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MISSOULA--

Eugene H. Mahoney, Democratic candidate for governor, told a group of University of Montana law students Monday that he favors strict enforcement of right-to-know legislation in Montana.

State government business "is the people's business," Mahoney said, "and I believe the open meeting law should be strictly enforced in Montana."

Mahoney spoke to the law students as part of "Political Forum 1968," a series sponsored by the UM law school Student Bar Association.

Concerning new industry for the state, the Thompson Falls legislator said, "I don't believe we've been aggressive enough in seeking new industry for Montana."

He said he favors giving a new industry "a tax break the first three years" the industry is in the state, as an incentive for more companies to establish branch firms in Montana.

Mahoney said he opposes a general sales tax in Montana because such a tax "would just add to the burden" tourists already are faced with when they buy gasoline in the state.

Regarding education, Mahoney said he favors continuance of the six-mill tax levy for the Montana University System. He said he also favors vocational-technical education for persons unable or unwilling to attend college.