

**SENATE JOURNAL
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Helena, Montana
April 13, 2015

Senate Chambers
State Capitol

Senate convened at 1:00 p.m. President Barrett presiding. Invocation by Pastor Johnson. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call. All members present. Quorum present.

BILLS AND JOURNALS

4/13/2015

Correctly printed: **SJ 24, HB 305, HB 337, HB 434, HB 472, HB 525, HB 576, HB 614.**

Correctly engrossed: **HB 2.**

Correctly enrolled: **SB 34, SB 37, SB 68, SB 126, SB 145, SB 168, SB 176, SB 181, SB 191, SB 213, SB 220, SB 229, SB 237, SB 248, SB 256, SB 270, SB 276, SB 281, SB 294, SB 298, SB 318, SB 335, SB 347, SB 350, SB 356, SB 361, SB 368, SB 372, SB 376, SB 379, SJ 6, SJ 9.**

Transmitted to the House: **HB 2.**

Signed by the Speaker at 9:40 a.m., April 13, 2015: **SB 48, SB 101, SB 150.**

Signed by the Speaker at 10:00 a.m., April 13, 2015: **SB 183, SB 209, SB 219, SB 221, SB 224, SB 238, SB 255, SB 295, SB 333.**

Delivered to the Governor at 3:30 p.m., April 13, 2015: **SB 48, SB 101, SB 150, SB 183, SB 209, SB 219, SB 221, SB 224, SB 238, SB 255, SB 295, SB 333.**

Senator Brenden introduced Jason DeShaw, an award-winning mental health speaker and accomplished country musician, who performed for the Senate.

Senator Brenden rose on a point of personal privilege and thanked Marilyn Miller and staff members for their work coordinating and preparing for the memorial service and old-timers' weekend just ended.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

STATE ADMINISTRATION (D. Brown, Chair):

4/8/2015

SR 33, be adopted. Report adopted.

SR 47, be adopted. Report adopted.

TAXATION (Tutvedt, Chair):

4/13/2015

HB 156, be amended as follows:

1. Title, page 1, line 5 through line 6.

Strike: the first "EQUIPMENT"

Strike: ", TRANSPORTATION,"

Insert: "EQUIPMENT FROM PROPERTY TAXATION AND REDUCING PROPERTY TAXES FOR CARBON TRANSPORTATION"

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Strike: "FROM PROPERTY TAXES"

Strike: "EXEMPT" on line 6

2. Title, page 1, line 7.

Following: "EQUIPMENT;"

Insert: "ALLOWING A CARRYFORWARD OF AN EXEMPTION OR RATE REDUCTION AFTER
TAX YEAR 2025 FOR CERTAIN QUALIFYING PROPERTY;"

Following: "15-6-158,"

Insert: "AND"

3. Title, page 1, line 8.

Strike: "AND 15-24-3111,"

Following: "DATE"

Insert: ", "

Strike: "AND"

4. Title, page 1, line 9.

Following: "DATE"

Insert: ", AND A TERMINATION DATE"

5. Page 1, line 11.

Following: "CONTROL"

Insert: "and carbon capture"

6. Page 1, line 12.

Following: "RECENT"

Insert: "and anticipated"

7. Page 1, line 14.

Strike: "THE CLEAN AIR MERCURY RULE"

Insert: "the Utility Mercury and Air Toxics Rule"

8. Page 1, line 15.

Strike: "REVISED OZONE NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS"

9. Page 1, line 16.

Strike: "AIR INTERSTATE RULE"

Insert: "Power Plan Rule"

10. Page 1, line 19.

Strike: subsection (6) in its entirety

Renumber: subsequent subsections in preamble

11. Page 1, line 21.

Strike: subsection (8) in its entirety

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Renumber: subsequent subsections in preamble

12. Page 1, line 24 through line 27.

Strike: subsection (11) through subsection (13) in their entirety

Renumber: subsequent subsections in preamble

13. Page 1, line 29 through page 2, line 8.

Strike: subsection (15) through subsection (21) in their entirety

Renumber: subsequent subsections in preamble

14. Page 2, line 10 through line 11.

Strike: subsection (23) through subsection (24) in their entirety

Renumber: subsequent subsections in preamble

15. Page 2, line 12.

Strike: "NATIONAL" through "FOR THE"

16. Page 2, line 13.

Strike: "MANUFACTURING" through "FUELS"

Insert: "Maximum Achievable Control Technology"

17. Page 2, line 14 through line 17.

Strike: subsection (26) through subsection (28) in their entirety

Renumber: subsequent subsections in preamble

18. Page 2, line 18.

Strike: "AND"

19. Page 2, line 19.

Following: the second "DISCHARGE"

Insert: "; and

(14) Additional new or future regulatory actions requiring the control of air or water pollution"

20. Page 2, line 24 through line 25.

Strike: "MANY OF"

Strike: ", YET" through "VISIBILITY"

21. Page 3, line 1.

Following: page 2, line 30

Insert: "WHEREAS, incentivizing advancements and investments in carbon sequestration is important to the future of Montana's economy and consistent with the goals in Montana's state energy policy, including expanded technological innovation through enhanced oil recovery; and"

22. Page 3, line 2.

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Following: "CONTROL"

Insert: "and carbon capture"

Following: "EQUIPMENT"

Insert: "from property taxation"

Following: the second "AND"

Insert: "reduce property taxes for"

Following: "CARBON"

Insert: "transportation and"

Strike: "FROM PROPERTY TAXES"

23. Page 3, line 11.

Following: "control"

Insert: "and carbon capture"

24. Page 3, line 21.

Following: "control"

Insert: "and carbon capture"

25. Page 3, line 25.

Following: "environment."

Insert: "This includes machinery, devices, or equipment used to capture carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gases."

26. Page 4, line 2.

Following: "control"

Insert: "and carbon capture"

27. Page 4, line 4.

Following: "control"

Insert: "and carbon capture"

28. Page 4, line 5.

Following: "control"

Insert: "and carbon capture"

29. Page 4, line 8.

Following: line 7

Insert: "(d) To qualify for the exemption under subsection (5)(b), the air and water pollution control and carbon capture equipment must be placed into service after January 1, 2014, for the purposes of environmental benefit or to comply with state or federal pollution control regulations. If the air or water pollution control and carbon capture equipment enhances the performance of existing air and water pollution control and carbon capture equipment, only the market value of the enhancement is subject to the exemption under subsection (5)(b).

(e) Except as provided in subsection (2)(d), equipment that does not qualify for the exemption under subsection (5)(b) includes but is not limited to equipment placed into service to

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maintain, replace, or repair equipment installed on or before January 1, 2014."

Renumber: subsequent subsections

30. Page 5, line 7.

Following: "control"

Insert: "and carbon capture"

Following: "2014,"

Insert: "and that satisfies the criteria in subsection (2)(d)"

31. Page 5, line 8.

Following: "taxation"

Insert: " for a period of 10 years from the date of certification, after which the property is assessed at 100% of its taxable value"

32. Page 5, line 29 through line 30.

Strike: "CAPTURE, TRANSPORTATION, AND"

33. Page 6, line 21 through line 22.

Strike: subsection (b) in its entirety

Insert: "(b) Carbon sequestration equipment placed in service after January 1, 2014, that is certified as provided in subsection (5) and that has a current granted tax abatement under 15-24-3111 is taxed at 1.5% of its reduced market value during the qualifying period provided for in 15-24-3111(7)."

34. Page 6, line 27.

Strike: "DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY"

Insert: "board of oil and gas conservation"

35. Page 6, line 30 through page 7, line 1.

Strike: "DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY"

Insert: "board of oil and gas conservation"

36. Page 7, line 5 through line 6.

Strike: "DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY"

Insert: "board of oil and gas conservation"

37. Page 8, line 4.

Following: ";1"

Insert: "and"

38. Page 8, line 5.

Following: "control"

Insert: "and carbon capture"

39. Page 8, line 6 through line 8.

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Strike: "; and" on line 6 through "2014" on line 8

40. Page 8, line 10 through page 9, line 30.

Strike: section 4 in its entirety

Insert: "NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Transition after termination -- carryover of abatement.** (1)(a) An exemption or property tax rate reduction that a taxpayer receives under the provisions of law in effect in 15-6-135, 15-6-158, or 15-6-219, prior to the termination date in [section 7]:

(i) may be carried forward for the remaining number of years left under the certification; and

(ii) is not impaired by [this act].

(b) A taxpayer is entitled to the exemption or property tax rate reduction for the period of time established in the section at the time the exemption or property tax rate reduction was first allowed.

(2) This section applies to all exemptions and property tax rate reductions that are removed or repealed by [section 7], including 15-6-135 for pollution control equipment and 15-6-158 for carbon sequestration."

