

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order:

CHAIRMAN BOB LAKE, on January 19, 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. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
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. Art Noonan (D)

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 28, 1/19/2009; HB 206, 1/19/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 28

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:15 **REP. PAT INGRAHAM (R), HD 13**, opened the hearing on **HB 28**, Exempt military pensions from state income tax.

[EXHIBIT \(tah12a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:29 Steve Sem, Veterans' Service Organizations in Montana
00:27:20 Jim Jacobsen, Legislative Chairman, Montana American Legion

[EXHIBIT \(tah12a02\)](#)

00:32:07 Elmer Palmer, Commander, American Legion of Montana
00:34:58 Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard Association

[EXHIBIT \(tah12a03\)](#)

00:36:58 Mitch Clouse, Department Commander, Disabled American Veterans

00:38:17 Dan Antonietti, State Legislative Chairman, Veterans of Foreign Wars

00:39:11 Larry Blakesley, Navy Veteran

00:41:09 Art Ellison, Navy Veteran

00:44:24 Ron Hansell, Judge Advocate, American Legion of Montana

00:46:03 John Swanson, Veteran

00:51:55 John Keefe, Retired Marine

[EXHIBIT \(tah12a04\)](#)

00:57:39 Gary White, Retired Army Veteran

00:58:51 David McLean, Veteran

01:01:23 Peter Bogy, Air Force Reserve Veteran

01:02:53 John Pellegrinni, National Membership Committee, American Legion

01:03:35 Dan Stewart, Enlisted Association, National Guard

[EXHIBIT \(tah12a05\)](#)

01:07:28 Don Hart, Air Force Veteran

Opponents' Testimony:

01:11:15 Amy Carlson, Assistant Director, Governor's Budget Office
01:13:21 Gene Walborn, Administrator, Business and Income Taxes Division, Department of Revenue (DOR)

EXHIBIT (tah12a06)

01:17:36 Chairman Lake
01:17:54 Mr. Walborn
01:19:10 Chairman Lake
01:19:21 Mr. Walborn
01:19:35 C.A. Daw, Chief Legal Counsel, DOR
01:20:26 Chairman Lake
01:20:35 Mr. Daw

Informational Testimony:

01:22:57 Joe Foster, Administrator, Department of Military Affairs, Veterans Affairs Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:23:29 Rep. Vincent
01:23:52 Mr. Daw
01:25:00 Rep. Vincent
01:25:11 Mr. Daw
01:25:19 Rep. Barrett
01:26:29 Rep. Ingraham
01:27:10 Rep. Butcher
01:28:11 Steve Sem, Montana Veterans Service Associations
01:28:30 Rep. Butcher
01:29:15 Chairman Lake
01:29:20 Rep. Butcher
01:29:33 Chairman Lake
01:29:45 Rep. Taylor
01:30:08 Mr. Daw
01:30:30 Rep. Taylor
01:30:48 Mr. Daw
01:31:02 Rep. Wiseman
01:31:47 Mr. Sem
01:31:59 Rep. Wiseman
01:32:29 Mr. Sem
01:32:58 Rep. Wiseman
01:33:18 Joe Foster, Department of Military Affairs
01:33:39 Rep. Wiseman
01:33:49 Mr. Foster
01:34:02 Rep. Cohenour
01:34:49 Mr. Sem
01:34:58 Rep. Cohenour

01:35:47 Mr. Daw
01:36:00 Rep. Cohenour
01:36:34 Mr. Daw
01:36:56 Chairman Lake
01:37:34 Mr. Daw
01:37:43 Rep. Cohenour
01:38:02 Rep. Barrett
01:38:27 Mr. Foster
01:38:44 Rep. Hoven
01:39:15 Mr. Swanson, Veteran

Closing by Sponsor:

01:39:55 Rep. Ingraham
01:43:26 Break
01:55:34 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 206

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:56:31 **REP. HARRY KLOCK (R), HD 83**, opened the hearing on **HB 206**, Exempt military salaries from state income tax.

Proponents:

01:57:45 Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard Association
02:02:45 Jim Jacobsen, Legislative Chairman, Montana American Legion
02:03:22 Gary White, Montana National Guard
02:04:30 Dan Antonietti, State Legislative Chairman, Veterans of Foreign Wars
02:05:11 Duane Iverson, CPA
02:06:04 John Iverson, CPA
02:06:53 Holly Franz, Montana Society of CPAs

Opponents:

02:07:39 Amy Carlson, Assistant Director, Governor's Budget Office
02:08:31 Gene Walborn, Administrator, Business and Income Taxes Division, DOR

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:10:39 Rep. Wiseman
02:10:57 Mr. Martin
02:12:16 Rep. Vincent
02:12:48 Mr. Walborn
02:13:09 Rep. McAlpin
02:13:30 Mr. Martin
02:13:39 Rep. Hoven
02:14:20 Mr. Hagan
02:14:35 Rep. Hoven
02:14:53 Mr. Hagan
02:15:49 Rep. Hoven
02:15:56 Mr. Hagan
02:16:01 Rep. Hoven
02:16:05 Mr. Hagan

Closing by Sponsor:

02:16:45 Rep. Klock

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ADJOURNMENT

02:18:21 Adjournment: 11:20 A.M.

JENNIFER O'LOUGHLIN, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([tah12aad.pdf](#))