

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Lake, on March 25, 2009 at 5:00 P.M.,
in Room 137 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. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Art Noonan (D)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. Chas Vincent (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 658, 3/25/2009; HB 663,
3/25/2009; HB 666, 3/25/2009;
HB 673, 3/25/2009

Executive Action: None

Continued Discussion on Reappraisal Bills

00:00:12 Chairman Lake explained the mechanics of getting whatever reappraisal-mitigation bill is chosen through the legislative process.

00:02:47 Rep. Barrett
00:03:47 Mr. Martin
00:04:30 Rep. Jopek
00:04:50 Mr. Martin
00:05:02 Chairman Lake
00:05:12 Mr. Martin
00:05:34 Rep. Jopek
00:06:03 Chairman Lake
00:06:55 Rep. Hoven
00:07:24 Chairman Lake
00:07:44 Rep. Barrett

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00:15:00 Rep. Wiseman
00:15:17 Rep. Jopek
00:16:00 Rep. Barrett
00:17:28 Rep. Wiseman
00:17:37 Rep. Stahl
00:19:32 Rep. Miller
00:20:08 Rep. Barrett
00:20:45 Rep. Miller
00:21:11 Chairman Lake
00:21:27 Rep. Wiseman
00:21:51 Rep. Barrett
00:23:16 Rep. Hoven
00:24:17 Chairman Lake
00:24:27 Rep. Wiseman
00:24:56 Chairman Lake

00:25:48 Rep. Cohenour urged the committee to focus on HB 658 as the vehicle for reappraisal mitigation.
00:26:26 Chairman Lake
00:26:30 Rep. Jopek
00:26:56 Rep. Stahl
00:28:08 Rep. Hoven
00:28:33 Rep. Barrett

00:29:26 Chairman Lake
00:30:00 Rep. Taylor
00:30:34 Mr. Martin
00:30:56 Rep. Sonju
00:31:11 Chairman Lake
00:31:16 Rep. Sonju
00:32:49 Rep. Stahl
00:33:18 Rep. Sonju
00:33:23 Rep. Cohenour
00:33:57 Rep. Sonju

00:34:29 Chairman Lake noted that the committee action would not constitute official executive action.

00:34:47 Rep. Cohenour
00:35:06 Chairman Lake
00:35:14 Rep. Stahl
00:35:31 Chairman Lake asked for an informal voice vote on Rep. Cohenour's suggestion. The majority of committee members voted to limit reappraisal discussion to HB 658.

00:36:55 Chairman Lake told committee members to bring suggested amendments to the March 26 meeting.

00:37:27 Rep. Jopek
00:38:15 Chairman Lake
00:38:39 Rep. Cohenour
00:39:23 Chairman Lake
00:39:32 Rep. Cohenour
00:39:49 Rep. Sonju
00:39:54 Rep. Miller
00:40:22 Chairman Lake
00:40:28 Rep. Stahl
00:40:40 Rep. Taylor
00:41:11 Rep. Cohenour
00:41:43 Chairman Lake
00:41:47 Rep. Miller
00:41:55 Chairman Lake
00:42:47 Rep. Stahl
00:42:53 Rep. Cohenour
00:43:35 Chairman Lake
00:44:34 Rep. Stahl
00:44:54 Chairman Lake
00:45:39 Jim Standaert, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Branch

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00:48:21 Rep. Cohenour
00:48:51 Randy Wilke, Administrator, Property Assessment Division, DOR
00:52:16 Chairman Lake

ADJOURNMENT

00:52:47 Adjournment: 6:55 P.M.

Jennifer O'Loughlin, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([tah66bad.pdf](#))