

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on January 19, 2007 at 9:00 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. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Trudi Schmidt (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: SB 275, 1/15/2007
Executive Action: SB 231

00:00:41

HEARING ON SB 275

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:49 **SEN. SAM KITZENBERG (D), SD 18**, opened the hearing on
SB 275, Local option sales tax.

[EXHIBIT \(tas13a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(tas13a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(tas13a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(tas13a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:05 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

[EXHIBIT \(tas13a05\)](#)

00:20:03 Tim Burton, City Manager, City of Helena

00:30:16 Ron Tussing, Mayor, City of Billings

00:36:01 Jim Kembel, Montana Association of Chiefs of Police

00:36:36 Marilyn Olsen, Montana Auto Dealers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:37:14 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association

00:39:22 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

00:41:12 Mike Fellows, Chairman, Montana Libertarian Party,
Missoula

00:42:49 John Alke, Attorney, Montana-Dakota Utilities

[EXHIBIT \(tas13a06\)](#)

00:44:23 Mary Wittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association
(MonTax)

Informational Testimony:

00:48:17 Mona Jamison, Big Sky Resort Area District

[EXHIBIT \(tas13a07\)](#)

00:58:24 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

01:00:26 Joe Mazurek, City of Great Falls

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:01:27 Sen. Robert Story to Sen. Kitzenberg

01:03:17 Sen. Story to Ms. Jamison, Big Sky Resort Area District

01:05:50 Sen. Christine Kaufmann to Mr. Blattie, MACo, rereferred to Ms. Jamison, Big Sky Resort Area District

01:09:12 Sen. Kim Gillan to Ms. Jamison, Big Sky Resort Area District

01:12:05 Sen. Gillan to Sen. Kitzenberg

01:12:56 Sen. Story to Mr. Hansen, MLCT

01:14:28 Sen. Story to Mr. Blattie, MACo

01:15:14 Sen. Jeff Essmann to Mr. Tussing, City of Billings, rereferred to Sen. Story

01:18:55 Mr. Tussing, City of Billings

01:19:20 Sen. Essmann to Mr. Burton, City of Helena

01:20:32 Sen. Essmann to Sen. Kitzenberg

01:22:38 Sen. Essmann to Ms. Jamison, Big Sky Resort Area District

01:29:18 Sen. Jim Elliott

Closing by Sponsor:

01:32:07 Sen. Kitzenberg closed on SB 275.

01:37:00 Recess meeting

01:45:20

Reconvene meeting

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 231

01:46:07 **Motion:** SEN. GILLAN moved that SB 231 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:46:20 Sen. Gillan

01:47:34 Sen. Elliott

01:47:49 Lee Heiman, Staff Attorney, Legislative Services
Division (LSD)

01:48:16 Sen. Kelly Gebhardt

01:50:28 Sen. Story

01:53:15 Sen. Jim Peterson

01:55:10 Sen. Dan Harrington

01:56:57 Sen. Elliott

01:57:14 Sen. Peterson

01:57:41 Sen. Gillan

01:58:05 Sen. Elliott

01:58:35 Sen. Gillan

01:59:42 Sen. Peterson

02:00:33 Sen. Elliott

02:00:53 Sen. Story

02:01:38 Sen. Elliott

02:02:31 Sen. Gebhardt

02:03:35 Sen. Kaufmann

02:04:10 Sen. Elliott

02:04:24 Sen. Peterson

02:05:28 Sen. Essmann

02:06:30 Sen. Kaufmann
02:07:16 Sen. Elliott
02:07:38 Sen. Gebhardt
02:07:59 Sen. Story
02:09:52 Sen. Gebhardt
02:10:27 Sen. Peterson
02:11:06 Sen. Gillan
02:11:48 Sen. Jerry Black
02:12:55 Sen. Elliott
02:13:53 Sen. Gebhardt
02:14:21 Sen. Gillan
02:16:06 Sen. Essmann
02:17:04 Sen. Story
02:18:11 Sen. Gebhardt
02:19:06 Sen. Gillan
02:19:44 Sen. Peterson
02:20:51 Sen. Elliott
02:21:33 Sen. Story
02:22:47 Sen. Gillan withdrew her motion on SB 231. No action
was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:26 A.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tas13aad.pdf](#))