41. Page 10, line 5.

Following: "control"

Insert: "and carbon capture"

42. Page 10, line 7.

Following: line 6

Insert: "NEW SECTION. **Section 7. Termination.** [Sections 1 through 3] terminate December 31, 2025."

And, as amended, be concurred in. Report adopted.

MESSAGES FROM THE OTHER HOUSE

Senate bills concurred in and returned to the Senate:

4/11/2015

SB 34, introduced by T. Facey

SB 37, introduced by J. Fielder

SB 57, introduced by C. Vincent

SB 68, introduced by M. Caferro

SB 112, introduced by D. Ankney

SB 123, introduced by B. Tutvedt

SB 145, introduced by B. Hamlett

SB 148, introduced by C. Smith

SB 149, introduced by M. Rosendale

SB 213, introduced by F. Thomas

SB 216, introduced by R. Webb

SB 230, introduced by C. Vincent

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SB 232, introduced by F. Moore
SB 235, introduced by K. Hansen
SB 237, introduced by M. Blasdel
SB 240, introduced by E. Buttrey
SB 248, introduced by J. Brenden
SB 253, introduced by M. McNally
SB 256, introduced by B. Hamlett
SB 270, introduced by J. Taylor
SB 276, introduced by R. Webb
SB 281, introduced by F. Moore
SB 294, introduced by F. Moore
SB 298, introduced by J. Fielder
SB 318, introduced by N. Swandal
SB 330, introduced by B. Hamlett
SB 335, introduced by B. Tutvedt
SB 336, introduced by B. Keenan
SB 347, introduced by T. Facey
SB 350, introduced by C. Smith
SB 361, introduced by B. Hamlett
SB 368, introduced by M. Rosendale
SB 372, introduced by M. Blasdel
SB 376, introduced by J. Brenden
SB 379, introduced by G. Vance
SB 384, introduced by R. Webb

Senate joint resolutions concurred in and returned to the Senate:

4/11/2015

SJ 6, introduced by C. Larsen
SJ 9, introduced by J. Brenden
SJ 13, introduced by D. Ankney
SJ 14, introduced by F. Thomas

Senate bills concurred in as amended and returned to the Senate for concurrence in House amendments:

4/11/2015

SB 93, introduced by P. Connell
SB 128, introduced by K. Hansen
SB 258, introduced by B. Hoven
SB 261, introduced by B. Hamlett
SB 280, introduced by F. Moore
SB 283, introduced by J. Brenden
SB 325, introduced by J. Keane
SB 349, introduced by C. Smith
SB 355, introduced by D. Ankney

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SB 367, introduced by J. Taylor
SB 389, introduced by B. Hamlett
SB 390, introduced by E. Arntzen

Senate joint resolution concurred in as amended and returned to the Senate for concurrence in House amendments:

4/11/2015

SJ 10, introduced by L. Jones

Senate bills not concurred in and returned to the Senate:

4/11/2015

SB 293, introduced by B. Hamlett
SB 334, introduced by J. Fielder

MOTIONS

Majority Leader Rosendale moved **HB 245**, **HB 468**, and **HB 488** be taken from the second-reading board and re-referred to the Finance and Claims Committee. Without objection, so ordered.

Senator Thomas moved consideration of **HB 479** be passed from today's second-reading agenda to tomorrow, the seventy-fifth legislative day. Without objection, so ordered.

**SECOND READING OF BILLS
(COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)**

Majority Leader Rosendale moved the Senate resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of business on second reading. Motion carried. Senator Moe in the chair.

Ms. President: We, your Committee of the Whole, having had under consideration business on second reading, recommend as follows:

HB 546 - Senator D. Brown moved **HB 546** be concurred in. Motion **failed** as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, Buttrey, Connell, Fielder, Hoven, Jones, Malek, Moore, Ripley, Rosendale, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Vance, Webb, Ms. President.
Total 19

Nays: Arntzen, Barrett Dick, T. Brown, Caferro, Cohenour, Driscoll, Facey, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Howard, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, McNally, Moe, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Tutvedt, Vincent, Vuckovich, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken.
Total 31

Absent or not voting: None.

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Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

HB 546 - Majority Leader Rosendale moved **HB 546** be **indefinitely postponed**. Motion carried as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Barrett Dick, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Hamlett, Hinkle, Howard, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Taylor, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken.

Total 36

Nays: Arntzen, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, Fielder, Hansen, Hoven, Jones, Ripley, Rosendale, Swandal, Thomas, Webb, Ms. President.

Total 14

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

HB 430 - Senator Hansen moved **HB 430** be concurred in. Motion carried as follows:

Yeas: Barrett Dick, Blasdel, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Hamlett, Hansen, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Smith, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Webb, Wolken.

Total 33

Nays: Ankney, Arntzen, Brenden, D. Brown, Fielder, Hinkle, Keane, Moore, Sesso, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Vincent, Vuckovich, Whitford, Windy Boy, Ms. President.

Total 17

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

SB 195 - House Amendments - Senator Caferro moved House amendments to **SB 195** be concurred in. Motion carried as follows:

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Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.
Total 50

Nays: None.
Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.
Total 0

Excused: None.
Total 0

SB 217 - House Amendments - Senator Hansen moved House amendments to **SB 217** be concurred in. Motion carried as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Cohenour, Connell, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, McNally, Moore, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.
Total 43

Nays: Caferro, Driscoll, Kaufmann, Malek, Moe, Phillips, Pomnichowski.
Total 7

Absent or not voting: None.
Total 0

Excused: None.
Total 0

SB 307 - House Amendments - Senator Stewart-Peregoy moved House amendments to **SB 307** be concurred in. Motion carried as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.
Total 50

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Nays: None.
Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.
Total 0

Excused: None.
Total 0

SB 364 - House Amendments - Senator Cohenour moved House amendments to **SB 364** be concurred in. Motion carried as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.
Total 43

Nays: Barrett Dick, Caferro, Kaufmann, Malek, McNally, Pomnichowski, Vincent.
Total 7

Absent or not voting: None.
Total 0

Excused: None.
Total 0

SB 371 - House Amendments - Senator Blasdel moved House amendments to **SB 371** be concurred in. Motion carried as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Connell, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, McNally, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Ms. President.
Total 41

Nays: Barrett Dick, Caferro, Cohenour, Driscoll, Kaufmann, Malek, Moe, Sands, Wolken.
Total 9

Absent or not voting: None.
Total 0

Excused: None.

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Total 0

Majority Leader Rosendale moved the committee **rise and report**. Motion carried. Committee arose. Senate resumed. President Barrett presiding. Chair Moe moved the Committee of the Whole report be adopted. Report adopted as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.

Total 47

Nays: Facey, Rosendale, Webb.

Total 3

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

THIRD READING OF BILLS

The following bills having been read three several times, title and history agreed to, were disposed of in the following manner:

HB 337 concurred in as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.

Total 46

Nays: Blasdel, Sales, Vance, Vincent.

Total 4

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

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HB 434 concurred in as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Hamlett, Hansen, Hoven, Jones, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Sands, Sesso, Stewart-Peregoy, Tutvedt, Vincent, Vuckovich, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken.

Total 32

Nays: Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, Fielder, Hinkle, Howard, Kary, Moore, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Smith, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Vance, Webb, Ms. President.

Total 18

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

HB 525 concurred in as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.

Total 45

Nays: Brenden, D. Brown, Connell, Pomnichowski, Ripley.

Total 5

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

SJ 24 passed as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hoven, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Sands, Sesso, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Tutvedt, Vincent, Vuckovich, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken.

Total 37

Nays: Brenden, Hinkle, Howard, Jones, Keenan, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Smith, Thomas,

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Vance, Webb, Ms. President.
Total 13

Absent or not voting: None.
Total 0

Excused: None.
Total 0

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

SR 51 - Senator T. Brown moved that the nomination transmitted by the Governor be concurred in and confirmed by the Senate in accordance with **SR 51**. Motion carried as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.
Total 50

Nays: None.
Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.
Total 0

Excused: None.
Total 0

SR 36 - Senator Buttrey moved that the nominations transmitted by the Governor be concurred in and confirmed by the Senate in accordance with **SR 36**. Motion carried as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.
Total 50

Nays: None.
Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.
Total 0

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Excused: None.
Total 0

SR 38 - Senator Buttrey moved that the nominations transmitted by the Governor be concurred in and confirmed by the Senate in accordance with **SR 38**. Motion carried as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.
Total 50

Nays: None.
Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.
Total 0

Excused: None.
Total 0

SR 39 - Senator Buttrey moved that the nominations transmitted by the Governor be concurred in and confirmed by the Senate in accordance with **SR 39**. Motion carried as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.
Total 48

Nays: Keane, Ripley.
Total 2

Absent or not voting: None.
Total 0

Excused: None.
Total 0

SR 43 - Senator Webb moved that the nominations transmitted by the Governor be concurred in and confirmed by the Senate in accordance with **SR 43**. Motion carried as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro,

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Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.
Total 50

Nays: None.
Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.
Total 0

Excused: None.
Total 0

SR 7 - Senator Brenden moved that the nominations transmitted by the Governor be concurred in and confirmed by the Senate in accordance with **SR 7**. Motion carried as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.
Total 50

Nays: None.
Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.
Total 0

Excused: None.
Total 0

SR 48 - Senator Thomas moved that the nomination transmitted by the Governor be concurred in and confirmed by the Senate in accordance with **SR 48**. Motion carried as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.
Total 50

Nays: None.

