

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Bob Lake, on March 8, 2007 at 9:00 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. 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. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)

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: SB 21, 3/1/2007; SB 69, 3/6/2007;
SB 88, 3/6/2007; SB 99, 3/6/2007

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 99

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:37 Sen. Dan Harrington (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on
SB 99, Five year statute of limitations for corporation
license tax.

[EXHIBIT\(tah49a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah49a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:07 Brian Staley, Department of Revenue
00:09:10 Dan Bucks, Director, Department of Revenue

Opponents' Testimony:

00:19:44 Mike Green, Attorney, representing Montana Taxpayers
Association
00:22:55 Jason Todhunter, representing Montana Logging
Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:06 Rep. Cohenour
00:24:50 Brian Staley
00:25:28 Rep. Erickson
00:26:02 Dan Bucks
00:27:46 Rep. Sonju
00:29:59 Dan Bucks
00:31:41 Brian Staley
00:33:01 Rep. Sonju
00:34:14 Rep. Lambert
00:36:20 Rep. Ross

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:30 Sen. Dan Harrington

HEARING ON SB 88

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:43:05__Sen. Bob Hawks (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 88,
Extend allocation of funding to heritage preservation
and development account.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:46:37 Rep. Diane Rice HD 71

00:47:26 Paul Reichert, Executive Director, Montana Heritage
Committee

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00:49:49 Stuart Doggett, Executive Director, Montana Innkeepers
Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:24 Rep. Ross

00:52:27 Sen. Bob Hawks

00:53:00 Rep. Erickson

00:53:36 Paul Reichert

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:20 Sen. Bob Hawks

HEARING ON SB 21

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:54:58 Sen. Lane Larson (D), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB
21, Allow counties to establish and fund veterans'
cemeteries.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:56:23 Col. Jim Jacobsen, U.S. Army (Retired), Legislative
Chairman, Montana American Legion

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:58:33 Joe Foster, Administrator, Montana Veteran Affairs

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:58:56 Rep. Ross
00:59:40 Jeff Martin, Legislative Services Division
01:00:37 Rep. Butcher
01:01:49 Chairman Lake
01:02:25 Jeff Martin
01:03:26 Chairman Lake
01:04:35 Rep. Erickson
01:04:47 Rep. Grinde
01:05:21 Sen. Larson
01:06:57 Rep. Cohenour
01:07:39 Chairman Lake
01:07:50 Rep. Butcher

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:31 Sen. Lane Larson

HEARING ON SB 69

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:10:24 Sen. David Wanzonried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on
SB 69, Revise value-added loan program laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:12:17 Carroll South, Executive Director, Montana Board of
Investments

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:21:50 Rep. Sonju
01:23:59 Rep. Erickson
01:24:34 Rep. Cohenour
01:24:59 Rep. Ross

Closing by Sponsor:

01:26:48 Sen. David Wanzonried

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON SB 21

Informational Testimony:

01:28:13 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association
of Counties (MACo)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:31:32 Rep. Erickson
01:32:09 Harold Blattie
01:32:56 Rep. Grinde
01:33:41 Harold Blattie
01:40:18 Chairman Lake
01:41:55 Rep. Cohenour

Additional Exhibit:

[EXHIBIT](#)(tah49a04)

Pertaining to HB 463 heard on February 23, 2007

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:45 A.M.

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah49aad.pdf](#))