

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

Call to Order: By Chairman Bob Lake, on January 24, 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 313, 1/17/2007; HB 337,
1/18/2007

Executive Action: HB 75; HB 79; HB 108; HB 196

HEARING ON HB 313

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:24 Rep. William Jones (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 313, Constitutional amendment to limit taxable value for senior citizens and introduced Rep. Gordon Hendrick as co-sponsor.

00:03:05 Rep. Gordon Hendrick (R), HD 14, continued to open as co-sponsor on HB 313.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:54 Duane Lutke, Polson

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:09:34 Ed Caplis, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:09 Rep. Lambert
00:11:56 Rep. Erickson
00:16:37 Rep. Jopek
00:19:58 Randy Wilke, Montana Department of Revenue
00:20:56 Rep. Jopek
00:25:45 Chairman Lake
00:26:44 Rep. Jopek
00:27:36 Rep. Ross
00:28:24 Rep. Jones
00:32:39 Rep. Grinde
00:33:09 Rep. Jones
00:36:39 Rep. Grinde
00:37:29 Rep. MacLaren
00:38:41 Rep. Erickson
00:48:02 Rep. Hendrick
00:49:42 Rep. Hilbert
00:50:25 Jeff Martin, Legislative Services Division
00:51:43 Rep. Hilbert
00:52:22 Rep. Cohenour
00:53:20 Randy Wilke
00:54:04 Rep. Cohenour
00:57:47 Rep. Pomnichowski
01:00:04 Rep. Jopek
01:01:03 Jeff Martin
01:01:11 Chairman Lake
01:02:15 Jeff Martin
01:02:36 Rep. Jopek
01:03:04 Chairman Lake
01:03:34 Ed Caplis, Montana Department of Revenue
01:04:24 Rep. Jopek
01:06:06 Jeff Martin
01:08:25 Rep. Butcher
01:11:54 Rep. Hendrick
01:13:20 Rep. Butcher

Closing by Sponsor:

01:16:30 Rep. William Jones

HEARING ON HB 337

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:21:05 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 337, Permissive levy for firefighter disability insurance.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:23:45 John Semple, representing Montana Fire Alliance

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:25:08 Rep. Ross

01:26:48 Rep. Hilbert

01:28:27 Rep. Sonju

Closing by Sponsor:

01:29:46 Rep. Jill Cohenour

01:30:22 Break

01:46:16 Resume

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 75

01:47:22 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that HB 75 **DO PASS.**

01:47:40 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that HB 75 **BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:49:16 Jeff Martin

EXHIBIT(tah16a01)

01:52:01 Rep. McAlpin

01:53:11 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

01:53:32 **Motion:** Rep. Lambert moved that HB 75 **DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:53:43 Rep. Cohenour

01:54:05 Rep. Lambert

01:54:38 Rep. Sonju

01:54:48 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 79

01:55:21 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that HB 79 **DO PASS.**

01:56:08 **Motion:** Rep. McAlpin moved that HB 79 **BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:56:20 Rep. McAlpin

EXHIBIT(tah16a02)

01:57:25 Rep. Cohenour

01:57:57 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

01:58:18 **Motion:** Rep. MacLaren moved that HB 79 **DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:58:31 Rep. Hamilton

01:58:51 Rep. Cohenour

01:59:16 Rep. Sonju

01:59:34 Rep. McAlpin

02:00:13 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 9-9 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, Hamilton, Jopek, Maclaren, McAlpin, and Pomnichowski voting aye.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 108

02:03:09 **Motion:** Rep. Erickson moved that HB 108 **DO PASS.**

02:04:17 **Motion:** Rep. Erickson moved that HB 108 **BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:05:07 Jeff Martin

EXHIBIT(tah16a03)

02:06:39 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

02:06:55 **Motion:** Rep. Erickson moved that HB 108 **DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:07:05 Rep. Erickson
02:08:32 Rep. Cohenour
02:09:39 Rep. Sonju
02:10:17 Rep. Erickson
02:12:07 Rep. Sonju
02:12:50 Rep. Erickson
02:13:11 Rep. Sonju
02:13:25 Rep. Ross
02:14:08 Rep. Cohenour
02:15:13 Rep. Erickson
02:17:17 Rep. Butcher

02:17:24 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 8-10 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, Hamilton, Jopek, McAlpin, and Pomnichowski voting aye.

02:18:35 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cohenour moved that HB 108 **BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 196

02:19:01 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that HB 196 **DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:19:12 Rep. Erickson
02:20:21 Rep. Lambert

02:21:12 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that the DO PASS MOTION ON HB 196 **BE WITHDRAWN.**

ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS:**EXHIBIT(tah16a04)**

Pertains to HB 216 heard on January 18, 2007.

EXHIBIT(tah16a05)

Pertains to HB 100 heard on January 11, 2007.

EXHIBIT(tah16a06)

Pertains to HB 108 heard on January 12, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:20 A.M.

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah16aad.pdf](#))