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Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

Senator Smith introduced the Pages for the coming week:

Mya Ator from Colstrip, sponsored by Senator Ankney
Nicholas Buenz from Big Fork, sponsored by Senator Keenan
Dylan McPhail from Anaconda, sponsored by Senator Vuckovich
Daine Meissner from Chester, sponsored by Senator Hansen

On Sunday, April 12, 2015, the Montana Legislature met to recognize and record the passing of former members of the Senate and House of Representatives. Memorials of those members are included in this journal beginning on the following page.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee meetings were announced by the committee chairs.

Majority Leader Rosendale moved the Senate adjourn until 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 14, 2015, the seventh-fifth legislative day. The motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

MARILYN MILLER
Secretary of the Senate

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BETTY RUTH (LEE) BABCOCK

WHEREAS, IT IS WITH DEEP, SINCERE SORROW THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECORD THE PASSING OF BETTY RUTH (LEE) BABCOCK ON AUGUST 4, 2013 IN HELENA, MONTANA.

WHEREAS, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT THE RECORD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE BETTY BABCOCK BE FILED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSEMBLY, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO HER CAREER ARE HEREBY NOTED:

Betty Ruth (Lee) Babcock was born March 11, 1922, in Aplington, Iowa, to Otis Forest "Bill" Lee and Ruth (Travis) Lee. She joined a 10-year-old brother, Cloyd "Sonny" Lee. At the age of two, after her mother's death, Betty went to live with her Uncle Elwood "Wood" Lee and his wife, Katherine "Nandy," in Glendive, where she lived until she married her high school sweetheart, Tim Babcock, on September 21, 1941 in Las Vegas.

Betty became the First Lady of Montana in 1962 and thus began her tireless work for the state she loved. She wrote the "First Ladies' Cookbook," proceeds of which funded several Montana projects; she served on Shodair's Board of Directors, was a member of the 1972 Constitutional Convention, served in the Montana House of Representatives in 1974, chaired the Montana Capitol Restoration Foundation, and represented Montana at 17 National Republican Conventions. Betty also belonged to the Beta Sigma Phi sorority, the PEO, Daughters of the American Revolution, Eastern Star and Daughters of the Nile.

Betty was truly devoted to her family and friends. More than anything, she loved spending time with her family and bragging about them to anyone who would listen. She was dedicated to genealogy and spent a great deal of time researching and recording the history of her family. She was committed to her causes and beliefs and was a true "patriot's patriot." Helping others succeed made her happiest. To her family she was the fun-loving matriarch; to her friends she was someone who could always be counted on; and to everyone who met her she was genuine and sincere. We will remember most her love of God, her dedication to her family and friends, and her unwavering commitment to her state and country.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Lorna Kuney (Bill); grandchildren, Lee Ann Ruud (Monte), Tim Kuney (Tina), Ralph Kuney, Phoebe Winchester (Johnny) and Mathew Fillinger; and great grandchildren, Kate, Lizzy and Jon Ruud, Jack and Anna Kuney, Connor and Nevan Olson, Trace and Marlee Williams, Declan Winchester, and Cody, Dylan and Noemi Fillinger.

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TIM BABCOCK

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WHEREAS, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT THE RECORD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE TIM BABCOCK BE FILED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSEMBLY, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO HIS CAREER ARE HEREBY NOTED:

Tim Babcock was named Milford Babcock when he was born on October 27, 1919, in a humble home in Littlefork, Minnesota, to Erwin and Olive (Rinehart) Babcock. He was nicknamed "Tiny Tim" by his aunt. He soon outgrew the "Tiny" part, but the name "Tim" stuck to him for life.

He graduated from Dawson County High School in 1939 and headed for California with a cousin and a friend and found a job selling pots and pans door to door. He eventually got a job at Douglas Aircraft in Santa Monica. Tim and his high school sweetheart, Betty Lee, were married on September 21, 1941 in Las Vegas.

Six months after Pearl Harbor was attacked on December 7, 1941, Tim was called to duty. Tim shipped out on December 12, 1944 as part of the 2nd Battalion, E Company, 394th Infantry Regiment, 99th Infantry Division and fought in the "Battle of the Bulge." He captured a German officer and was awarded a Bronze Star for heroism at the Remagen Bridge. The following citation was sent home to his family.

"Private First Class Tim Babcock, 394 Infantry, United States Army, for heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on March 11, 1945, in Germany. Private First Class Babcock braved murderous automatic weapons fire in his determination to secure the aid of the adjacent squad in freeing his own unit, pinned down by withering fire. Upon reaching the unit, he quickly acquainted them with the situation and led them to the enemy's flank and directed the annihilation of the hard fighting group, enabling his men to proceed to the objective. By his heroic execution of duty, Private First Class Babcock reflects credit upon himself and the armed forces."

Tim was elected as a State Representative from Custer County in 1952 and then in 1956 and 1958 representing Yellowstone County. He was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1960 to serve with Governor Donald Nutter. Governor Nutter was killed in a plane crash on January 25, 1962, and Tim Babcock was constitutionally placed into the office of Governor. He won the election in 1964 and served as Governor until 1969.

Tim represented Montana at several special events during his tenure as Governor, the first being the World's Fair in Seattle in 1962. On January 1, 1964, the Montana Territorial Centennial was kicked off at the Pasadena Rose Parade. The Montana Centennial Train left Billings on April 5, 1964, and made fifteen stops on the way to its final destination in New York.

After leaving the Governor's office Tim had several business enterprises: the Babcock and Lee Truck Line with Betty's father, Occidental Petroleum, January Mining Company, Colonial Inn, KTCM-TV,

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Davenport Hotel in Spokane and as a consultant. Tim purchased the famous Ox Bow Ranch in 1978 and went into the cattle business. He also raised thoroughbred horses on the ranch.

Tim and Betty's daughter Marla and his wife Betty predeceased him. He is survived by his daughter Lorna Kuney (Bill); grandchildren, Lee Ann Ruud (Monte), Tim Kuney (Tina), Ralph Kuney, Phoebe Winchester (Johnny) and Mathew Fillinger; and great grandchildren, Kate, Lizzy and Jon Ruud, Jack and Anna Kuney, Connor and Nevan Olson, Trace and Marlee Williams, Declan Winchester, and Cody, Dylan and Noemi Fillinger.

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LARRY L. BAER

WHEREAS, IT IS WITH DEEP, SINCERE SORROW THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECORD THE PASSING OF LARRY L. BAER ON FEBRUARY 5, 2015 IN BIGFORK, MONTANA.

WHEREAS, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT THE RECORD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE LARRY BAER BE FILED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSEMBLY, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO HIS CAREER ARE HEREBY NOTED:

Larry Baer was born in Chicago, lived in many states, but loved Montana and was happy to call it "home." Larry was a man full of passion and love, dedicating himself to his family and friends.

Though his family always came first, his life was filled with many professional accomplishments: Navy hospital corpsman, policeman, business owner/entrepreneur, published author, artisan. He was the owner of Larry Baer Fine Firearms where he did classic restoration and gunsmithing.

Larry served as a Montana State Senator for the 1995 and 1997 Legislative Sessions. He was a member of the Judiciary, Labor and Employment Relations, Public Health, Welfare & Safety, Finance & Claims, and Highways & Transportation committees.

Larry is survived by his wife, Shirley; his mother, Adelaide; his three children, Samuel, Carin and Charles; and his two grandchildren, Lauren and Vaughan.

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ELMER "BRENT" BLISS

WHEREAS, IT IS WITH DEEP, SINCERE SORROW THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECORD THE PASSING OF ELMER 'BRENT' BLISS ON AUGUST 28, 2014, IN DUTTON, MONTANA.

WHEREAS, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT THE RECORD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE BRENT BLISS BE FILED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSEMBLY, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO HIS CAREER ARE HEREBY NOTED:

Elmer "Brent" Bliss, was born on March 12th, 1930 to Elmer and Sadie Bliss in Great Falls. He attended Largent School through 5th grade and then moved to Power where he worked on the family farm and graduated from high school in 1948.

