

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on January 4, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Lois O'Connor, 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: Organizational Meeting 1/3/2007
Executive Action: None.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

00:00:18

Opening Statement: SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, SD 7, TROUT CREEK, opened the Senate Taxation Organizational Meeting.

Committee and Staff Introductions:

00:00:40 Committee members and staff introduced themselves and provided a brief synopsis of their legislative backgrounds. They also offered their opinions on what the Committee's purpose is regarding tax policy.

Information:

00:25:30 Sen. Elliott requested a daily status report on all legislation to come before the Committee.

Proxy Votes:

00:26:10 Sen. Elliott preferred that the proxy vote process be an informal process and that he would hold all votes open for 24 hours if requested. However, there will be no change in the proxy vote after the vote has been taken. The Committee agreed.

Tour Request:

00:30:28 Committee members were invited to take a tour of the Department of Revenue (DOR) and its various Divisions. Sen. Elliott will also schedule an informational meeting with DOR staff at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:40 A.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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