

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Lake, on March 5, 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 562, 2/26/2009; SB 292,
2/26/2009; SB 353, 2/26/2009; SB
361, 2/26/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 361

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:46 Sen. Rick Ripley (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on
SB 361, Revise property tax lien laws relating to
receipted costs and notice form.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:03:41 Rep. Wiseman
00:04:35 Sen. Ripley
00:04:57 Rep. Wiseman
00:05:12 Sen. Ripley

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:53 Sen. Ripley
00:06:43 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

HEARING ON SB 292

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:12 Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on
SB 292, Revise coal severance tax.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:45 Leo Berry, Great Northern Properties and Property
Development
00:12:31 Bud Clinch, Montana Coal Council
00:14:11 Steve Wade, Carpenter Creek LLC
00:15:06 Bob Gilbert, Musselshell County, Rosebud County
00:15:46 Wade Beaudry, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:18:18 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:39 Rep. Noonan
00:19:23 Sen. Gebhardt
00:20:01 Rep. Noonan
00:20:40 Mr. Berry
00:21:51 Rep. Hoven
00:22:06 Sen. Gebhardt
00:22:45 Rep. Hoven
00:23:02 Sen. Gebhardt
00:24:54 Rep. Jopek
00:25:08 Sen. Gebhardt

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:03 Sen. Gebhardt

00:27:02 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

00:27:20 Rep. Cohenour
00:27:50 Chairman Lake

HEARING ON HB 562

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:25 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on
HB 562, Allow change in application of protested school
taxes to GTB.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:17 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association
Chairman Lake left the room and handed the gavel to Vice Chairman
Taylor.

00:35:32 Darrel Rud, School Administrators of Montana, Montana
Taxpayers Association

00:37:07 Linda Brannon, Montana Association of School Business
Officials

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:38:45 Denise Ulberg, Administrator, School Finance Division,
Office of Public Instruction

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:09 Rep. Stahl
00:39:39 Mr. Melton
00:40:17 Rep. Stahl
00:40:35 Rep. McAlpin
00:40:51 Mr. Melton
00:41:40 Rep. McAlpin
00:41:47 Rep. Vincent
00:42:10 Rep. Cohenour
00:42:59 Rep. Vincent
00:43:08 Rep. Cohenour
00:43:13 Rep. Stahl
00:43:30 Rep. Cohenour
00:43:57 Rep. Hoven
00:44:25 Mr. Melton
00:44:32 Rep. Hoven
00:44:58 Mr. Melton

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:24 Rep. Cohenour

Chairman Lake returned to the room and resumed as chairman.

00:46:10 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

HEARING ON SB 353

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:47:37 Sen. Jerry Black (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on
SB 353, Remove license tax incentive for ethanol.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:49:44 Ronna Alexander, Montana Petroleum Marketers
Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:51:16 Larry Flynn, Department of Transportation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:41 Sen. Black

00:53:28 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

00:54:40 Adjournment: 10:00 A.M.

Jennifer O'Loughlin, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([tah49aad.pdf](#))