In that same year he joined the Air National Guard and went on active duty with the Air Force in 1950, during the Korean conflict. There, Brent served as Crew Chief and sheet metal frame mechanic, working on P-51 Mustangs. He was a member of the George AFB volleyball team, winning the National Championship in 1948.

After his tour in the ANG, Brent returned to farming and in the spring of 1955 married Patty Mathews. They raised two sons on the family farm east of Dutton. Amidst a busy farming schedule and raising a family, he studied and obtained his law degree from La Salle Extension University of Chicago in 1971. Brent was active in his community and was a member of the American Legion, Montana Farm Bureau, Bethany Lutheran Church and Promised Land school board.

He enjoyed every sport that included a round ball. Brent loved telling how at age 10 he won the Great Falls marble championship. His children and grandchildren shared his love of sports. He and Patty traveled all over the state to watch them play ball, never missing a game. At age 50 he began golfing, and made his first hole in one at age 60 and another at 80. He also enjoyed the arts and entertainment in Branson, Missouri, where he and Patty spent several winters.

Brent is survived by his wife of 59 years, Patty Bliss; sons Stuart (Loretta) of Dutton and Gerald (Ebbie) of Great Falls; grandchildren Shari, Candice, Colby, Kevin and Blair; great-grandsons Matthew and Caysen; brothers Gerald of California and Dave (Virginia) of Conrad, Montana.

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RAYMOND JOHN BRANDEWIE

WHEREAS, IT IS WITH DEEP, SINCERE SORROW THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECORD THE PASSING OF RAYMOND JOHN BRANDEWIE ON APRIL 26, 2014 IN BIGFORK, MONTANA.

WHEREAS, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT THE RECORD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE RAYMOND BRANDEWIE BE FILED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSEMBLY, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO HIS CAREER ARE HEREBY NOTED:

Raymond John "Ray" Brandewie was born to James and Vera Brandewie on March 12, 1940, in Kalispell. He graduated from Bigfork High School and attended the University of Montana. Ray married Terra (Stroisch) Brandewie in 1960, and together they raised their family on Flathead Lake. Ray was a true, native-born Montanan. He lived his life on his own terms and enjoyed everything Montana had to offer. He was the steward of orchards and then tree farms on Flathead Lake.

Ray owned and operated many small businesses, most recently a line of jams and barbecue sauces distinctly made in Montana. Ray served his community and the state as both a volunteer and an elected official. Ray was a school board member of the Lake County Planning board for two terms. He served as a Republican State Representative in the 1985, 1987 and 1993 sessions.

In the spirit of Montana, Ray was an avid outdoorsman, orchardist and farmer, entrepreneur and public servant. He knew where to catch the biggest fish and shoot the biggest buck. He served as a volunteer in the Bigfork Jaycees, Lions Club and Sheriff's Posse.

Ray is survived by his wife, Tressa; three sons, Kirk Brandewie of Pinedale, Wyoming, Brian Brandewie of Gulfport, Mississippi, and Brendt Brandewie of Bigfork; and his daughter, Sherri Dugan, of Bigfork. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

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ED CARNEY

WHEREAS, IT IS WITH DEEP, SINCERE SORROW THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECORD THE PASSING OF ED CARNEY ON AUGUST 14, 2001 IN BILLINGS, MONTANA.

WHEREAS, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT THE RECORD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE ED CARNEY BE FILED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSEMBLY, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO HIS CAREER ARE HEREBY NOTED:

Ed Carney was born October 13, 1920 to Jack and Florence (Richardson) Carney in Scobey, Montana. His parents were homesteaders in the Coal Creek area of northern Daniels County, and Ed was their only child. Ed's father died in 1937 when Ed was 12 years old. Ed graduated from Scobey schools and later from Seattle University.

In 1945 Ed married Betty Hillstrom and they farmed the family homestead and raised their family. Ed was elected to the State Senate in 1956 and re-elected in 1960. While serving in the Legislature he introduced a very important bill to Daniels County which provided for counties to receive payments "in lieu of taxes" on state lands. After his stint in the Senate, Ed remained active in politics.

In 1969 Ed and Betty moved to Helena, where he worked for the Department of State Lands, implementing the Resource Development Program. In 1972 he was appointed Director of the Department of Professional and Occupational Licensing, serving until his retirement in 1981. Ed and Betty moved back to Scobey three years later, and Ed served on many boards, including the Hospital Foundation and local co-ops. In his later years he especially enjoyed photography and following the activities of his grandchildren. Ed believed in accomplishing at least one thing every day.

Ed is survived by daughter Mary Vollertsen of Choteau; sons Steve of Scobey and Jack of Peerless; "daughter" Honey Richardson of Missoula; and seven grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Ed was preceded in death by his wife Betty in 1997.

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GEORGE DARROW

WHEREAS, IT IS WITH DEEP, SINCERE SORROW THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECORD THE PASSING OF GEORGE DARROW ON FEBRUARY 25, 2015 IN KALISPELL, MONTANA.

WHEREAS, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT THE RECORD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE GEORGE DARROW BE FILED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSEMBLY, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO HIS CAREER ARE HEREBY NOTED:

George Darrow was born in Osage, Wyoming on Friday the 13th of August, 1924 to George and Marjorie (Ord) Darrow. During George's early life the family lived in New York and spent summers in Wyoming. He earned degrees in geology and economics from the University of Michigan where he played football and wrestled. He served in the Navy and worked in oil and groundwater exploration in Billings. In 1953 George married Eileen Riedl, and they had four children: Roy, Karen, Reed and John. The couple later divorced, and George married Elna Eshom in Bigfork in 1976. George and Elna were married for 32 years. Elna passed away in 2009 and his son John in 2010.

The Darrows were consummate volunteers for decades in the Bigfork community where they owned and operated Kootenai Galleries for many years. He was a driving force behind the Bigfork Center for the Performing Arts and led an effort to raise nearly \$1 million for the center in the mid-1980s. George served on a committee to conserve Cougar Canyon, a tract of state land on the mountainside above Woods Bay, as accessible public property.

As a Republican state legislator in both the House and Senate from 1967 to 1974, George wrote and led the passage of the Montana Environmental Policy Act, landmark legislation that still guides the planning of development projects with a focus on environmental impacts. George was known as the father of MEPA. He was the chief sponsor of the Montana Water Policy Act in the 1967 Legislature.

George is survived by his children, Roy Darrow, Reed Darrow and Karen Darrow.

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ROBERT "BOB" DEPRATU

WHEREAS, IT IS WITH DEEP, SINCERE SORROW THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECORD THE PASSING OF ROBERT "BOB" DEPRATU ON JANUARY 31, 2014 IN WHITEFISH, MONTANA.

WHEREAS, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT THE RECORD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE BOB DEPRATU BE FILED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSEMBLY, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO HIS CAREER ARE HEREBY NOTED:

Bob Depratu was born in 1939 in Eureka, Montana. He learned early on in life that hard work was the gateway to a better life. Bob got his first job at age nine when his father bought him a rototiller and Bob worked neighbors' gardens for \$5 apiece. During his seventh and eighth grade years at the Rexford school, he would line up prospective customers to buy vehicles from Rygg Ford. He sold cars for Rygg after graduating from Lincoln County High School in Eureka in 1957 and during the summer between his two years at Kinman Business University in Spokane, where he earned an associate degree in accounting. He got his driver's license at age 12 and delivered groceries after school for several years. By 15 he was foreman of the hay crew for the Sam Leighty farm at Rexford. At 16 he was working with a crew at Valcor Logging, driving the trucks and operating a skid cat.

After he married Bea in 1959, the couple settled into Whitefish and he went right to work at the Ford dealership selling cars for Rygg until he bought the business five years later. He was President of the Montana Auto Dealers Association and was named to the Ford Motor Co. National Dealer Council in 1981, where he served on the new products and political affairs committees. He served on Ford's customer resolution board for six years.

He was proud of the work ethic he and Bea instilled in their own three children, Bret, Bart and Brenda. All three worked at the dealership during their youth. Bart joined the business as a partner in 1985 and remains a primary owner. Brenda is the parts and service director.

Bob's community service ranged from being a yeti in the Winter Carnival to faithful involvement with the Jaycees, Rotary and Chamber of Commerce. He was very generous with his time and in making contributions to worthwhile organizations.

Bob served in the state Senate from 1997 to 2005 and became chairman of the Senate Taxation Committee. Bob said in 2012 that his work to pass legislation to lower the state's income and capital gains taxes was his most noteworthy accomplishment as a legislator. DePratu "was a great man, a great gentleman who was willing to work with anyone and everyone," former state Representative Bob Lawson of Whitefish said in Bob's obituary.

