Appropriations.

**HB 8**, introduced by M. McCann (by request of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and the Office of Budget and Program Planning), referred to Appropriations.

**HB 9**, introduced by M. McCann (by request of the Montana Arts Council and the Office of Budget and Program Planning), referred to Appropriations.

**HB 10**, introduced by J. Quilici (by request of the Office of Budget and Program Planning), referred to Appropriations.

**HB 11**, introduced by M. McCann (by request of the Department of Commerce and the Office of Budget and Program Planning), referred to Appropriations.

**HB 12**, introduced by J. Quilici (by request of the Department of Environmental Quality and the Office of Budget and Program Planning), referred to Appropriations.

**HB 13**, introduced by R. Johnson (by request of the Governor), referred to Appropriations.

**HB 14**, introduced by R. Johnson (by request of the Governor), referred to Appropriations.

**HB 15**, introduced by T. Zook (by request of the Director of Revenue and the Office of Budget and Program Planning), referred to Appropriations.

**HB 16**, introduced by B. Pavlovich, referred to Judiciary.

**HB 17**, introduced by B. Lawson, referred to Local Government.

**HB 18**, introduced by B. Lawson, referred to Transportation.

**HB 19**, introduced by S. Kitzenberg, R. Holden, referred to State Administration.

**HB 20**, introduced by S. Kitzenberg, referred to Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

**HB 21**, introduced by B. Pavlovich, referred to Education.

**HB 22**, introduced by S. Kitzenberg, referred to Transportation.

**HB 23**, introduced by S. Kitzenberg, referred to Transportation.

**HB 24**, introduced by L. Soft (by request of the Joint Oversight Committee on Children and Families), referred to

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Judiciary.

- HB 25**, introduced by B. Pavlovich (by request of the Joint Interim Subcommittee on Veterans' Needs), referred to Appropriations.
- HB 26**, introduced by S. Kitzenberg, referred to Fish, Wildlife and Parks.
- HB 27**, introduced by M. Noennig, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 28**, introduced by M. Noennig, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 29**, introduced by K. Ohs (by request of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation), referred to Natural Resources.
- HB 30**, introduced by R. Peck (by request of the Department of Commerce), referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 31**, introduced by R. Peck (by request of the Department of Commerce), referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 32**, introduced by R. Johnson (by request of the Department of Commerce), referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 33**, withdrawn
- HB 34**, introduced by J. Stovall (by request of the Committee on Indian Affairs), referred to Appropriations.
- HB 35**, introduced by C. Ahner (by request of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation), referred to Natural Resources.
- HB 36**, introduced by J. Quilici (by request of the Department of Military Affairs), referred to State Administration.
- HB 37**, introduced by J. Quilici, referred to Education.
- HB 38**, introduced by R. Peck (by request of the Code Commissioner), referred to Judiciary.
- HB 39**, introduced by K. Gillan (by request of the Interim Property Tax Committee), referred to Taxation.
- HB 40**, introduced by S. Kitzenberg, referred to Fish, Wildlife and Parks.
- HB 41**, introduced by T. Hagener (by request of the Supreme Court), referred to Appropriations.
- HB 42**, introduced by B. Pavlovich, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 43**, introduced by B. Pavlovich, referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 44**, introduced by R. Johnson (by request of the Department of Commerce), referred to Human Services.
- HB 45**, introduced by B. Lawson, referred to Education.
- HB 46**, introduced by B. Lawson (by request of the State Auditor), referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 47**, introduced by S. Anderson (by request of the State Auditor), referred to Judiciary.
- HB 48**, introduced by D. McGee, C. Christiaens (by request of the Correctional Standards and Oversight Committee), referred to Judiciary.
- HB 49**, introduced by T. Hagener, referred to Appropriations.
- HB 50**, introduced by M. McCann (by request of the Department of Commerce), referred to Appropriations.
- HB 51**, introduced by H. Harper (by request of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation), referred to Agriculture.
- HB 52**, introduced by R. Menahan (by request of the Department of Military Affairs), referred to Human Services.
- HB 53**, introduced by R. Clark (by request of the Department of Corrections), referred to Judiciary.
- HB 54**, introduced by R. Menahan (by request of the House Appropriations Committee), referred to Judiciary.
- HB 55**, introduced by R. Peck, referred to State Administration.
- HB 56**, introduced by R. Menahan, referred to State Administration.
- HB 57**, introduced by J. Mercer (by request of the Board of Regents of Higher Education), referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 58**, introduced by C. Younkin (by request of the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board), referred to Natural Resources.
- HB 59**, introduced by D. Mood (by request of the Department of Corrections), referred to Judiciary.
- HB 60**, introduced by J. Cobb, referred to Taxation.
- HB 61**, introduced by J. Cobb, referred to State Administration.
- HB 62**, introduced by J. Quilici (by request of the Department of Commerce), referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 63**, introduced by B. Simon, referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 64**, introduced by M. McCann, referred to Appropriations.
- HB 65**, introduced by C. Ahner (by request of the Department of Corrections), referred to Judiciary.
- HB 66**, introduced by J. Cobb, referred to State Administration.
- HB 67**, introduced by B. Pavlovich, referred to Appropriations.
- HB 68**, introduced by J. Cobb, referred to Taxation.
- HB 69**, introduced by M. McCann (by request of the Legislative Finance Committee), referred to Appropriations.
- HB 70**, introduced by J. Hurdle (by request of the Department of Public Health and Human Services), referred to Human Services.
- HB 71**, introduced by S. Rose, referred to Education.
- HB 72**, introduced by J. Mercer (by request of the Teachers' Retirement Board), referred to State Administration.
- HB 73**, introduced by S. Rose, referred to Business and Labor.



