

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** Vice Chairman Janna Taylor, on April 15, 2009 at  
9:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)  
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Mike Miller (R)  
Rep. Art Noonan (D)  
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)  
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)  
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)  
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)  
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)  
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)  
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)  
Rep. Jon Sonju (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: HJ 37, 4/9/2009

Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HJ 37**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:26 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HJ 37, Study urban renewal area laws and financing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:35 Kevin Nelson, Billings, Montana  
[EXHIBIT \(tah80a01\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:15:14 Rep. Wiseman  
00:15:38 Rep. Arntzen  
00:17:38 Vice Chairman Taylor

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:17:56 Rep. Arntzen  
00:18:43 Vice Chairman Taylor closed the hearing  
00:18:50 Mr. Martin  
00:19:05 Vice Chairman Taylor

**Discussion of Upcoming Executive Action  
and Possible Committee Resolution**

00:19:14 Rep. Stahl  
00:19:19 Rep. Pomnichowski  
00:20:26 Rep. Stahl  
00:21:06 Rep. Wiseman  
00:21:15 Rep. Stahl  
00:21:20 Rep. Wiseman  
00:21:38 Rep. Barrett

00:22:26 Vice Chairman Taylor  
00:22:43 Rep. Wiseman  
00:22:55 Vice Chairman Taylor  
00:23:30 Mr. Martin  
00:23:34 Rep. Cohenour  
00:23:39 Vice Chairman Taylor  
00:23:54 Rep. Cohenour  
00:24:30 Mr. Martin  
00:24:58 Rep. Cohenour  
00:27:47 Rep. Wiseman  
00:28:05 Rep. Stahl  
00:29:57 Vice Chairman Taylor  
00:30:27 Rep. Barrett  
00:31:03 Rep. Wiseman  
00:31:39 Vice Chairman Taylor  
00:31:41 Rep. Cohenour  
00:32:27 Rep. Barrett  
00:34:59 Rep. Stahl  
00:37:54 Rep. Noonan  
00:38:11 Vice Chairman Taylor  
00:38:22 Rep. Noonan  
00:38:43 Rep. Wiseman  
00:39:32 Vice Chairman Taylor  
00:39:38 Rep. Pomnichowski  
00:40:55 Rep. Vincent  
00:41:07 Mr. Martin  
00:41:15 Vice Chairman Taylor  
00:41:35 Rep. Vincent  
00:41:48 Vice Chairman Taylor  
00:42:16 Rep. Cohenour  
  
00:42:27 **Motion:** Rep. Wiseman moved that the committee direct  
Mr. Martin to draft four committee study resolutions.  
  
00:42:44 Vice Chairman Taylor  
00:42:59 Rep. Stahl  
00:43:14 Vice Chairman Taylor  
00:43:20 Mr. Martin  
00:43:23 Rep. Stahl  
00:43:26 Rep. Vincent  
00:43:35 Mr. Martin  
00:43:56 Rep. Stahl  
00:44:12 Vice Chairman Taylor  
00:44:18 Rep. Wiseman  
00:44:32 Rep. Cohenour  
00:44:39 Mr. Martin  
00:44:50 Rep. Wiseman  
00:44:54 Rep. Cohenour  
00:45:20 Rep. Stahl  
00:47:04 Vice Chairman Taylor

00:47:15 Rep. Barrett  
00:48:24 Rep. Wiseman  
00:49:40 Rep. Miller  
00:49:53 Rep. Barrett  
00:50:35 Vice Chairman Taylor

00:51:11 **Vote:** The motion carried 19-1 by voice vote with Rep. Sonju voting no. Rep. Butcher, Rep. Hoven, Rep. Jopek, Rep. Lake, Rep. McAlpin, and Rep. Sonju voted by proxy.

00:51:43 Mr. Martin  
00:52:56 Vice Chairman Taylor  
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00:54:40 Rep. Stahl  
00:54:52 Mr. Martin  
00:55:56 Rep. Stahl  
00:56:16 Vice Chairman Taylor  
00:56:22 Rep. Cohenour  
00:56:25 Mr. Martin  
00:56:45 Vice Chairman Taylor  
00:57:04 Rep. Cohenour  
00:57:46 Vice Chairman Taylor  
00:57:57 Rep. Stahl  
00:58:14 Mr. Martin  
00:58:28 Rep. Stahl  
00:58:33 Rep. Wiseman  
00:59:33 Vice Chairman Taylor  
01:00:10 Rep. Wiseman  
01:01:47 Vice Chairman Taylor

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:02:42 Adjournment: 10:05 A.M.

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Jennifer O'Loughlin, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([tah80aad.pdf](#))**