Bob is survived by his wife of 54 years, Bea DePratu; sons Bret and Bart; and daughter, Brenda DePratu.

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WALLACE "WALLY" EDLAND

WHEREAS, IT IS WITH DEEP, SINCERE SORROW THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECORD THE PASSING OF WALLACE "WALLY" EDLAND ON JANUARY 27, 2000 IN GARLAND, TEXAS, AFTER A LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER.

WHEREAS, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT THE RECORD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE WALLACE EDLAND BE FILED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSEMBLY, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO HIS CAREER ARE HEREBY NOTED

Wallace "Wally" Edland was born May 12, 1932 in Peerless to Harold and Viola Edland. He attended schools in Opheim, Peerless and Scobey, graduating from Scobey High School in 1950. He joined the U.S. Air Force soon after high school. In 1953 Wally and Mary Miller were married in Scobey while he was home on furlough. Following discharge from the service they farmed and operated Mary Ann's dress shop in Scobey.

Over the years here Wally served on the city council, airport commission, Peerless Farmers Union board, fair association, as an officer in the National Farm Organization, in Jaycees and was active in his church. Wally was an upset winner in a six-person (three elected) race for the State Legislature from District 5-B in 1970. In 1972 the district changed to include all of Daniels, Roosevelt and Sheridan counties and most of Valley. Four were elected from this district, and Wally was the top vote getter of the seven candidates. He later was appointed head of the state Farm Home Administration.

The family sold their interests in Montana and farmed in South Dakota before moving to Texas, where for some years Wally worked with his sons. During the last ten years of his life, he and Mary lived at Garland, Texas, happy to be near all three of their children.

Wally was survived by his wife Mary, sons Craig and Mitch and daughter Lori, all of Texas; four grandchildren; and a sister Kelly Kuyendall of California. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Lloyd.

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HAROLD AND EDNA GUNDERSON

WHEREAS, IT IS WITH DEEP, SINCERE SORROW THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECORD THE PASSING OF HAROLD AND EDNA GUNDERSON. BOTH SERVED IN THE MONTANA LEGISLATURE. EDNA PASSED AWAY ON JULY 18, 2003 AND HAROLD ON DECEMBER 23, 2013.

WHEREAS, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT THE RECORD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE HAROLD AND EDNA GUNDERSON BE FILED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSEMBLY, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO THEIR CAREERS ARE HEREBY NOTED:

This memorial is dedicated to both Harold and Edna Gunderson. The Gundersons both served in the Legislature. Edna passed away in 2003 and was never memorialized. It seemed fitting to include both in this memorial.

Edna was born July 1, 1927, in Choteau, to Freida and Ernest Arensmeyer, where she was raised with many brothers and sisters whom she loved dearly. Harold was born in Great Falls, Montana, on November 11, 1925, the oldest son of Ole and Effie Gunderson. He was raised in Power, Montana, graduating from Power High School in 1943. After graduation he enlisted in the Air Force and served as a flight engineer on a B29 bomber in the Pacific Theater, surviving a major plane crash. After he returned from the war he attended Montana State University earning a BS in Economics.

Edna and Harold married in 1947, and they had five children. Edna attended MSU, majoring in journalism before moving to the farm in Power where the couple started their family. In 1960, she and Harold moved their family to Havre, where together they established the Hi-Line Herald newspaper and she pursued her career in journalism. After moving to Havre, Harold formed Highline Publishing Company, later purchasing the Havre Independence and expanding the business.

Harold served as Havre Postmaster from 1966 until retiring in 1988. He was Commissioner of Public Housing in Great Falls, served on the Board of Directors of Power Farmers Elevator Co. and 3 Rivers Telephone Company. Harold also served in the State Legislature from 1951-1960.

Edna edited, directed and published the book, "Grit, Guts, and Gusto." Politics were her passion and she loved her native state of Montana. She served as president of the State Democratic Women's Committee, was the secretary of the Democratic Central Committee, and was a delegate to the Democratic National Presidential Convention in Chicago in 1968. She was elected to the Montana Legislature as a State Representative for Hill County in 1977. Edna's campaign motto in 1977 was "A Woman's Place is in the House." She remained in Helena where she was employed in state government, first for the legislative stenographic pool, then the Department of Transportation.

Survivors include daughters, Karen (George) Brooker of Clinton, Montana, Marsha (Larry) Daulton of Hayden, Idaho, Linda West of Whitefish, Montana; son, Gary (Debby) Gunderson of Power, Montana; grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

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JACK GUNDERSON

WHEREAS, IT IS WITH DEEP, SINCERE SORROW THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECORD THE PASSING OF JACK GUNDERSON ON JANUARY 8, 2014 IN GREAT FALLS, MONTANA.

WHEREAS, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT THE RECORD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE JACK GUNDERSON BE FILED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSEMBLY, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO HIS CAREER ARE HEREBY NOTED:

Jack Gunderson was born on May 23, 1929 in Power, Montana. He was the fourth of eight children of Ole and Effie Gunderson of Power. Jack attended Power Public Schools for 12 years and graduated from high school there in 1947. He earned eight letters in sports while in high school. He attended Montana State University in fall 1947. Jack married Corrine "Corkey" Nelson on January 18, 1948. They farmed for 43 years in the Power area and raised four children. After marrying Corkey they lived at the farm in Power until they retired from active farming in 1980.

Jack was a lifetime member of the Montana Farmers Union and the Democratic Party. He was elected to the State Legislature in 1964 and served seven terms in the House. He was chairman of the House Education Committee for two of those terms. His proudest achievements at the Legislature were the establishment of the five state vocational educational schools and of the Montana Wheat Commission, now the Wheat and Barley Committee. He was also proud of working to pass legislation calling for the convention that wrote the new Montana Constitution in 1972, and he worked hard for its adoption that year. He actively supported the State Hail Insurance program and fought to increase its coverage from \$12 to \$24 per acre in the 1967 Legislature. Jack's father, Ole, and his older brother, Harold, were also members of the House of Representatives.

After Jack retired from farming in 1980, he and Corkey moved to Helena. In his early years in Helena, Jack was the administrator of the State Hail Department for four and a half years. Jack and Corkey loved to travel with their friends. Jack visited 48 of the 50 states and also Japan, Taiwan, Australia, New Zealand and the British Isles. Jack later married Bernice Winters. Jack and Bernice also lived in Helena and traveled extensively. They divorced in 1997.

Jack is survived by all four of his children: Steve of Power, Dana of Cupertino, California, Alan of Tulsa, Oklahoma, daughter Kari of Condon. Jack is also survived by two grandsons, Chris and Erik Gunderson of Alaska, and one granddaughter, Grace Gunderson, of Tulsa.

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DAVID PHILIP HALVORSON

WHEREAS, IT IS WITH DEEP, SINCERE SORROW THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECORD THE PASSING OF DAVID PHILIP HALVORSON ON JULY 1, 2013 IN SIDNEY, MONTANA.

WHEREAS, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT THE RECORD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE DAVID HALVORSON BE FILED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSEMBLY, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO HIS CAREER ARE HEREBY NOTED:

David Halvorson was born on July 9, 1948 to Oscar and Fay (Lufkin) Halvorson in Sidney. He graduated with honors from Williston High School in 1966 and from the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks with a BS/BA degree in accounting in 1970. At UND he was in ROTC and was commissioned as a second lieutenant following graduation. He then received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point where he completed two years.

In 1972 David began his radio broadcasting career at family-owned radio stations KGCX-AM and KGCH-FM. It was his natural voice for broadcasting that started his career at the Montana State Legislature when he auditioned over the phone for then-Speaker of the House John Mercer. He served in this position in both the House and Senate for 9 sessions.

In 2012 David was elected to the Montana House of Representatives. He was extremely proud to sit in seat 42 and take the oath of office as a member of the House of Representatives. He was a member of the Judiciary, Agriculture and Education committees and served as vice chairman of the Rules Committee.

David was a wheat farmer and seeded his final crop in the spring of 2013. He was a motorcycle rider, sometimes riding in his leathers and sporting a huge handlebar moustache. He rode for many years to the Sturgis, South Dakota motorcycle rally, distributing pocket copies of the Gospel of John while he was there. He was a Sunday school teacher and chairman of the school board for Helena's First Lutheran Church, the executive director of Montana Right to Life, and a member of the Sidney Chamber of Commerce, Sidney Planning Board, and the Richland and Lewis & Clark Republican committees. He was an Eagle Scout and a recipient of the Boy Scouts Order of the Arrow.

