

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order:

CHAIRMAN BOB LAKE, on January 20, 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:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 199, 1/19/2009; HB 232,
1/19/2009

Executive Action: HB 199 Tabled

HEARING ON HB 199

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:39 **REP. ROBIN HAMILTON (D), HD 92**, opened the hearing on **HB 199**, Revise allocation of lodging facility use tax.

00:03:59 Rep. Hamilton requested that HB 199 be tabled.

00:04:14 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

00:04:18

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 199

00:04:24 **Motion:** REP. COHENOUR moved that **HB 199 DO PASS**.

00:04:36 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 199 BE TABLED** carried unanimously by voice vote.

HEARING ON HB 232

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:01

REP. JULIE FRENCH (D), HD 36, opened the hearing on **HB 232**,
Remove limits on payments in lieu of taxes for state land in
counties.

00:09:35 Rep. Butcher entered the room

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:51 Rep. Stahl

00:11:16 Rep. Pomnichowski entered the room.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:11 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association
of Counties

Informational Testimony:

00:17:23 Larry Finch, Management Analyst, Dept. of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:51 Rep. Wiseman

00:18:26 Larry Finch

00:21:39 Rep. Wiseman

00:21:50 Larry Finch

00:24:22 Rep. Wiseman

00:24:34 Chairman Lake

00:24:42 Larry Finch

00:25:07 Vern Fogle, Economist, Dept. of Revenue

00:25:30 Rep. Butcher

00:25:39 Harold Blattie

00:28:04 Rep. Butcher

00:28:59 Rep. French

00:29:27 Rep. Butcher

00:30:12 Rep. French

00:32:16 Rep. Sonju

00:32:44 Larry Finch

00:32:47 Rep. Sonju

00:32:55 Rep. Vincent entered the room.

00:33:01 Larry Finch

00:33:14 Rep. Sonju

00:33:46 Larry Finch
 00:34:09 Rep. Cohenour
 00:35:04 Rep. French
 00:36:48 Rep. Cohenour
 00:37:36 Rep. French
 00:38:12 Rep. Cohenour
 00:38:32 Harold Blattie
 00:40:23 Rep. Cohenour
 00:40:38 Harold Blattie
 00:40:51 Rep. Taylor
 00:41:10 Rep. French
 00:41:14 Rep. Taylor
 00:41:36 Rep. French
 00:42:00 Rep. Taylor
 00:42:34 Rep. Jopek
 00:43:02 Larry Finch
 00:43:13 Rep. Jopek
 00:43:53 Tom Schultz, Administrator, Trust Land Management
 Division, Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation
 00:44:14 Rep. Hoven
 00:44:50 Larry Finch
 00:45:25 Harold Blattie
 00:47:39 Rep. Wiseman
 00:47:52 Jeff Martin

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:06 Rep. French
 00:49:54 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

00:50:08 Rep. Wiseman requested a committee session on the state
 tax expenditure list.
 00:50:53 Chairman Lake
 00:51:04 Rep. Wiseman
 00:51:12 Chairman Lake
 00:51:43 Jeff Martin
 00:52:28 Rep. Wiseman
 00:52:38 Larry Finch
 00:53:06 Rep. Wiseman
 00:53:15 Chairman Lake
 00:53:32 Rep. Barrett
 00:55:17 Chairman Lake announced a change of room to 472 on
 Thursday, Jan. 22.
 00:56:02 Rep. Cohenour
 00:56:19 Chairman Lake

ADJOURNMENT

00:56:40 Adjournment: 9:10 A.M.

JENNIFER O'LOUGHLIN, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([tah13aad.pdf](#))