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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Lake, on February 11, 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. 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 395, 2/5/2009; HB 476, 2/5/2009;
HB 484, 2/5/2009; HB 494, 2/5/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 395

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:24 Rep. Dave McAlpin (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on
HB 395, New top marginal rate for taxable income.
[EXHIBIT \(tah32a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:50 Tara Veazey, Montana Budget and Policy Center
[EXHIBIT \(tah32a02\)](#)
00:10:47 Judy Smith, Citizen, Missoula
00:13:48 Bob Decker, The Policy Institute
00:17:24 Jamie Greer, Montana Human Rights Network

Opponents' Testimony:

00:18:44 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:21:25 Don Hoffman, Montana Taxpayers Association
[EXHIBIT \(tah32a03\)](#)
[EXHIBIT \(tah32a04\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:44 Rep. Butcher
00:28:18 Rep. Wiseman
00:29:01 Mr. Decker
00:30:50 Rep. Wiseman
00:31:25 Rep. McAlpin
00:31:54 Chairman Lake
00:32:06 Rep. Butcher
00:32:54 Mr. Decker
00:33:00 Rep. Butcher
00:33:29 Mr. Decker
00:33:49 Rep. Butcher

00:34:08 Chairman Lake
00:34:19 Rep. Butcher
00:35:16 Mr. Decker
00:36:54 Rep. Taylor
00:38:31 Mr. Decker
00:40:54 Rep. Taylor
00:41:36 Chairman Lake
00:41:42 Rep. Barrett
00:42:17 Mr. Decker
00:42:31 Rep. Noonan
00:42:46 Rep. McAlpin
00:43:40 Rep. Hoven
00:44:18 Rep. McAlpin
00:44:43 Rep. Hoven
00:44:57 Rep. McAlpin

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:21 Rep. McAlpin
00:46:27 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 476

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:36 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 476, Revise urban renewal terminology to delete "blighted".
00:47:03 Chairman Lake left the room and Vice Chairman Taylor took the gavel.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:54:47 Chris Behan, City of Missoula Redevelopment Agency
01:02:13 Brent Campbell, CEO, WGM Group
01:04:49 Rebecca Guay, Chief Executive, Anaconda, Deer Lodge County
01:06:56 John MacDonald, City of Missoula
01:08:12 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns
01:09:38 Kevin Nelson, Citizen, Billings

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:14:50 Rep. Miller
01:15:21 Mr. Martin
01:15:28 Rep. Miller
01:16:11 Rep. Arntzen
01:16:38 Rep. Miller
01:16:47 Rep. Arntzen
01:17:35 Rep. Miller
01:17:55 Rep. Arntzen
01:18:38 Rep. Miller
01:19:04 Rep. Arntzen
01:20:04 Rep. Miller
01:20:25 Rep. Arntzen
01:20:46 Rep. Butcher
01:21:49 Mr. Behan
01:23:01 Rep. Butcher
01:24:03 Mr. Behan
01:25:39 Vice Chairman Taylor
01:25:53 Rep. Hoven
01:26:04 Rep. Arntzen
01:27:25 Rep. Barrett
01:28:06 Rep. Arntzen
01:29:04 Rep. Stahl
01:30:03 Mr. Behan
01:31:16 Rep. Stahl
01:31:35 Mr. Behan
01:31:42 Rep. Jopek
01:32:23 Rep. Arntzen

Closing by Sponsor:

01:33:00 Rep. Arntzen

01:34:33 Vice Chairman Taylor closed the hearing and Rep. Lake resumed as Chairman.

01:34:42 Break
01:45:16 Reconvene

01:46:15 The hearing began on HB 484, but Rep. Arntzen, the sponsor, asked the Chairman for permission to switch to HB 494.

01:48:46 Chairman Lake called a recess and opened the hearing on HB 494.

HEARING ON HB 494

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:48:50 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 494, Provide greater public participation in urban renewal areas.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:55:28 Kevin Nelson, Citizen, Billings

Opponents' Testimony:

02:01:41 Chris Behan, City of Missoula Redevelopment Agency

02:07:18 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns

EXHIBIT (tah32a05)

02:10:38 John MacDonald, City of Missoula

02:12:20 Greg Kruger, Downtown Billings Association

EXHIBIT (tah32a06)

02:16:18 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Planners

02:17:20 Rick Edwards, Butte Local Development Corporation

02:18:20 Terry Myhre, Montana Economic Developers Association

02:19:05 Brent Campbell, CEO, WGM Group

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

02:20:16 Rep. Arntzen

02:21:00 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 484

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:21:26 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 484, Limit duration of tax increment financing provision.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:27:42 Kevin Nelson, Citizen, Billings

Opponents' Testimony:

02:32:08 Greg Krugar, Downtown Billings Association
02:35:48 Anna Rosenberry, Finance Director, City of Bozeman
02:39:26 Rick Edwards, Butte Local Development Association
02:40:17 Chris Behan, Missoula Economic Development Agency
02:43:53 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns
02:45:15 Brent Campbell, WGM Group
02:46:00 Terry Myhre, Montana Economic Developers Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:46:27 Rep. Sonju
02:47:15 Mr. Kruger
02:47:31 Rep. Sonju
02:47:43 Mr. Kruger
02:48:05 Rep. Sonju
02:48:23 Mr. Kruger
02:48:41 Rep. Sonju
02:49:26 Mr. Kruger
02:50:07 Rep. Sonju
02:50:16 Mr. Kruger
02:50:29 Chairman Lake
02:51:00 Mr. Hansen
02:52:11 Chairman Lake
02:52:23 Mr. Hansen
02:52:53 Rep. Sonju
02:53:10 Mr. Hensen

Closing by Sponsor:

02:53:46 Rep. Arntzen

02:55:08 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

02:55:41 Adjournment: 11:57 A.M.

Jennifer O'Loughlin, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([tah32aad.pdf](#))