David was close to his family, and he shared stories about his love for his mother, his brothers and sisters, his nieces and nephews, cousins, and his goddaughter, Signe Halvorson. David was preceded in death by his father Oscar. He is survived by his mother, Fay Halvorson of Williston, North Dakota, two brothers, Richard, Thomas and his wife Marilyn, sisters Cynthia and Deborah and aunt, nephews, nieces, grandnieces and nephews, and cousins.

David was known for his quick wit, humor and intellect. He was a man of conviction, principles, and faith who was humbled and honored by his service in the Montana Legislature.

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RAYMOND SAM HOFMAN

WHEREAS, IT IS WITH DEEP, SINCERE SORROW THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECORD THE PASSING OF RAYMOND SAM HOFMAN ON JULY 19, 2014 IN BOZEMAN, MONTANA.

WHEREAS, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT THE RECORD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE SAM HOFMAN BE FILED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSEMBLY, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO HIS CAREER ARE HEREBY NOTED:

Sam Hofman was born December 26, 1928, to Peter and Ida (Sinnema) Hofman in their home near Manhattan, Montana. He attended various country schools in the Manhattan area through third grade. He then attended fourth through tenth grade at Manhattan Christian School and finished his last two years of high school at Western Christian School in Hull, Iowa. Sam spent one year at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, before returning to Montana to farm with his father. It was while he attended Calvin College that he met his future bride, Ruth S. Westendrop. They were married October 18, 1949, and enjoyed almost 65 years of marriage.

Sam considered himself a farmer/rancher/seed grower. He was also a very active participant in his family, community and state. He led and was on numerous committees and boards on local, community and statewide levels. Sam felt privileged to serve as a State Senator from 1986 to 1990.

Whether it was as a farmer, rancher or walking the halls of the Capitol, Sam always strove to live his deep faith. He loved God, his family, people, ideas and discussions. He was a passionate and determined but gentle man and with a sense of humor in all that he did. He lived a full and grateful life.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; his children, sons Robert (Margaret) Hofman, Rich (Colleen) Hofman, daughter Jude (Grey) Hofman, nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Sam will also be missed by his sister and brother-in-law, Ida Mae and Satch Freswick; nephews Casey Freswick, David Freswick, Ron Freswick and Dale Freswick, a dear friend Shirley Vanderstelt and by many cousins and friends.

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JOAN E. HURDLE

WHEREAS, IT IS WITH DEEP, SINCERE SORROW THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECORD THE PASSING OF JOAN E. HURDLE ON AUGUST 10, 2013.

WHEREAS, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT THE RECORD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE JOAN E. HURDLE BE FILED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSEMBLY, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO HER CAREER ARE HEREBY NOTED:

Joan was born in Glendive, Montana on August 21, 1931. Although she lived on the West Coast at various times throughout her life, her heart was always in Montana. She lived in Billings for the past 27 years. An educator, politician and environmentalist, Joan was proud of always sticking to her principles and was known for speaking her mind on issues affecting the Billings community, the state of Montana, the nation and the world. Billings has lost an important progressive voice. Joan served on numerous local and regional boards and was a frequent contributor of letters to both the Gazette and Outpost over the years.

Elected to the Montana House of Representatives for the first time in 1994, Joan served four consecutive terms representing District 13, which largely consisted of the Billings south side and neighborhoods near downtown. While in the Montana House, she tirelessly spoke and fought for citizens who lacked access to highly paid lobbyists and large corporate conglomerates to represent their interests. Throughout her life, Joan was a champion of women's rights as exemplified in her work as a leader in the League of Women Voters and in the involvement in the National Organization for Women (NOW).

Joan once wrote, "The whole purpose of life is to learn how to make the world a better place, to have justice and democracy, to have everyone fed and housed, to have every child a wanted, educated and loved child, to have things, especially our planet, be truly beautiful." She dedicated her life to these principles.

Joan is survived by her sons, Duff Schoonmaker, Jon Schoonmaker and Neil Schoonmaker; daughters-in-law, Kristina Schoonmaker and Tracy Moore; as well as niece, Chrissy Hurdle. She proudly cherished seven grandchildren.

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VERNON KELLER

WHEREAS, IT IS WITH DEEP, SINCERE SORROW THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECORD THE PASSING OF VERNON KELLER ON JULY 8, 2013 IN COLUMBUS, MONTANA.

WHEREAS, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT THE RECORD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE VERNON KELLER BE FILED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSEMBLY, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO HIS CAREER ARE HEREBY NOTED:

Vern Keller was born March 28, 1926, in Bozeman, Montana to Webster and Jennie Herrin Keller. When he was two years old, the family moved to Fishtail, where his grandfather had homesteaded on Fiddler Creek. He attended the Bedford, West Rosebud and Columbus schools, graduating from Columbus High School in 1944. He then graduated from Montana State University in Bozeman in 1948, where he was a member of Sigma Chi, majoring in animal industry. After graduation, he returned to the family ranch where he raised sheep and cattle. On November 9, 1952, he married Averill E. Perkins in Pullman, Washington and they had two children.

Vern was an active member of the Montana and Stillwater Woolgrowers Associations, Beartooth Stock Association, and Montana Stockgrowers. He also served on the Montana Board of Livestock. In 1975, he was honored as Mr. Agriculture of Montana at MSU. He received the Conservationist of the Year Award for Stillwater County in 1980. He was a past master of Stillwater Masonic Lodge and a member of the Absarokee Community Congregational Church. He was a member of the Stillwater Republican Central Committee.

Vern served as a Republican in the Montana House of Representatives from 1985 to 1994. Vern's father, Webster Keller, was a State Senator from 1951 to 1965. Vern truly enjoyed his years in the House and all the friends he made there.

He had a lifelong love of the land and the ranch. He was a kind, gentle and honest man who always had a smile and loved his family beyond all else. His family said "He is now herding his beloved sheep with the Great Shepherd."

Vern is survived by his wife of 61 years, Averill, of Fishtail; daughter, Elana (Gordon) Swandal of Livingston; and son, Gregory (Terlene) Keller of Fishtail; grandchildren, Eric Blakely, Tara Blakely, Katie (Jason) Struthers, Jeffory (Laurie) Keller, Cody (Cameo) Keller, Ivory Keller and eight great-grandchildren.

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WILLIAM "BILL" MATHERS

WHEREAS, IT IS WITH DEEP, SINCERE SORROW THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECORD THE PASSING OF WILLIAM MATHERS ON JUNE 15, 2013 IN FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA.

WHEREAS, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT THE RECORD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE WILLIAM MATHERS BE FILED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSEMBLY, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO HIS CAREER ARE HEREBY NOTED:

William (Bill) Mathers was born September 29, 1923, in Mobeetie, Texas, to Violet (Rees) Mathers and George Benjamin Mathers. He was raised in Canadian, Texas, where he graduated from Canadian High School in 1940. He graduated from the New Mexico Military Institute in 1942 and attended the University Of Texas School Of Law. In January of 1943, he entered the U.S. Army. He served as a ball turret gunner on a B24 crew with the 737th Bomb Squadron in the 454th Bomber Group of the 15th Army Air Corps. He was honorably discharged in October in 1945.

Bill married Mary Charlotte Word on June 16, 1946. Following their marriage, they ranched in Canadian, Texas. In 1951, Bill and his family moved to Miles City, Montana where he and his brother Frank operated the Mathers Brothers Ranch, which later became the Mathers Land Company. In January 2012, he moved to the Touchmark retirement community in Fargo, North Dakota.

In 1960, he was elected to the Montana House of Representatives. He served in the House until 1964, when he was elected to the Senate. He served in the Senate until 1980, including being unanimously elected as President of the Senate in 1979. From 1981 to 1987, Bill served as Director of the Federal Reserve 9th District Board of Governors, Minneapolis. He served under both Paul Volker and Alan Greenspan. He was the first chairman of the lay advisory board of the Federal Reserve Board and chaired the audit committee for two years. From 1988 to 1993, he served as a member of the Montana Board Of Regents. He was Chairman of the Board of Regents from 1990 to 1993.

In 1994, Bill was the recipient of the Montana State University Blue and Gold Award for his widespread impact on agriculture. Bill was an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church and a member of the Presbyterian Church of Miles City for more than 50 years. He was a founding member of the Miles City Town & Country Club and a member and president of the Miles City Club. If Bill were asked to name hobbies, he would say over the course of his life he enjoyed golfing, bridge, travel and piloting his private aircraft. His true joy came from time spent with his wife of 55 years and his family.

Bill is survived by his five daughters: Margartet Novak (Mike), Sharon Secor (Gary), Barbra Schmidt (Bob), Libby Gardner (Marshall), Mimi Meredith (Greg); 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; his brother Ben (Sandra) and his nieces and nephews.

