

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order:

CHAIRMAN BOB LAKE, on January 8, 2009 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Art Noonan (D)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Jennifer O'Loughlin, 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:

Organizational meeting

00:02:59 Terry Johnson, Principal Fiscal Analyst in the Legislative Fiscal Division, discussed Montana state government fund structure, the 2011 biennium budget, and the 2009 and 2011 biennium outlook.

00:13:08 Rep. McAlpin
00:13:18 Mr. Johnson
00:14:23 Rep. Hamilton
00:14:33 Mr. Johnson
00:15:35 Rep. Cohenour
00:15:56 Mr. Johnson
00:16:15 Rep. Butcher
00:16:54 Mr. Johnson

00:17:31 Mr. Johnson explained Montana's revenue estimate process.

00:23:45 Rep. Hoven
00:23:56 Mr. Johnson
00:24:48 Rep. Barrett
00:24:57 Mr. Johnson
00:25:18 Rep. Hoven
00:25:33 Mr. Johnson
00:35:17 Rep. Cohenour
00:35:28 Mr. Johnson
00:37:16 Rep. Barrett
00:37:59 Mr. Johnson
00:41:00 Rep. McAlpin
00:41:19 Mr. Johnson
00:43:24 Rep. Wiseman
00:44:07 Terry Johnson
00:45:02 Rep. Wiseman
00:45:31 Mr. Johnson
00:45:45 Rep. Barrett
00:47:13 Rep. Jopek
00:47:41 Mr. Johnson
00:48:16 Rep. Hoven
00:48:53 Mr. Johnson
00:51:06 Rep. Hoven
00:51:17 Mr. Johnson
00:51:31 Rep. Butcher
00:53:11 Mr. Johnson
00:54:07 Rep. Wiseman
00:54:30 Mr. Johnson

00:55:24 Mr. Johnson narrated Power Point presentation on biennium budget information.

EXHIBIT (tah04b01)

01:01:24 Rep. Hoven
01:01:35 Mr. Johnson
01:05:38 Rep. Cohenour
01:05:50 Mr. Johnson
01:07:41 Rep. Butcher
01:08:09 Mr. Johnson
01:08:39 Rep. Taylor
01:08:49 Terry Johnson
01:09:04 Roger Lloyd
01:09:49 Rep. Taylor
01:10:03 Roger Lloyd, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Branch
01:10:25 Rep. Stahl
01:12:37 Mr. Johnson
01:18:26 Rep. Miller
01:18:34 Mr. Johnson
01:19:17 Rep. Miller
01:19:23 Mr. Johnson
01:19:45 Rep. McAlpin
01:19:51 Mr. Johnson
01:20:57 Rep. Hoven
01:21:13 Mr. Johnson
01:21:53 Rep. Hoven
01:22:14 Mr. Johnson
01:28:20 Rep. Butcher
01:28:45 Mr. Johnson
01:38:06 Rep. Butcher
01:38:25 Mr. Johnson
01:40:53 Chairman Lake
01:41:04 Mr. Johnson
01:44:09 Rep. Hoven
01:44:20 Mr. Johnson

01:44:48 Break

01:54:12 Reconvene

01:55:16 Dallas Reese, Management Analyst, the Department of Revenue (DOR), introduced his replacements, Darci Weibe, E-Services Unit Manager, and Micah Christiansen, Corporation Tax Auditor, as the department employees who will regularly attend House Taxation Committee meetings.

01:57:00 Randy Wilke, Bureau Chief, Property Assessment Division, DOR, described the department's property tax assessment functions.

EXHIBIT (tah04b02) DOR PAD Regions

[EXHIBIT \(tah04b03\)](#) DOR Property Assessment Terms & Acronyms
[EXHIBIT \(tah04b04\)](#) Property Tax Bill Calculation
[EXHIBIT \(tah04b05\)](#) History of Agricultural Land Taxation in Montana
[EXHIBIT \(tah04b06\)](#) Individual Tax Assessment Form for Agricultural
and Forest Land
[EXHIBIT \(tah04b07\)](#) Land Ownership Valuation Decision Flow Chart
[EXHIBIT \(tah04b08\)](#) Power Point -- Website Addresses, Cadastral Site
[EXHIBIT \(tah04b09\)](#) Types of Property Tax Exemptions and
Qualification Requirements
[EXHIBIT \(tah04b10\)](#) Forest Land History
[EXHIBIT \(tah04b11\)](#) Business Property Incentives and Exemptions

02:10:29 Rep. Wiseman
02:10:49 Mr. Wilke
02:17:02 Rep. Hoven
02:17:11 Mr. Wilke
02:24:19 Rep. Wiseman
02:24:38 Mr. Wilke
02:24:52 Rep. Taylor
02:25:15 Mr. Wilke
02:25:47 Chairman Lake
02:25:53 Rep. Barrett
02:26:25 Mr. Wilke
02:27:05 Rep. Barrett
02:27:11 Mr. Wilke
02:30:35 Rep. Butcher
02:30:57 Mr. Wilke
02:31:02 Rep. Butcher
02:31:15 Mr. Wilke
02:31:48 Rep. Butcher
02:32:05 Mr. Wilke
02:32:27 Rep. Butcher
02:32:51 Mr. Wilke
02:33:01 Rep. Butcher
02:33:35 Mr. Wilke

02:36:57 Gene Walborn, Bureau chief, Business and Income Taxes
Division, DOR, gave a presentation on centrally assessed property
and the rail car tax.

[EXHIBIT \(tah04b12\)](#)

02:57:11 Rep. Ed Butcher
02:57:49 Mr. Walborn
02:59:23 Rep. Butcher
02:59:38 Mr. Walborn
02:59:45 Rep. Wiseman
03:00:15 Mr. Walborn
03:01:08 Rep. Barrett
03:01:34 Mr. Walborn

03:02:14 Rep. Wiseman
03:02:47 Mr. Walborn
03:04:45 Rep. Wiseman
03:05:01 Mr. Walborn
03:06:38 Rep. Wiseman
03:06:44 Mr. Walborn
03:06:49 Rep. Butcher
03:07:24 Mr. Walborn
03:08:39 Rep. Butcher
03:08:53 Mr. Walborn
03:09:03 Rep. Taylor

03:09:37 C.A. Daw, Chief Legal Counsel, DOR, explained the appeal process for taxation assessments.

03:16:22 Karen Powell, Chairman, State Tax Appeal Board, explained the state tax appeal process.

[EXHIBIT](#) (tah04b13)

03:21:21 Debbie Jurcich, Program Specialist, Compliance Valuation, DOR, discussed personal property valuation.

03:25:47 Mary Craigle, Economist, Tax Policy and Research, DOR, [EXHIBIT](#) (tah04b14)

03:28:42 Chairman Lake said that Legislative Analyst Jim Standaert will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, followed by a continuation of DOR presentations.

Additional Document

ADJOURNMENT

03:30:34 Adjournment: 11:30 A.M.

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

JENNIFER O'LOUGHLIN, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([tah04bad.pdf](#))