

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on January 31, 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: HB 21, 1/23/2007; SB 316, 1/23/2007
Executive Action: HB 21

00:03:25

HEARING ON HB 21

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:42 **REP. PENNY MORGAN (R), HD 57**, opened the hearing on **HB 21**, Revision of revenue estimating resolution for special sessions.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:01 Rep. Morgan

Sen. Elliott will carry HB 21.

HEARING ON SB 316

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:34 **SEN. JIM ELLIOTT (D), SD 7**, opened the hearing on **SB 316**, Clarify taxation of agricultural parcels reduced by state eminent domain.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:48 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau

00:08:06 Pat Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)

Opponents' Testimony:

Informational Testimony:

00:08:28 Debbie Jurcich, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:50 Sen. Kelly Gebhardt to Sen. Elliott

00:12:13 Sen. Robert Story to Sen. Elliott

00:15:08 Sen. Elliott to Ms. Jurcich, DOR

00:18:58 Sen. Kim Gillan to Ms. Jurcich

00:19:18 Sen. Jim Peterson to Ms. Jurcich

00:21:16 Sen. Gebhardt

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:07 Sen. Elliott

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 21

00:23:32 **Motion:** SEN. GEBHARDT moved that HB 21 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

00:23:39 Sen. Story to Lee Heiman, Staff Attorney, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:24:00 **Vote:** Motion that HB 21 BE CONCURRED IN carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. SCHMIDT was excused.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:30 A.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tas21aad.pdf](#))