

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

	SENATE	COUNTY	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
	(D) 16 (R) 38		(D) 44 (R) 56
	*Frank A Hazelbaker (R)	Beaverhead	Henry G Rodgers (R)
	*W C Greening (R)	Big Horn	W A Paden (R)
	*James Griffin (R)	Blaine	G C Kenyon (R)
	Charles S Muffy (R)	Broadwater	E H Goodman (R)
	*J F C Stegried (R)	Carbon	John T Spencer (R)
	John Olliver (R)	Carter	William Dell (D)
	J W Speer (R)	Cascade	B B Sandy (R)
	Seymour H Porter (D)		G A Bosman (D)
	*Rola P Heron (D)	Chouteau	C E Bookman (R)
	*Nether Green (D)	Custer	John L Gillin (D)
	*Edgar Keady (R)	Dawson	H D Myrick (R)
	*T P Stewart (R)	Deer Lodge	M W Andrus (R)
	C C Conner (R)	Fallon	Catherine C Mcarty (D)
	C V Peck (R)	Fergus	Charles F Meehy (D)
	Robert Pauline (R)	Fergus	Theodore R Bengtson (D)
	*W E Hartman (R)	Flathead	D J Burke (D)
	*W C Henderson (R)	Gallatin	O P Davis (D)
	John W Colburn (R)	Garfield	P N Bernard (R)
	*Loren W Loy (R)	Glaacier	J H McFay (R)
	John R Page (D)	Golden Valley	Hiram S Buell (R)
	William T Cowan (R)	Grainger	William H Buttelman (D)
	*William T Cowan (R)	Hill	Albert Holtan (R)
	John R Peck (R)	Hill	James A Parzine (R)
	*M Ray Church (D)	Jefferson	Anton Resmussen (D)
	*Jasper Healand Jr (D)	John R Peck (R)	John D Kennedy (R)
	H G Pomeroy (R)	Lewis & Clark	F J Troy (R)
	*Peter Rozvik (R)	Liberty	E J Hoffray (D)
	M M Durcan (D)	Lincoln	Lecker H Lohs (D)
	*James H Stewart (D)	Lincome	Paul W Smith (R)
	George R Cooper (R)	Madison	Frank Baker (R)
	Burton Watson (D)	Meagher	William M Cady (R)
		Mineral	Barnes E Carlson (R)
		Missoula	Fred Saldenditcker (R)
			Drville Harris (R)
			Fred R Fulsner (D)
			I M Brandjord (D)
			Frank Nelson (D)
			Walter Smethurst (D)
			Bert B Armstrong (D)
			Florence Kerr Facey (R)
			Robert J Kelly (D)
			Julian Terrett (D)
			Edward Schanzkow (D)
			A O Gullidge (D)
			G B Stranda (R)
			James Smith (R)
			William P Tierney (D)
			Clair Stoner (R)
			John J Andrews (D)
			John J Dablis (D)
			P J Cavanaugh (D)
			I G Denny (D)
			M J English (D)
			Joseph Hoffman (R)
			Robert A Bray (R)
			John B Bonling (R)
			M D Riddle (R)
			Charles R Swift Jr (R)
			B G Little (R)
			Henry G Hamilton (R)
			Clara O Denny (R)
			Joseph Benedict (D)
			John J Berryman (R)
			Frank Buchanan Jr (R)
			Stephen J Dowley (D)
			N T Lease (R)
			William P Pilgeram (D)
			Calvin Crumbaker (R)
			W P Flynn (R)
			M P Arnold (R)
			SI Stoddard (D)
			Albert Johnson (R)
			T T Taylor (R)
			W S McCormack (R)
			M H O'Connell (D)
			C E Carlson (D)
			James L Duffry (D)
			Joseph Oker (D)
			Walter L Pope (D)
			Charles H Elliott (D)
			William Dean (R)
			Mrs W W Hamilton (D)
			George P Tauney (R)
			John Q Zuck (R)
			A T Larsen (R)
			Pat A Kelly (D)
			Sam Kinville (D)
			Angus B McLeod (R)
			Louides Henry (D)
			Jesse Rowcow (D)
			William W Ruffcorn (R)
			Robert Laevens (R)
			Ole M Hold (R)

This plan to professionalize the state tax appeals board was patterned after the highly regarded Wisconsin tax commission. Governor Dixon encountered bitter resistance of other elected officials on the state board of equalization when he attempted to increase the assessments of mining properties, and he considered this change in the tax appeals board to be the administrative fulcrum for a more equitable state tax system. He included this proposal in the call that extended the 1921 legislative session and then campaigned vigorously in 1922 for election of legislators who promised to support tax reform. The Associated Press reported on the eve of the election that there was more interest in the outcome of state legislative elections than in the congressional races. Two days after the election Governor Dixon claimed that the voters had with few exceptions elected either progressive Republicans or Liberal Democrats committed to support his tax reforms (Missoulian Nov 9, 1922).

19223 \$4.5 MILLION VETERANS BONUS  
Legislative Referendum  
Approved 92.1%  
81.6% voted, 67,463 for and 62,100 against

1921 Law chapter 162 (H Bill 193) proposed \$4.5 million in bonds for a bonus of as much as \$200 for veterans of the World War who entered service from Montana. A one-half mill general property tax would service the bonds. The house of representatives approved the measure by a majority of the membership and in 1923 the supreme court unanimously enjoined the entire program; bucking the national tide the court followed the New York decision to hold the bonus a gratuity not involving a public purpose of the state (State ex rel Mills v Dixon, 66 Mont 76).

Voters in High Line and west-slope urban counties and the Lower Yellowstone Valley gave the bonus strongest support, but nearly half of the counties, mostly central and southwestern, opposed it.

19224 PAR-MUTUEL RACING  
Initiative Legislation  
79.6% voted, 60,057 for and 66,363 against

1909 Law chapter 92 had prohibited wagering on contests of "animal or beast" except in an "enclosed race track or fairgrounds" but 1915 Law chapter 55 made the ban absolute. This initiative proposed to restore an exception for parimutuel betting on races at state and county agricultural fairs, with six percent of the wagers to be assigned toward expenses of the fair.

Voters in 16 counties, mostly historic southwestern mining centers, favored the measure but opposition was substantial in the Yellowstone Valley, in counties south of the Missouri River including Cascade, and in Flathead County.

In 1925 the state fair in Great Falls conducted pari-mutuel horse racing without statutory authority but the supreme court in 1926 agreed that the purse awarded winning horses was a premium to winners of a contest, not winnings from racing wagers (Toomey v Penwell, 76 Mont 166). Attorney General Foot reluctantly advised the state agricultural commissioner that "betting on horse races through the medium of a co-ownership is not gambling" as conducted at the state fair (September 8, 1927).

67,462  
69,464  
1,068  
26,694  
876  
39,147  
65,313  
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