

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Bob Lake, on January 11, 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 79, 1/8/2007; HB 100, 1/8/2007
Executive Action: HB 21; HB 22

HEARING ON HB 100**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:09 Rep. Bob Bergren (D), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 100, Improve management of Department of Revenue collection responsibilities.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:14 Russ Hyatt, Bureau Chief, Department of Revenue
Accounts Receivable and Collections Process
00:18:08 Bruce Spencer, Attorney, Helena, representing
Montana Automobile Association
00:25:16 Steve Turkiewicz, Attorney, representing Montana
Bankers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:26:24 Shirley Warehime, Accountant, representing Montana
Society of Certified Public Accountants

Informational Testimony:

00:29:04 Steve Austin, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:26 Rep. McAlpin
00:31:51 Rep. Lambert
00:35:14 Dave Hunter, Deputy Director, Montana Department of
Revenue
00:36:24 Rep. Hilbert
00:38:29 Rep. Nooney
00:40:16 Rep. Erickson
00:41:48 Rep. Butcher
00:45:06 Rep. Sonju
00:46:33 Rep. Ross
00:51:39 Rep. Jopek
00:51:46 Rep. Erickson
00:52:51 Rep. Cohenour
00:54:30 Rep. Nooney
00:55:51 Rep. Butcher
00:59:38 Rep. Jopek
01:00:45 Rep. MacLaren
01:06:19 Rep. Ross

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:37 Rep. Bob Bergren
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HEARING ON HB 79

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:11:54 Rep. Dave McAlpin (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 79, Provide for refund of certain taxes and fees to customer from whom collected.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:16:18 Lee Baerlocher, Montana Department of Revenue

Opponents' Testimony:

01:18:00 Geoffrey A. Feiss, General Manager, Montana Telecommunications Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:27:08 Rep. Lambert
01:28:26 Rep. Butcher
01:30:03 Rep. Jopek

Closing by Sponsor:

01:32:37 Rep. Dave McAlpin

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 21

01:34:02 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 21 DO PASS**.
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

01:34:39 The Committee voiced no objection when Rep. Lambert requested that HB 21 be placed on the Consent Calendar.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 22

01:35:21 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 22 DO PASS.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:35:36 The Committee voiced no objection when Rep. Lambert
requested that HB 22 be placed on the Consent Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:30 A.M.

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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