

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on March 30, 2007 at
9:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)
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 40, 3/22/2007; HJ 36, 3/22/2007;
SB 567, 3/22/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:02:43

HEARING ON HB 40

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:16 **REP. DAVE GALLIK (D), HD 79**, opened the hearing on **HB 40**, Revise state movie incentive laws.

EXHIBIT(tas68a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:00 Rep. Bob Ebinger, HD 62

EXHIBIT(tas68a02)

00:18:10 Erik Stern, Office of the Honorable Governor Brian Schweitzer (Governor's Office)

00:21:30 Betsy Baumgart, Montana Department of Commerce

EXHIBIT(tas68a03)

EXHIBIT(tas68a04)

00:29:28 Ed Bartlett, Travel Industry Association of Montana

00:29:48 Aimee Grmoljez, Motion Picture Association

00:30:48 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:32:19 Gary Wunderwald

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:36:24 Brian Olsen, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:43 Sen. Robert Story to Mr. Olsen, DOR

00:38:17 Sen. Story to Sten Iversen, Administrator, Montana Film Office, Montana Department of Commerce

00:43:08 Sen. Story to Mr. Olsen, DOR

00:46:26 Sen. Jeff Essmann to Mr. Olsen, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:43 Rep. Gallik

EXHIBIT(tas68a05)

HEARING ON HJ 36

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:52:25 **REP. CAROL LAMBERT (R), HD 39**, opened the hearing on **HJ 36**, Urge PILT payment and mineral royalty separation.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:53:49 Willie Duffield Executive Director, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Producing Counties (MAOGCPC)

00:55:21 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:13 Sen. Essmann to Mr. Blattie, MACo

Closing by Sponsor:

00:56:53 Rep. Lambert

HEARING ON SB 567

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:58:26 **SEN. KIM GILLAN (D), SD 24**, opened the hearing on **SB 567**, Impact assistance for major energy project development.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:01:52 Evan Barrett, Office of Economic Development, Office of the Honorable Governor Brian Schweitzer (Governor's Office)

[EXHIBIT\(tas68a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas68a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas68a08\)](#)

01:15:58 Marty Tuttle, Chief Legal Counsel, Montana Department of Commerce

01:16:40 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:20:08 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association

01:21:15 Bud Clinch, Executive Director, Montana Coal Council (MCC)

[EXHIBIT\(tas68a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas68a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas68a11\)](#)

01:37:16 Willie Duffield, Executive Director, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Producing Counties

01:44:16 Todd O'Hair, RioTinto Energy

01:48:35 Bob Gilbert, Rosebud County

01:52:29 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

[EXHIBIT\(tas68a12\)](#)

01:55:22 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development Corporation

01:57:55 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

02:06:29 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA)

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:09:02 Sen. Essmann to Mr. Barrett, Governor's Office
02:11:56 Sen. Kelly Gebhardt to Mr. Barrett, Governor's Office
02:13:47 Sen. Gebhardt to Mr. Blattie, MACo
02:14:27 Sen. Story to Mr. Barrett, Governor's Office
02:18:42 Sen. Story to Mr. Blattie, MACo
02:20:18 Sen. Story to Mr. Tuttle, Department of Commerce
02:21:30 Sen. Story to Mr. Barrett, Governor's Office
02:24:45 Sen. Essmann to Mr. Barrett, Governor's Office
02:27:55 Sen. Story to Mr. Barrett, Governor's Office
02:29:46 Sen. Jerry Black to Mr. Barrett, Governor's Office

Closing by Sponsor:

02:32:45 Sen. Gillan

General Discussion:

02:40:21 Sen. Gillan
02:40:33 Sen. Story
02:40:50 Sen. Gillan to Sen. Elliott
02:41:16 Sen. Story
02:41:51 Sen. Elliott
02:42:02 Sen. Gillan

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:45 P.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tas68aad.pdf](#))