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Mike talks tax bite

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana talks economics while getting a quick lunch at his desk at the Capitol. Tuesday he was one of several key congressional leaders who met with President Nixon to hear his tax-cut proposals and economic measures.

Hearings will go on despite Nixon's freeze

HELENA (AP) — Montana's Railroad and Public Service Commission decided today to go ahead with all scheduled public hearings on requests for higher utility and truck rates.

Following a commission discussion of President Nixon's order freezing all prices, wages

and rents for at least 90 days. Chairman Ernest C. Steel said the hearing on Montana Power Co. rates would begin Sept. 27 as planned.

He said the decision was made after several participants asked the commission to cancel the Montana Power hearing in view of the President's action Sunday.

"The freeze instituted by President Nixon was concerned with delay of actual increases," Steel said. "No delay is sought in regard to the hearings themselves."

He said all contemplated hearings would be held in order to avoid a backlog.

The decision was announced on the same day the board went ahead with a scheduled hearing on an application for higher passenger fares for bus lines. Tuesday, the commission listened to a request from petroleum carriers for rate changes.

Steel said it now appears the freeze will apply to all proposed motor carrier and utility increases.

He said decisions in matters before the commission will be delayed and withheld until the expiration of the freeze.

3 named to board

HELENA (AP) — Gov. Forrest H. Anderson Wednesday appointed the three members of Montana's new Board of Psychologists Examiners which on Sept. 1 begins regulating the licensing of psychologists.

Appointed to the state agency set up by the legislature this year were:

— Dr. George E. Rice Jr., Bozeman, a professor of psychology at Montana State University;

— Mrs. R. B. "Carol" Ammons, Missoula, a psychologist in private practice who was chosen "Distinguished Woman in Montana" by the American Association of University Women in 1967;

— Dr. William A. Garrison, Billings, chairman of the Department of Psychology at Eastern Montana College.

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'Free' phone calls bring trouble

Ten persons, including five from Billings, have been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of fraud by wire.

The indictments charge the 10 with making a total of 761 interstate telephone calls using an electronic device to bypass the telephone billing system.

U.S. District Attorney Otis Packwood said the indictments were returned Aug. 3. An announcement of the charges was released Wednesday after all the defendants had been summoned.

THE BILLINGS residents charged, each with two-count indictments, are Burleigh K. Allen, a private investigator; Robert Seitz, construction worker; Mrs. Sandra Byrd Newberg, wife of an electronics company employee; Rudolph Rancuret, electronics firm employee; and Leslie Rudolph, formerly of Great Falls.

The other defendants are a Conrad woman and five Great Falls residents.

FBI AGENTS have confiscated a number of the electronic devices known as multi-frequency signal generators, from

seven of the defendants, John M. Reed, special agent in charge of the FBI in Butte, said.

Reed said the investigation is continuing and additional search warrants will be served.

The investigation was a joint effort of the FBI and agents of Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co.

PACKWOOD SAID the maximum penalty for fraud by wire is a fine of \$1,000 or five years imprisonment.

Indictments of Billings residents follow.

Burleigh K. Allen, 1235 Landscape Drive, is charged in Count I with making a fraudulent telephone call Aug. 17, 1970, between Billings and San Francisco. Count II charges him with 11 additional calls from Aug. 16, 1970 to Sept. 20, 1970.

ROBERT SEITZ, 1016 7th Street West, is charged in Count I with making a fraudulent call Nov. 28, 1970, between Billings and Cleveland, Ohio. Count II charges him with four additional calls from Nov. 23, 1970, to Nov. 30, 1970.

Sandra Byrd Newberg, 15 Grand Avenue, is charged in

Count I with a Nov. 30, 1970, call between Billings and Denver. Count II charges her with 50 additional calls from Nov. 23, 1970, to Feb. 23, 1971.

RUDELPH RANCURET, 2104 Concord Drive, is charged in Count I with a call Aug. 30, 1970, between Billings and Albuquerque, N.M. Count II charges him with four additional calls from March 7, 1970, to Sept. 20, 1970.

All four are scheduled to appear in Billings federal court 9:30 a.m. Sept. 3.

The fifth Billings resident indicted is Leslie Rudolph of 7018 Old Hardin Road, Trailer 5.

HE IS CHARGED in Count I with a March 10, 1970, call between Great Falls and Cleveland. Count II charges him with 102 additional calls from March 7, 1970, to Feb. 17, 1971.

Rudolph, with five other defendants, is scheduled to appear in Great Falls federal court 1 p.m. Sept. 14.

Nellie Zuidema of Conrad is charged in Count I with a Dec. 17, 1970 call between Conrad and Norwalk, Conn. Count II charges her with 25 additional

calls from Dec. 15, 1970, to Feb. 2, 1971.

INDICTMENTS of the Great Falls residents follow.

Alfred Bowman is charged in Count I with an Aug. 6, 1970, call between Great Falls and Muskegon, Mich. Count II charges him with nine additional calls from Aug. 5, 1970, to Feb. 23, 1971.

Kenneth Russell Anderson is charged in Count I with an Aug. 12, 1970, call between Great Falls and St. Louis, Mo. Count II charges him with 144 additional calls from March 7, 1970, to Feb. 10, 1971.

CARL SNYDER is charged in Count I with an Aug. 19, 1970, call between Great Falls and Seattle, Wash. Count II charges him with an Aug. 21, 1970 call between Great Falls and Hemet, Calif. Count III charges him with 244 additional calls from Aug. 5, 1970 to Feb. 23, 1971.

E. Andy Seitz is charged in Count I with an Aug. 26, 1970, call between Great Falls and Minneapolis. Count II charges him with an Aug. 29, 1970 call between Great Falls and Chicago. Count III charges him with 156 additional calls.

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