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- HB 74**, introduced by D. Mood (by request of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation), referred to Natural Resources.
- HB 75**, introduced by C. Ahner (by request of the Department of Military Affairs), referred to Appropriations.
- HB 76**, introduced by R. Somerville, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 77**, introduced by J. Hurdle, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 78**, introduced by M. Brainard, referred to State Administration.
- HB 79**, introduced by M. Brainard (by request of the Committee on Public Employee Retirement Systems), referred to State Administration.
- HB 80**, introduced by J. Cobb, (by request of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation), referred to Agriculture.
- HB 81**, introduced by R. Menahan, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 82**, introduced by H. Harper (by request of the State Tax Appeal Board), referred to Taxation.
- HB 83**, introduced by D. Mood (by request of the Committee on Public Employee Retirement Systems), referred to State Administration.
- HB 84**, introduced by D. Ewer (by request of the Public Employees' Retirement Board), referred to Judiciary.
- HB 85**, introduced by B. Simon, referred to Human Services.
- HB 86**, introduced by D. Wyatt, referred to Taxation.
- HB 87**, introduced by D. Wyatt, referred to Taxation.
- HB 88**, introduced by R. Peck, referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 89**, introduced by S. Bookout-Reinicke (by request of the Department of Military Affairs), referred to State/Federal Relations.
- HB 90**, introduced by T. Hagener (by request of the Office of Public Instruction), referred to Education.
- HB 91**, introduced by B. Simon, referred to Local Government.
- HB 92**, introduced by R. Somerville (by request of the Department of Justice and the Governor), referred to Natural Resources.
- HB 93**, introduced by B. Pavlovich (by request of the Joint Interim Subcommittee on Veterans' Needs), referred to Fish, Wildlife and Parks.
- HB 94**, introduced by J. Cobb, (by the request of the Department of Justice), referred to Judiciary.
- HB 95**, introduced by B. Story (by request of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation), referred to Natural Resources.
- HB 96**, introduced by L. Grinde (by request of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation), referred to Natural Resources.
- HB 97**, introduced by H. Harper, S. Doherty, referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 98**, introduced by B. Simon (by request of the Board of Plumbers), referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 99**, introduced by T. Hagener, referred to Local Government.
- HB 100**, introduced by B. Simon (by request of the State Auditor), referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 101**, introduced by S. Bookout-Reinicke (by request of the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Public Health and Human Services), referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 102**, introduced by S. Fisher, referred to Natural Resources.
- HB 103**, introduced by R. Peck (by request of the Office of Public Instruction), referred to Education.
- HB 104**, introduced by T. Hagener (by request of the Supreme Court), referred to Judiciary.
- HB 105**, introduced by L. McCulloch, D. Mahlum, referred to Transportation.
- HB 106**, introduced by L. McCulloch (by request of the Department of Justice), referred to Judiciary.
- HB 107**, introduced by L. McCulloch (by request of the State Library Commission), referred to Local Government.
- HB 108**, introduced by E. Swanson (by request of the Interim Property Tax Committee), referred to Taxation.
- HB 109**, introduced by J. Mercer (by request of the Department of Justice), referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 110**, introduced by R. Johnson (by request of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation), referred to Appropriations.
- HB 111**, introduced by M. Guggenheim (by request of the State Auditor), referred to Human Services.
- HB 112**, introduced by D. Hedges (by request of the Board of Cosmetologists), referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 113**, introduced by C. Younkin (by request of the Department of Environmental Quality), referred to Natural Resources.
- HB 114**, introduced by L. McCulloch, referred to Transportation.
- HB 115**, introduced by D. McGee (by request of the Department of Corrections), referred to Judiciary.
- HB 116**, introduced by D. McGee (by request of the Correctional Standards and Oversight Committee), referred to Judiciary.
- HB 117**, introduced by K. Ohs, referred to State Administration.
- HB 118**, introduced by D. Mood (by request of the Teachers' Retirement Board), referred to State Administration.