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WILLIAM THOMAS "RED" MENAHAN

WHEREAS, IT IS WITH DEEP, SINCERE SORROW THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECORD THE PASSING OF WILLIAM THOMAS "RED" MENAHAN ON JULY 26, 2014 IN BILLINGS, MONTANA.

WHEREAS, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT THE RECORD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE WILLIAM "RED" MENAHAN BE FILED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSEMBLY, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO HIS CAREER ARE HEREBY NOTED:

"Red" Menahan, as he was widely known, was born in Anaconda and graduated from Anaconda High in 1954. As a boy, Red worked as a newsboy, selling papers to smeltermen on the streetcar during shift changes. After finishing high school, Red worked on the section for the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific Railway before attending Carroll College in Helena. During his time in Helena, Red clearly developed a love for politics and, more importantly, fell in love with Shirley Jackson, a Helena native. The couple married in the Cathedral of Saint Helena and had three children. Red graduated from Carroll College in 1963 with a Bachelor's degree in English and History.

Red was elected as a Democrat to the Montana House of Representatives in 1970, when he began a 30-year career, serving 15 terms. He was a champion for labor, public education and state employees. He was a strong advocate for the state hospitals at Galen and Warm Springs and the Montana State Prison. He worked on wildlife conservation and access issues. He served on many legislative committees, but was best known as the chair of the powerful Appropriations Subcommittee on Institutions.

After retiring from politics in 2000, Red's public service continued. He was a member and chair of the boards of trustees for Shodair Hospital in Helena as well as the Southwest Montana Area Agency on Aging and the Metcalf Senior Citizen's Center in Anaconda. He was a member of the Holy Family parish in Anaconda, the Sportsmen's Club and a life member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Red's sometimes acerbic and always entertaining wit was a well-known highlight of debates during his legislative years and was very much a part of his private life. Red had a talent for telling a story and shared the gift of laughter liberally. As his daughter, Kara, has said, "Being with Red was like being at a party. You just don't want the party to end."

Red is survived by his wife, Shirley Menahan of Helena and Anaconda; brother Ken (Cheryl) Menahan of Anaconda; sister Bonnie Jennings of Lewiston, Idaho; sons Patrick (Brenda) Menahan of Colstrip and Mike (Stacy Tureck) Menahan of Helena; daughter Kara (Cameron) Beul of Denver; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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LAWRENCE E. "LARRY" MENKE

WHEREAS, IT IS WITH DEEP, SINCERE SORROW THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECORD THE PASSING OF LAWRENCE E. 'LARRY' MENKE ON APRIL 23, 2014 IN BILLINGS, MONTANA.

WHEREAS, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT THE RECORD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE LAWRENCE MENKE BE FILED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSEMBLY, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO HIS CAREER ARE HEREBY NOTED:

Larry was born September 16, 1926, on a farm near Brush, Colorado, to Charles and Leona Menke. He received his early education in Brush, graduating in 1944. After graduation, Larry enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Europe with the 1262nd Military Police Company. He was honorably discharged as a corporal in 1946. Larry farmed for two years and then attended Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado, graduating in 1952. He went to work for Shell Oil Co. shortly after graduation.

On February 14, 1953, Larry married Wanda Patras in Denver, and they were blessed with three children. During his 35-year career as a supervisor in oil and gas exploration and production, Larry and his family lived in Denver and Sterling, Colorado; Casper and Sheridan, Wyoming; Belle Fourche, South Dakota; Baker and Glendive. After his retirement in 1986, Larry was elected and served one term in the Montana House of Representatives representing Dawson County. Larry and Wanda moved to Billings in 1989.

Wanda passed away in 1996 and Larry married Georgina Sieler in 1997. During his life, Larry enjoyed family, travel, sports, hunting, fishing and politics. He was a voracious reader who always stayed abreast of current events. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who will be sorely missed.

Larry is survived by his brother, Robert Menke of Ardmore, Oklahoma; his wife, Georgina Menke of Billings; daughter, Rhonda Johnson of Wright, Wyoming; son Mark Menke (Deborah Parsons-Menke) of Helena; son John Menke (Melanie Dufour) of Homer, Alaska; stepdaughter, Betty Koch of Billings; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many extended friends and family.

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JOHN M. "SAM" ROSE

WHEREAS, IT IS WITH DEEP, SINCERE SORROW THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECORD THE PASSING OF JOHN M. "SAM" ROSE ON JUNE 14, 2013 IN CHOTEAU, MONTANA.

WHEREAS, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT THE RECORD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE "SAM" ROSE BE FILED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSEMBLY, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO HIS CAREER ARE HEREBY NOTED:

Sam Rose was born October 12, 1929 in Choteau, Montana, the son of Martin and Elsie (Westaway) Rose. He was raised and educated in Choteau and was a proud graduate of Montana State College with a Bachelor's Degree in Zoology and Entomology. While in College he was active in student government and was President of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. He was married to Beverly Talbott on August 15, 1954 in Great Falls. He served in the US Air Force following his graduation.

He was a member of the Choteau United Methodist Church, the Choteau Chamber of Commerce, Stockgrowers Association, charter member and past President of the Choteau Jaycees and the Choteau American Legion. He was on the Board of Directors of the Montana Farm Bureau, Mountain West Insurance Company, Russell Country Tourism Board, BLM Advisory Council, Museum of the Rockies Regional Advisory Board, Montana State University Alumni Board, Teton County Planning Board, and Teton County Police Commission. He was past chairman of the Board of the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind Foundation, past chairman of the Old Trail Museum and the Teton County Republicans. Sam served in the House of Representatives in the 1993, 1995 and 1997 sessions. He received the Gene Donaldson Laureate Award recognizing leadership in the field of public education.

Sam enjoyed teaching and ranching, working with kids and coaching the local football, basketball and track teams, fishing and watching sports, especially the Bobcat football team. He also enjoyed politics and following his grandchildren's activities. Sam gave generously of himself to others, family, community and state.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly Rose, daughter Robin (Sam) Phares of Big Timber and son, Charles Rose and family of Billings; a brother, Don Rose of Cascade; grandchildren: John and Lauren Phares, both of Big Timber and numerous nieces and nephews.

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BRUCE THORNTON SIMON

WHEREAS, IT IS WITH DEEP, SINCERE SORROW THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECORD THE PASSING OF BRUCE THORNTON SIMON ON OCTOBER 12, 2014 IN BILLINGS, MONTANA.

WHEREAS, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT THE RECORD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE BRUCE SIMON BE FILED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSEMBLY, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO HIS CAREER ARE HEREBY NOTED:

Bruce Simon, husband, father, businessman, lawmaker, public servant, avid angler, friend to many, Montanan through and through, was born in Billings, Montana, on January 20, 1942. His life, more than anything else, was about giving back to his friends, to his family, to his community. His proud parents, Clark E. and Muriel (Thornton) Simon, expected a girl to go along with his older brother, Ronald. They sent a telegram that relayed the surprise to Bruce's grandparents that read, "We named Helen 'Bruce.'"

Bruce was raised and attended school in Billings. He attended Montana State University in Bozeman, earning two Bachelor degrees and a Master's degree. In 1961, Bruce and then-wife Colleen Cahill welcomed their son, Tod Thornton Simon. Three years later, in 1964, their daughter Rebecca Jill Simon was born.

Bruce served as President of the Montana Retail Association for two and a half years. His appointment to the Governor's Council on Management and his work on the Industry Council led him to run for public office. He won election to the Montana House of Representatives in 1984. During his seven sessions in the Legislature, Bruce became one of the most respected Representatives, earning a reputation as a fair, thorough and well-prepared lawmaker. He had a reputation as an outstanding and effective committee chairman. He served as a member of various committees, including Business and Labor and the Legislative Audit Committee. He was named State Official of the Year by the National Association of Home Builders in 1998 and the Montana Legislator of the Year by numerous groups, including the Montana Optometric Association and the Montana Building Industry Association. He is the only non-attorney to argue a case before the Montana Supreme Court.

Bruce met his wife Sharon on a ski vacation, and they were married for 42 years. Their son, David Dean Simon, was born in 1974. Bruce was a volunteer baseball and hockey coach and followed his sons and their athletic teams. Bruce loved the outdoors and his hobby was fishing on Montana's rivers and streams.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Sharon, sons Tod (Catherine), and Dave (Amy), daughter Becky (King), brother Ron (Myrna), cousin Tom Frisby (Kathy), nephews and nieces, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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CHESTER SOLBERG

WHEREAS, IT IS WITH DEEP, SINCERE SORROW THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECORD THE PASSING OF CHESTER SOLBERG ON MARCH 26, 2014 IN CHOTEAU, MONTANA.

