

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Bob Lake, on March 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. 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: Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: None
Executive Action: SB 539; HB 843; HB 838; HB 842

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 842

00:02:49 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved **HB 842**.

00:03:16 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 842 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(tah69a01)

Discussion:

00:03:30 Jeff Martin, Legislative Services Division

00:07:39 Rep. Cohenour

00:07:47 Jeff Martin

00:08:01 Rep. Jopek

00:08:21 Rep. Erickson

00:08:42 Chairman Lake

00:09:28 Rep. McAlpin

00:09:35 Jeff Martin

00:10:54 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 2-16 by voice vote with Reps.
Bixby and Cohenour voting aye with Rep. Butcher voting
by proxy.

00:11:26 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 4-14 by roll call vote with Reps.
Bixby, Erickson, McAlpin, and Pomnichowski voting aye
and Rep. Butcher voting by proxy.

00:12:19 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 842 BE TABLED**
AND THE VOTE REVERSED. MOTION CARRIED unanimously by
voice vote with Rep. Butcher voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 843

00:13:02 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 843 DO PASS.**

00:13:37 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 843 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(tah69a02)

Discussion:

00:13:49 Jeff Martin

00:15:21 Rep. Cohenour

00:15:30 Rep. MacLaren

00:15:41 Jeff Martin

00:16:03 Chairman Lake

00:16:15 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with
Rep. Butcher voting by proxy.

00:16:33 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 843 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:16:41 Rep. Cohenour
00:17:09 Rep. Ross
00:17:26 Chairman Lake
00:18:25 Rep. Erickson
00:19:06 Rep. Jopek

00:19:33 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. Pomnichowski voting no with Rep. Butcher voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 539

00:20:30 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **SB 539 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:21:05 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **SB 539 BE AMENDED. [EXHIBIT \(tah69a03\)](#)**

Discussion:

00:21:10 Jeff Martin
00:23:24 Rep. Cohenour

00:23:41 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Butcher voting by proxy.

00:23:51 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **SB 539 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Butcher voting by proxy. Rep. Cohenour will carry SB 539.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 838

00:24:59 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 838 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:25:11 Rep. Erickson
00:26:01 Rep. Cohenour
[EXHIBIT \(tah69a04\)](#)
[EXHIBIT \(tah69a05\)](#)
00:26:30 Chairman Lake
00:27:00 Rep. Erickson

Discussion: (Con't)

00:27:23 Rep. McAlpin
00:27:44 Rep. Cohenour
00:29:00 Rep. Hilbert
00:29:40 Rep. Ross
00:30:09 Rep. Cohenour
00:31:53 Rep. Nooney
00:32:21 Rep. Lambert
00:33:06 Rep. Jopek

00:33:44 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 8-10 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, Hamilton, Jopek, McAlpin, and Pomnichowski voting aye with Rep. Butcher voting by proxy.

00:34:31 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 838 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Butcher voting by proxy.

Discussion:

00:35:16 Rep. Lambert
00:35:45 Chairman Lake
00:36:28 Jeff Martin
00:37:14 Rep. Erickson
00:38:42 Chairman Lake

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:00 A.M.

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah69aad.pdf](#))