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- HB 119**, introduced by D. Mood (by request of the Public Employees' Retirement Board), referred to State Administration.
- HB 120**, introduced by R. Brown (by request of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation), referred to Natural Resources.
- HB 121**, introduced by B. Krenzler (by request of the State Auditor), referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 122**, introduced by R. Jore, referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 123**, introduced by R. Menahan (by request of the Department of Justice), referred to Local Government.
- HB 124**, introduced by D. Haines (by request of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation), referred to Natural Resources.
- HB 125**, introduced by R. Johnson, (by the request of the State Library Commission), referred to Education.
- HB 126**, introduced by R. Johnson (by request of the Department of Public Health and Human Services), referred to Human Services.
- HB 127**, introduced by R. Johnson (by request of the Department of Public Health and Human Services), referred to Judiciary.
- HB 128**, introduced by K. Gillan (by request of the Revenue Oversight Committee), referred to Taxation.
- HB 129**, introduced by J. Stovall, referred to Transportation.
- HB 130**, introduced by B. Story (by request of the Department of Agriculture), referred to Agriculture.
- HB 131**, introduced by B. Kasten (by request of the Governor), referred to Appropriations.
- HB 132**, introduced by B. Kasten (by request of the Department of Revenue), referred to Taxation.
- HB 133**, introduced by R. Buzzas, (by request of the Office of Public Instruction), referred to Appropriations.
- HB 134**, introduced by D. McGee (by request of the Correctional Standards and Oversight Committee), referred to Judiciary.
- HB 135**, introduced by J. Stovall (by request of the Department of Justice), referred to Judiciary.
- HB 136**, introduced by C. Williams (by request of the State Auditor), referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 137**, introduced by S. Anderson (by request of the Department of Revenue), referred to Taxation.
- HB 138**, introduced by H. Harper (by request of the Department of Transportation), referred to Taxation.
- HB 139**, introduced by H. Harper (by request of the Department of Transportation), referred to Taxation.
- HB 140**, introduced by B. Pavlovich (by request of the Department of Commerce), referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 141**, introduced by T. Hagener (by request of the Secretary of State), referred to State Administration.
- HB 142**, introduced by S. Anderson (by request of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation), referred to Natural Resources.
- HB 143**, introduced by R. Somerville, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 144**, introduced by R. Menahan, referred to State Administration.
- HB 145**, introduced by G. Masolo (by request of the Governor and the Office of Public Instruction), referred to Education.
- HB 146**, introduced by R. Menahan, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 147**, introduced by R. Menahan, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 148**, introduced by G. Golie, referred to State Administration.
- HB 149**, introduced by B. Davies, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 150**, introduced by R. Menahan (by request of the Secretary of State), referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 151**, introduced by J. Witt, referred to Local Government.
- HB 152**, introduced by S. Anderson (by request of the State Library Commission), referred to Taxation.
- HB 153**, introduced by D. Hedges (by request of the Board of Funeral Service), referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 154**, introduced by S. Gallus (by request of the State Auditor), referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 155**, introduced by B. Pavlovich (by request of the State Auditor), referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 156**, introduced by J. Tropila (by request of the State Auditor), referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 157**, introduced by C. Squires (by request of the State Auditor), referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 158**, introduced by K. Ohs (by request of the Department of Environmental Quality), referred to Natural Resources.
- HB 159**, introduced by K. Ohs (by request of the Department of Environmental Quality), referred to Natural Resources.
- HB 160**, introduced by K. Ohs (by request of the Department of Environmental Quality), referred to Natural Resources.
- HB 161**, introduced by K. Ohs (by request of the Department of Environmental Quality), referred to Natural Resources.
- HB 162**, introduced by K. Ohs (by request of the Department of Environmental Quality), referred to Natural Resources.
- HB 163**, introduced by K. Ohs (by request of the Department of Environmental Quality), referred to Natural Resources.
- HB 164**, introduced by K. Ohs (by request of the Department of Environmental Quality), referred to Natural Resources.
- HB 165**, introduced by K. Ohs (by request of the Department of Environmental Quality), referred to Natural Resources.
- HB 166**, introduced by B. Kasten (by request of the Department of Revenue), referred to Taxation.
- HB 167**, introduced by R. Johnson, referred to Business and Labor.
- HB 168**, introduced by B. Kasten (by request of the Department of Revenue), referred to Taxation.
- HB 169**, introduced by J. Quilici, (by request of the Department of Transportation), referred to Transportation.

