

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on January 9, 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. Kim Gillan (D)  
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)  
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)  
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)  
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**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: SB 139, 1/3/2007  
Executive Action: None.

**HEARING ON SB 139**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:20 **SEN. DAN HARRINGTON (D), SD 38**, opened the hearing on SB 139, Governor's \$400 property tax rebate.

**EXHIBIT (tas05a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:51 Joe Quilici, Self, Butte

00:05:35 Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner

00:06:40 Kirk Hammerquist, Self, Kalispell

00:11:58 Ann Harrie, Self, Helena

00:13:17 Dan Casey, Self, Helena

00:15:19 Ann Dewey, Self, Helena

00:16:15 Sandy Shull, self, Helena

00:18:27 Jane DeBrucker, Self, Dutton

00:20:19 Neil Haight, Self and AARP

00:21:45 Dan Bucks, Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**EXHIBIT (tas05a02)**

**EXHIBIT (tas05a03)**

00:32:52 David Ewer, Budget Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

00:33:33 Tom Bilodeau, Research Director, MEA-MFT

00:36:41 Claudia Clifford, Advocacy Director, AARP

**EXHIBIT (tas05a04)**

00:38:27 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:40:14 Jacquie Helt, AFL-CIO

00:40:54 Doug Neil, Self, Helena

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:43:12 Sen. Kim Gillan to Director Bucks, DOR

00:45:57 Sen. Kelly Gebhardt to Director Bucks, DOR

00:47:41 Sen. Robert Story to Director Bucks, DOR

00:48:54 Sen. Christine Kaufmann to Director Bucks, DOR,  
rereferred to Mr. Ewer, (OBPP)

00:52:08 Sen. Jim Peterson to Mr. Brown, Montana Chamber of  
Commerce

00:53:31 Sen. Story to Sen. Harrington

00:58:44 Sen. Story to Director Bucks, DOR

01:12:31 Sen. Jerry Black to Director Bucks, DOR

01:19:25 Sen. Jim Elliott to Director Bucks, DOR

01:23:13 Sen. Jeff Essmann to Director Bucks, DOR

01:28:31 Sen. Gebhardt to Director Bucks, DOR

01:30:49 Sen. Story to Director Bucks, DOR, rereferred to Mr.  
Ewer, OBPP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:34:17 Sen. Harrington closed on SB 139.

**Other Business**

01:36:28 Statement by Sen. Elliott

01:37:39 Statement by Sen. Peterson

01:38:26 Meeting schedule for Jan. 10, 2007

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:40 A.M.

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SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([tas05aad.pdf](#))**