

## **MINUTES**

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

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Bob Lake, on February 4, 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. 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:** Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)

**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 329, 1/30/2009; SB 115,  
1/30/2009

Executive Action: SB 115

**HEARING ON HB 329**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:52 Rep. Dee Brown (R), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 329,  
Donut area population included in resort community  
population.

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**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:22 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:04:03 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns

**Informational Testimony:**

00:08:06 Marty Tuttle, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of  
Commerce

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:28 Rep. Miller  
00:08:46 Mr. Tuttle  
00:09:23 Rep. Hoven  
00:09:45 Rep. Brown  
00:11:15 Rep. Hoven  
00:11:27 Rep. Brown  
00:11:52 Rep. Butcher  
00:12:47 Rep. Brown  
00:13:27 Chairman Lake  
00:13:41 Mr. Tuttle  
00:14:32 Chairman Lake  
00:14:44 Mr. Tuttle

00:15:07 Rep. Noonan  
00:16:19 Rep. Brown  
00:16:57 Rep. Noonan  
00:17:32 Rep. Brown  
00:17:57 Rep. Grinde  
00:18:31 Mr. Hansen  
00:20:23 Rep. Jopek  
00:21:38 Mr. Hansen  
00:22:40 Rep. Jopek  
00:22:55 Mr. Hansen  
00:23:23 Chairman Lake  
00:24:13 Mr. Hansen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:24:40 Rep. Brown  
  
00:27:18 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.  
  
00:27:22 Reps. Sonju and Stahl left the room.

**HEARING ON SB 115**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:27:27 Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 115, Simplify income calculations for certain property tax assistance programs.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:31:25 Randy Wilke, Property Assessment Division, Department of Revenue (DOR)  
00:36:46 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association  
00:38:41 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties  
00:40:14 Don Hoffman, Montana Taxpayers Association  
00:40:29 Colonel Jim Jacobsen, American Legion  
00:40:59 Andy Heiman, AARP Montana  
00:41:24 Holly Franz, Montana Society of CPAs

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:42:24 Rep. Miller  
00:42:43 Sen. Kaufmann  
00:43:27 Rep. Hoven  
00:44:01 Mr. Wilke  
00:44:18 Rep. Hoven  
00:45:07 Sen Kaufmann  
00:45:19 Mr. Wilke  
00:45:50 Chairman Lake  
00:46:03 Mr. Wilke

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:46:23 Sen. Kaufmann  
00:48:05 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 115**

00:48:25 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **SB 115 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:48:34 Rep. Butcher  
00:48:57 Chairman Lake  
00:49:33 Mr. Wilke  
00:50:13 Rep. Cohenour called the question.  
00:50:27 **Vote:** Motion that **SB 115 BE CONCURRED IN** carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Sonju, Stahl and Taylor voting by proxy.  
00:50:54 Rep. Cohenour will carry the bill.  
00:51:20 Chairman Lake announced executive action for Thursday on HB 113, HB 115, HB 232, HB 249, HB 261, HB 262, HB 299, HB 315, HB 341, and HJ 2.

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:52:51 Adjournment: 9:55 A.M.

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Jennifer O'Loughlin, Secretary

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