

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Bob Lake, on April 23, 2007 at 4:00 P.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. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)

Members Absent: None.

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJR 31, 4/20/2007
Executive Action: SJR 31

00:01:36 Reps. Vincent and McAlpin left the hearing.

HEARING ON SJR 31

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:22 Sen. Jeff Essmann (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SJR 31, Interim study of taxation and school funding.

EXHIBIT (tah86a01)

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:57 Rep. Cohenour
00:21:43 Sen. Essmann
00:23:47 Rep. Erickson
00:25:10 Sen. Essmann
00:27:01 Rep. Erickson
00:28:01 Sen. Essmann
00:29:11 Chairman Lake
00:29:35 Sen. Essmann
00:32:01 Chairman Lake
00:32:15 Sen. Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:58 Sen. Jeff Essmann

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 31

00:33:41 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **SJR 31 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:33:54 Rep. Butcher
00:34:03 Chairman Lake
00:34:31 Rep. Erickson
00:35:36 Chairman Lake

00:35:56 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with Reps. McAlpin, Ross, Lambert and Vincent voting by proxy. Rep. Sonju will carry SJR 31.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:35 P.M.

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah86aad.pdf](#))