

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Bob Lake, on January 31, 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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 362, 1/29/2007; HB 470,
1/26/2007

Executive Action: HB 362; HB 470; HB 147; HB 149
HB 243; HB 307; HB 313; HB 257

HEARING ON HB 362

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:47 Rep. Alan Olson (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB
362, Authorize cancellation of certain delinquent real
property taxes.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:46 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

00:11:28 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association
of Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:33 Rep. Pomnichowski

00:13:30 Ronda Wiggers

00:14:48 Rep. Ross

00:15:36 Rep. Lambert

00:16:36 Rep. Erickson

00:19:10 Rep. Butcher

00:21:47 Chairman Lake

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:50 Rep. Alan Olson

HEARING ON HB 470

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:32 Rep. Alan Olson (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB
470, Clarify interest and costs on property tax
redemption.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:06 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association
00:26:20 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:51 Rep. Alan Olson
00:27:09 Break
00:44:22 Reconvene
00:44:36 Chairman Lake

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 362

00:44:51 **Motion:** Rep. Lambert moved that HB 362 **DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:45:03 Rep. Jopek
00:46:23 Rep. Butcher
00:46:54 Rep. Jopek
00:47:26 Rep. Butcher
00:47:52 Rep. Jopek
00:47:58 Rep. Lambert
00:49:05 Rep. Jopek
00:49:40 Rep. Butcher
00:50:53 Rep. Erickson
00:51:28 Chairman Lake

00:51:51 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 470

00:53:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lambert moved that HB 470 **DO PASS.**
MOTION CARRIED unanimously by voice vote.

00:53:31 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lambert moved that HB 470 **BE PLACED**
ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. MOTION CARRIED unanimously by
voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 362

00:54:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. MacLaren moved that HB 362 **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. MOTION FAILED** 17-1 by voice vote with REP. BIXBY voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 147

00:55:31 **Motion:** Rep. Jopek moved that HB 147 **DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:55:53 Rep. Jopek
00:57:57 Rep. Erickson
00:58:50 Rep. Nooney
00:59:35 Rep. Vincent
01:00:21 Rep. Cohenour
01:00:42 Rep. McAlpin
01:01:09 Rep. Hilbert
01:01:51 Rep. Jopek
01:01:57 Rep. Sonju
01:04:05 Rep. Lambert
01:04:35 Rep. Butcher
01:06:17 Rep. Ross
01:07:04 Rep. Pomnichowski
01:07:56 Rep. Jopek

01:10:14 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 8-10 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, Hamilton, Jopek, McAlpin, and Pomnichowski voting aye.

01:11:05 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cohenour moved that HB 147 **BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 149

01:11:44 **Motion:** Rep. Jopek moved that HB 149 **DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:12:40 Rep. Jopek
[EXHIBIT \(tah21a01\)](#)

01:13:44 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Jopek moved that HB 149 **BE AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

01:14:43 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Jopek moved that HB 149 **DO PASS AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 243

01:15:22 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Jopek moved that HB 243 **BE TABLED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 307

01:16:00 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that HB 307 **DO PASS.**

01:16:40 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that HB 307 **BE AMENDED. EXHIBIT (tah21a02)**

Discussion:

01:16:54 Rep. Cohenour

01:18:35 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

01:18:42 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that HB 307 **DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:18:50 Rep. Grinde

01:19:23 Rep. Sonju

01:20:34 Rep. Cohenour

01:21:32 Rep. Nooney

01:22:24 Rep. Erickson

01:23:04 Jeff Martin, Legislative Services Division

01:23:51 Rep. Erickson

01:25:17 Rep. Ross

01:25:49 Rep. Hilbert

01:26:37 Rep. Cohenour

01:27:52 Rep. MacLaren

01:29:05 Rep. Butcher

01:32:03 Rep. Jopek

01:34:12 Rep. Grinde

01:35:22 Rep. Erickson

01:38:03 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 8-10 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, Hamilton, Jopek, McAlpin, and Pomnichowski voting aye.

01:38:55 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cohenour moved that HB 307 **BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 313

01:39:42 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that HB 313 **DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:39:54 Rep. Ross

01:40:24 Rep. Cohenour

01:41:12 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Grinde made a substitute motion that HB 313 **BE TABLED. SUBSTITUTE MOTION CARRIED** 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. Jopek voting no.

01:43:00 Rep. McAlpin

01:43:28 Rep. Lambert

01:44:04 Chairman Lake

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 257

01:44:48 **Motion:** Rep. Lake moved that HB 257 **DO PASS.**

01:45:23 **Motion:** Rep. Lake moved that HB 257 **BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:45:38 Rep. Lake

01:46:11 Rep. Cohenour

01:46:21 Rep. Erickson

01:46:45 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

01:47:00 **Motion:** Rep. Lake moved that HB 257 **DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:47:06 Rep. Cohenour

01:48:23 Rep. McAlpin

01:48:44 Rep. Butcher

01:51:15 Rep. Nooney

01:51:33 Rep. Cohenour

01:52:53 Rep. Erickson

01:54:08 Rep. Lambert

01:55:14 Rep. Ross

01:55:59 Rep. Hamilton

01:56:51 Rep. Lake

01:58:48 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** 10-8 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, Hamilton, Jopek, McAlpin, and Pomnichowski voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:00 A.M.

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah21aad.pdf](#))