

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:**

**CHAIRMAN BOB LAKE**, on January 15, 2009 at 9:00 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. 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:** Rep. Dave McAlpin

**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:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 185, 1/15/2009  
Executive Action: HB 24; HB 180

**HEARING ON HB 185**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:43 **REP. BILL NOONEY (R), HD 100**, opened the hearing on **HB 185**, Allow tax deduction for other states college saving plans.

**EXHIBIT (tah09a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:24 Rep. Tom McGillvray

00:06:00 Jill Tripp, Missoula financial planner and parent

**EXHIBIT (tah09a02)**

00:21:49 Leif Wicklund, Bozeman student

**EXHIBIT (tah09a03)**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:27:34 Stuart Doggett, College Savings Bank

00:31:52 Ed Jasmin, former banker and former member of Montana Board of Regents

**Informational Testimony:**

00:35:05 Robin Graham, Chief Financial Officer, Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:35:53 Rep. Sonju

00:36:15 Rep. Nooney

00:36:20 Rep. Sonju

00:36:29 Rep. Nooney

00:36:35 Rep. Hamilton

00:36:49 Robin Graham

00:37:00 Rep. Hamilton

00:37:05 Robin Graham

00:37:24 Rep. Cohenour  
00:38:10 Robin Graham  
00:38:55 Rep. Cohenour  
00:39:07 Robin Graham  
00:39:33 Rep. Cohenour  
00:40:00 Robin Graham  
00:40:19 Rep. Sonju  
00:40:32 Robin Graham  
00:41:12 Rep. Sonju  
00:41:31 Robin Graham  
00:41:37 Rep. Sonju  
00:41:57 Rep. Wiseman  
00:42:04 Rep. Nooney  
00:42:26 Rep. Wiseman  
00:42:35 Rep. Nooney  
00:42:52 Rep. Butcher  
00:43:47 Robin Graham  
00:44:20 Rep. Butcher  
00:44:43 Robin Graham  
00:44:58 Rep. Butcher  
00:46:07 Robin Graham  
00:46:34 Rep. Pomnichowski  
00:46:55 Jill Tripp  
00:46:59 Rep. Pomnichowski  
00:47:36 Jeff Martin  
00:47:46 Rep. Barrett  
00:48:43 Jill Tripp  
00:49:35 Rep. Barrett  
00:49:44 Jill Tripp  
00:49:59 Rep. Cohenour  
00:50:43 Robin Graham  
00:51:20 Rep. Cohenour  
00:51:29 Robin Graham  
00:51:35 Rep. Hoven  
00:51:52 Robin Graham  
00:52:28 Rep. Wiseman

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:53:05 Rep. Nooney

00:53:54 Chairman Lake announced executive action on HB 24 and HB 180. He also said that he and Rep. Jopek met with leadership about HB 2. This committee will wait until further reappraisal information is available, probably by the 10th to 15th of February, before considering HB 2.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 180**

00:57:33 **Motion:** REP. POMNICHOWSKI moved that **HB 180 BE TABLED**. She will bring a new bill to the committee later in the session

00:58:25 Chairman Lake noted that this was a non-debatable motion

**Vote:** Motion that **HB 24 BE TABLED** carried unanimously by voice vote, with Rep. McAlpin voting by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 24**

00:58:56 **Motion:** REP. TAYLOR moved that **HB 24 DO PASS**.

00:59:05 **Discussion:**

00:59:09 Rep. Wiseman

00:59:21 **Motion:** CHAIRMAN LAKE CALLED THE QUESTION ON **HB 24**.

00:59:44 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 24 DO PASS** carried unanimously by voice vote, with Rep. McAlpin voting by proxy.

01:00:14 Chairman Lake announced that the committee would not meet on Friday, Jan. 16.

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:00:40 Adjournment: 10:05 A.M.

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JENNIFER O'LOUGHLIN, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([tah09aad.pdf](#))**