

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Bob Lake, on January 10, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Jon Sonju, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)  
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)  
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)  
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)  
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)  
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)  
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)  
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch  
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only.

They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 21, 1/5/2007; HB 22, 1/5/2007;  
HB 109, 1/5/2007

**HEARING ON HB 21**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:13 Rep. Penny Morgan (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HB 21, Revision of revenue estimating resolution for special sessions.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:03:36 Rep. Lambert

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:04:16 Rep. Penny Morgan

**HEARING ON HB 22**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:04:53 Rep. Dave McAlpin (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 22, Clarify distribution of revenue from fee in lieu of tax on heavy vehicles.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:58 Steve Austin, Montana Department of Revenue

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:06:59 Rep. Butcher

00:08:30 Rep. Ross

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:09:29 Rep. Dave McAlpin

**HEARING ON HB 109**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:09:57 Rep. Ron Erickson (D), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 109, Make grantor trusts pass-through entities for tax withholding and reporting.

**EXHIBIT (tah06a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:15:35 Brenda Gilmer, Lawyer, Montana Department of Revenue

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:19:54 Mary Whittinghill, President, Montana Taxpayers Association

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:20:57 Rep. Butcher

00:24:47 Rep. Ross

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:25:49 Rep. Ron Erickson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 8:30 A.M.

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REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

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DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([tah06aad.pdf](#))**