WHEREAS, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT THE RECORD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE CHESTER SOLBERG BE FILED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSEMBLY, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO HIS CAREER ARE HEREBY NOTED:

Chester (Chet) Solberg was a Montana native and life-long resident, born on December 2, 1916, in Opheim, and grew up on the family homestead on the Richland Bench near the Canadian border northeast of there. He took up farming, worked additional agriculture jobs, and worked on the construction of the Fort Peck dam in the mid-1930s.

Chet served as two-term Mayor of the city of Scobey, was a member and council of Scobey Lutheran Church, became a 50-year honoree member of the Scobey Lions Club, a 69-year member of the Scobey Masonic Lodge, served on the Scobey Fire Department, Daniels County Fair Board, Daniels Memorial Hospital Board, Daniels Memorial Hospital Foundation, helped found the Daniels County Museum and served on its board. Chet was a director of the Montana Auto Dealers' Association and served as a Montana State Representative from Daniels County in the 1983 legislative session.

In 1938 Chet married Marjorie Miner, a country school teacher who boarded with the Solberg family. They continued to reside in the Opheim-Richland area and engaged in farming. They welcomed three children, Elaine, Faye and David, while living on the Richland Bench. In 1944, Chet and Marge purchased the International Harvester dealership in Scobey, and after moving to Scobey, added Ann and Loren to the family.

Chet was preceded in death by Marjorie, his wife of nearly 70 years. He is survived by son David (Sandra) of Billings, and their children Beca, Troy and Matthew; daughter Faye Bartley (Bill) of Normal, III., and their children Erin and Tim; daughter Ann Colebank of Choteau, and her sons Allen and Kevin; and son Loren of Choteau; as well as sister Shirley Aarthun Chase; granddaughter Margo Peck; and numerous great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews and cousins.

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WILBUR P. SPRING, JR.

WHEREAS, IT IS WITH DEEP, SINCERE SORROW THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECORD THE PASSING OF WILBUR P. SPRING JR. ON AUGUST 29, 2013 IN BOZEMAN, MONTANA.

WHEREAS, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT THE RECORD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE WILBUR SPRING JR. BE FILED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSEMBLY, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO HIS CAREER ARE HEREBY NOTED:

Wilbur Spring was born on January 6, 1921 four miles northeast of Belgrade on the farm that has been in his family for 111 years and where he lived for the first 75 years of his life. He was the son of Sophie (Vaught) and Wilbur P. Spring. At the age of 10, he knew what it was to hitch a single horse to a buggy to take himself and his two younger sisters 2 ½ miles to a rural school. Wilbur graduated from Belgrade High School in 1939, where he was a charter member and the first president of the Belgrade Future Farmers of America chapter. He attended Montana State College for two years, majoring in general agriculture. He farmed with his father and following his father's accident in 1953, Wilbur took over management of the family farm. Over the years he turned swampy pasture land into a thriving hay and grain operation and bought the family farm from his parents in 1965.

Wilbur married Helen Sitzman, a nurse from Billings, on Thanksgiving Day in 1952, which was also his parents' 34th wedding anniversary. From this union, five children were born: Susan Jean, twins Barbara June and Beverly Jane, Thomas Wilbur and Robert Paul. Wilbur had a passion for statistics and loved analyzing all sorts of information, he also was a stickler for accuracy. At one time he had his granddaughter, Laura, write to the World Almanac to correct their mistaken assertion that the confluence of the Missouri River was in Madison County instead of Gallatin. He was very pleased with the next edition of the Almanac, as the change he had requested had been made.

Helen passed away on May 18, 1988. That November, Wilbur was elected to represent northeastern Gallatin County in the Montana House of Representatives. He served three terms from 1989 until 1994. During that time he met and married Jeanne Amsberry of Helena on her 71st birthday, July 17, 1992. Jeanne passed away less than five months later. In Wilbur's retirement years he spent many pleasant hours visiting and playing pinochle with his buddies at the Elks Club. His main form of exercising was dancing and, for a time, he was a member of the formal dance club with his friend and dance partner, Anita Iverson.

Wilbur is survived by his brother-in-law, Joe Taylor; his five children and their spouses, Susan (Chuck) Noble, Barbara (Kerry) Bickle, Beverly (Dick) Marlow, Tom (Kathleen) Spring, and Bob (Megan) Spring; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

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WESLEY W. STEARNS

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WHEREAS, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT THE RECORD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE WESLEY STEARNS BE FILED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSEMBLY, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO HIS CAREER ARE HEREBY NOTED:

Wesley was born to Clara and Walter Stearns in Stacyville, Iowa, on October 7, 1914. He was the first of five children and moved to Montana with his family at the age of four. Wesley lived a long and happy life, working hard and staying active until his final weeks. He had strong beliefs and enjoyed discussing politics and other controversial topics. It was almost impossible to change Wesley's point of view, but the discussions were guaranteed to be lively and entertaining.

Wesley worked at many jobs throughout his career. Early in his life Wesley learned to operate a bulldozer and worked for the U.S. Forest Service in Libby. He went on to become a salesman for Mountain Tractor Co. in Missoula. Wesley liked to recall taking in horses in exchange for tractors. During the war he served in the Army and was stationed in Spokane.

In 1945, he married Ruth Lynch. They had no children, but raised Ruth's nieces, Billie Jo and Mary Ellen, as their own. They bought the Lynch ranch and spent many long, hard hours as ranchers. Wesley was president of the Western Montana Stockgrowers Association from 1958-59 and served in the Montana Legislature from 1961- 62. He was a Sanders County Commissioner from 1965-77. After retiring from ranching, Wesley spent time building his own home and working on many woodworking projects.

Wesley leaves behind companion and neighbor, Denise Booth; his brother George (Fran) Stearns; sister Pearl Huso and nieces, Billie Jo (Fred) Blanchard and Mary Ellen (Dwight) Correll and their families. He was preceded in death by his brother Oren and sister Jurine.

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EDMUND "NEIL" TAYLOR

WHEREAS, IT IS WITH DEEP, SINCERE SORROW THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECORD THE PASSING OF EDMUND "NEIL" TAYLOR ON MAY 2, 1964 IN SCOBEEY MONTANA.

WHEREAS, IT IS FITTING AND PROPER THAT THE RECORD AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE EDMUND "NEIL" TAYLOR BE FILED ON THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THIS ASSEMBLY, AND THE FOLLOWING FACTS RELATIVE TO HIS CAREER ARE HEREBY NOTED:

Edmund "Neil" Taylor was born September 7, 1897 at Mount Moriah, Missouri. He was the third son of Charles Denver "CD" and Essie Louise (Schooler) Taylor. CD decided to explore the possibilities of claiming a homestead in Montana. In the spring of 1914 when Neil was 16, CD and his sons Neil and Reid traveled by train to northeastern Montana. They came as far as Culbertson on the train bringing only the bare necessities to establish a place to live, including a couple of milk cows and a team of horses. The remainder of the Taylor family stayed in Missouri until CD was ready to move them north.

During this time, CD and the boys filed a homestead claim on the western edge of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation. The two brothers and their dad began working to fulfill the requirements of the U.S. Government's "Homestead Act" to "stake their claim" on the land. While in Saskatchewan, to supplement the family income in winter, Neil and his brother kept busy using their many horses freighting for the Hudson's Bay Company. Neil recorded some of his favorite memories including the Reservation Roundup: "It was the spring of 1919 when I was privileged to ride on that big Indian horse roundup for the first time. It is hard to believe now, but at that time we would handle 20,000 to 40,000 horses during the roundup."

Neil married Florence Kennedy on June 26, 1923 in Saskatoon. The honeymoon was a train trip to Scobey, the county seat of Daniels County. In early 1925 Neil and Florence rented a place in the Line Coulee community. In 1925 their first daughter Margaret Louise (Taylor) Gebhardt was born and in 1927 their second daughter Florence "Fae" (Taylor) Phillips (a 2013 Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame & Western Heritage Center inductee) was born.

Neil believed in giving to his community. He was a member of many organizations such as the Montana Stock Grower's Association and the Farm Bureau. He helped organize the Big Muddy Hereford Association and the Scobey Saddle Club. In 1955 Neil began the Taylor Calf Chain in Daniels County. He gave away two heifer calves to 4-H members with the understanding they in turn would give their first heifer calf to another member. This chain ran for over 50 years.

In 1945 Neil ran for and was elected to the Montana Legislature. Neil served in the House for six sessions from 1945 to 1955. His House colleagues called him the "Iron Duke" for standing on his convictions that expenses be cut and the budget balanced. As a joke, they presented Neil with a meat cleaver to help him cut the budget.

Neil is survived by his wife Florence; two daughters, Margaret Louise Gebhardt, Roundup, Montana; Florence Fae Phillips, Lewistown, Montana, and 10 grandchildren.

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