

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Bob Lake, on March 16, 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. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

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 150, 3/6/2007; SB 541, 3/7/2007;
HB 816, 3/7/2007

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 150

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:25 Sen. Kim Gillan (D), SD 24, opened the hearing on SB 150, Exclude property contributions from qualified endowment credit and extend credit.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:31 Aidan Myhre, long-term advocate of tax credit
00:14:17 Sue Talbot, Chair, Governor's Task Force on Endowment and Philanthropy

EXHIBIT (tah56a01)

00:17:24 Brian McGee, Executive Director, Montana Non-Profit Association

00:21:51 Linda Reed, President and CEO, Community Foundation

EXHIBIT (tah56a02)

EXHIBIT (tah56a03)

00:24:32 Holly Franz, Montana Society of CPS's
00:24:52 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic
00:25:47 Charlie Briggs, speaking for Community Disability Services
00:26:16 Mike Munck, Executive Vice President, St. Peter's Hospital Foundation
00:27:06 Dan McLean, Attorney, Helena, speaking on behalf of self and many non-profit clients
00:29:11 Peter Sullivan,
00:29:32 Amy Sullivan, Montana History Foundation
00:30:06 C. A. Daw, Department of Revenue
00:31:08 Mike Foster, Sisters Hospital
00:31:40 Jim Ahrens, President, Montana Hospital Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:24 Sen. Kim Gillan

HEARING ON SB 541

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:29 Sen. John Brueggeman (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 541, Allow facility finance authority to finance projects for profit organizations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:36:53 Jon Marchi, Chair, Legislative Committee, Montana Facility Finance Authority (MFFA) also representing Montana Ambassadors, Glacier Venture Fund, and Big Sky Airlines

EXHIBIT (tah56a04)

00:44:01 Liz Marchi, President, Montana Western Economic Development also speaking for Montana Economic Developers

00:46:14 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:46:33 Gary Amestoy, representing Richland County Economic Development

Opponents' Testimony:

00:47:11 Marty Tuttle, Chief Legal Counsel, Montana Department of Commerce speaking on behalf of Budget Director David Ewer and Governor Schweitzer

00:49:24 Carrol South, Executive Director, Montana Board of Investments

Informational Testimony:

00:57:45 Bob Murdo, Attorney, Helena, representing Montana Facility Finance Authority

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:02:50 Rep. Butcher
01:05:48 Rep. Cohenour
01:08:21 Rep. Erickson
01:12:39 Rep. Nooney
01:14:00 Bob Murdo
01:17:15 Rep. Sonju
01:21:52 Rep. Cohenour
01:26:11 Rep. Butcher
01:30:03 Rep. Ross
01:30:39 Rep. Jopek
01:34:31 Rep. MacLaren
01:35:27 Rep. Cohenour

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: (Con't)

01:37:57 Rep. Erickson

01:38:47 Chairman Lake

Closing by Sponsor:

01:39:24 Sen. John Brueggeman

01:45:22 Break

01:59:21 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 816

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:59:29 Rep. Ron Erickson (D), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 816, Revise water's edge tax law.

[EXHIBIT\(tah56a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah56a06\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

02:25:01 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association

Informational Testimony:

02:28:15 Brian Staley, Corporate Tax Unit Manager, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:31:30 Rep. Ross

02:33:23 Rep. Hilbert

02:37:56 Rep. Cohenour

Closing by Sponsor:

02:41:24 Rep. Ron Erickson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:50 A.M.

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah56aad.pdf](#))