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**HB 170**, introduced by G. Masolo (by request of the Department of Public Health and Human Services), referred to Human Services.

**HB 171**, introduced by G. Matthews, (by request of the State Auditor), referred to Business and Labor.

**HB 172**, introduced by C. Hibbard (by request of the Department of Transportation), referred to Transportation.

**HB 173**, introduced by R. Somerville (by request of the Department of Military Affairs), referred to State/Federal Relations.

**HB 174**, introduced by C. Hibbard (by request of the Revenue Oversight Committee), referred to Taxation.

**HB 175**, introduced by K. Gillan, referred to State Administration.

**HB 176**, introduced by E. Bergsagel (by request of the Correctional Standards and Oversight Committee), referred to Judiciary.

**HB 177**, introduced by C. Hibbard (by request of the Revenue Oversight Committee), referred to Taxation.

**HB 178**, introduced by C. Hibbard (by request of the Revenue Oversight Committee), referred to Taxation.

**HB 179**, introduced by P. Sliter (by request of the Department of Labor and Industry), referred to Business and Labor.

**HB 180**, introduced by L. Soft (by request of the Department of Public Health and Human Services), referred to Judiciary.

**HB 181**, introduced by P. Sliter (by request of the State Auditor), referred to Business and Labor.

**HB 182**, introduced by C. Ahner (by request of the Public Employees' Retirement Board), referred to State Administration.

**HB 183**, introduced by R. Dale (by request of the Department of Environmental Quality), referred to Natural Resources.

**HB 184**, introduced by H. Harper, referred to Business and Labor.

**HB 185**, introduced by R. Menahan (by request of the Correctional Standards and Oversight Committee), referred to Appropriations.

**HB 186**, introduced by R. Peck, referred to Business and Labor.

**HB 187**, introduced by J. Tropila (by request of the Department of Transportation), referred to Transportation.

**HB 188**, introduced by C. Tuss (by request of the Secretary of State), referred to State Administration.

**HB 189**, introduced by J. Barnett (by request of the Department of Transportation), referred to Transportation.

**HB 190**, introduced by L. Soft (by request of the Joint Oversight Committee on Children and Families), referred to Human Services.

**HB 191**, introduced by K. Gillan (by request of the Revenue Oversight Committee), referred to Taxation.

The following House joint resolutions were introduced, read first time, and referred to committees:

**HJR 1**, introduced by L. McCulloch, M. Halligan, referred to Education.

**HJR 2**, introduced by B. Story (by request of the Revenue Oversight Committee), referred to Taxation.

**HJR 3**, introduced by K. Ohs, L. Grosfield (by request of the Environmental Quality Council), referred to Natural Resources.

**HJR 4**, introduced by A. Walters, referred to Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

The following House resolution was introduced, read first time, and referred to committee:

**HR 1**, introduced by L. Grinde (by request of the House Rules Committee), referred to Rules.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee meetings were announced by committee chairmen.

Majority Leader Grinde moved that the House adjourn until 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 5, 1999. Motion carried.

House adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

MARILYN MILLER  
Chief Clerk of the House

JOHN MERCER  
Speaker of the House