

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Lake, on March 31, 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)

Members Excused: Rep. Chas Vincent (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

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: SB 241, 3/27/2009; SB 245,
3/27/2009; SB 264, 3/27/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 241

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:41 Sen. Joe Balyeat (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on
SB 241, Taxpayer Right to Know Act - budget database
website.

EXHIBIT (tah71a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:01 Don Hoffman, Montana Taxpayers Association
00:11:23 Holly Franz, Montana Society of CPAs
00:11:53 Tim Ravndel, Montana Multiple Use Association
00:13:48 John Barrows, Executive Director, Montana Newspaper
Association
00:14:28 Don Hart, Self
00:16:12 Carl Graham, Self
00:21:47 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent
Businesses

Opponents' Testimony:

00:22:07 Hal Harper, Chief Policy Advisor, Governor's Office

Informational Testimony:

00:25:43 Clayton Schenck, Legislative Fiscal Analyst,
Legislative Fiscal Division
00:26:06 Susan Byorth Fox, Executive Director, Legislative
Services Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:06 Rep. Cohenour
00:27:22 Mr. Schenck
00:27:32 Rep. Cohenour
00:28:36 Mr. Schenck
00:29:22 Chairman Lake
00:29:47 Sen. Balyeat

00:30:13 Chairman Lake
00:30:23 Rep. Cohenour
00:30:34 Sen. Balyeat

EXHIBIT (tah71a02)

00:31:56 Rep. Cohenour
00:32:08 Sen. Balyeat
00:33:46 Rep. Cohenour
00:34:16 Sen. Balyeat
00:36:34 Rep. Cohenour
00:37:37 Sen. Balyeat
00:38:58 Rep. Cohenour
00:39:26 Mr. Schenck
00:43:53 Rep. Cohenour
00:44:54 Mr. Schenck
00:45:58 Rep. McAlpin
00:46:00 Mr. Schenck
00:47:06 Rep. McAlpin
00:47:21 Mr. Schenck
00:47:43 Rep. McAlpin
00:47:55 Sen. Balyeat
00:51:26 Rep. Noonan
00:52:55 Mr. Schenck
00:54:53 Rep. Noonan
00:55:55 Sen. Balyeat
01:00:00 Rep. Taylor
01:00:38 Mr. Schenck
01:01:38 Rep. Taylor
01:02:21 Sen. Balyeat

Closing by Sponsor:

01:03:34 Sen. Balyeat

01:06:09 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

HEARING ON SB 245

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:06:31 Sen. Joe Balyeat (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on
SB 245, Revise fiscal note law.

EXHIBIT (tah71a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:13:53 Don Hoffmann, Montana Taxpayers Association
01:14:19 Carl Graham, Self

01:16:19 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent
Business

Opponents' Testimony:

01:17:31 Amy Sassano, Operations and Budget Manager, Governor's
Budget Office

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:20:30 Rep. Barrett
01:21:07 Sen. Balyeat
01:21:40 Rep. Barrett
01:21:55 Rep. Cohenour
01:23:03 Mr. Johnson
01:24:36 Rep. Cohenour
01:25:26 Mr. Johnson
01:26:48 Rep. Cohenour
01:27:07 Mr. Johnson
01:27:37 Chairman Lake
01:27:53 Mr. Johnson
01:28:05 Rep. Cohenour
01:28:46 Mr. Johnson
01:29:27 Rep. Noonan
01:31:32 Sen. Balyeat
01:34:02 Rep. Barrett
01:35:22 Sen. Balyeat

Closing by Sponsor:

01:37:11 Sen. Balyeat

01:41:35 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

HEARING ON SB 264

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:41:46 Sen. John Brueggeman (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on
SB 264, Revise Montana facility finance authority.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:42:44 Jon Marchi, Montana Ambassadors, Montana Facility
Finance Authority

EXHIBIT (tah71a04)

01:47:18 Dick King, Missoula Area Economic Development
Corporation

EXHIBIT (tah71a05)

01:49:56 Michelle Barstad, Executive Director, Montana Facility
Finance Authority

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:50:41 Rep. Hoven
01:51:42 Sen. Brueggeman
01:53:22 Rep. Hoven
01:53:44 Sen. Brueggeman
01:54:48 Rep. Hoven
01:55:05 Sen. Brueggeman
01:56:21 Rep. Sonju
01:57:02 Sen. Brueggeman
01:57:51 Mr. Marchi

Closing by Sponsor:

02:00:26 Sen. Brueggeman

02:01:44 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

02:02:55 Chairman Lake
02:02:28 Rep. Cohenour
02:02:40 Chairman Lake

ADJOURNMENT

02:03:18 Adjournment: 11:05 A.M.

Jennifer O'Loughlin, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([tah71aad.pdf](#))