

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN JEFF ESSMANN, on January 7, 2009 at
8:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jeff Essmann, Chairman (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, 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 11, 1/2/2009; SB 21, 1/2/2009;
SB 28, 1/2/2009; SB 48, 1/2/2009

Executive Action:

00:00:50 Sen. Story moved that the Senate Taxation Committee accept a proxy form from any member, for any reason for the next 90 days. Without objection from any member, the Taxation Committee approved this motion.

HEARING ON SB 21

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:13 SEN. BOB STORY (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 21, Clarify distribution of certain motor vehicle revenue.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:02 None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:08:08 None

Informational Testimony:

00:08:20 Shirley Brown, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS), Child & Family Services

00:08:41 Larry Flynn, Department of Transportation (DOT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:59 Chairman Essmann

00:09:57 Sen. Gillan

00:10:08 Shirley K. Brown, DPHHS

00:11:35 Sen. Gillan

00:11:45 Shirley Brown

00:12:06 Sen. Erickson

00:12:20 Shirley Brown

00:12:44 Larry Flynn, DOT

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:37 Sen. Bob Story

HEARING ON SB 28

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:30 SEN. BOB STORY (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 28, Revise the effect and introduction of revenue estimating resolution.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:24 Sen. Jim Peterson, SD 15

Opponents' Testimony:

00:23:48 None

Informational Testimony:

00:24:01 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:07 Sen. Erickson
00:25:14 Sen. Story
00:29:20 Sen. Kaufmann
00:29:58 Sen. Story
00:30:49 Sen. Kaufman
00:32:08 Sen. Story
00:33:56 Sen. Gillan
00:34:26 Sen. Story
00:36:45 Sen. Gillan
00:37:06 Sen. Story
00:38:13 Sen. Black
00:38:37 Sen. Story
00:38:44 Sen. Tutvedt
00:39:15 Sen. Story

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:20 Sen. Bob Story

HEARING ON SB 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:41:49 SEN. JIM PETERSON (R), SD 15, opened the hearing on
SB 11, Clarify nontaxable amount of gross value of
product-metal mines tax.

[EXHIBIT\(tas03a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:45:50 Debbie Shea, Montana Mining Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:46:53 None

Informational Testimony:

00:47:02 Van Charlton, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:33 Chairman Essmann
00:48:09 Van Charlton
00:48:52 Chairman Essmann
00:49:07 Van Charlton
00:49:12 Sen. Story
00:50:11 Van Charlton
00:51:10 Sen. Kaufmann
00:51:30 Van Charlton

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:02 Sen. Peterson

00:53:35 Recess

01:01:42 Reconvene

01:01:59 Sen. Gillan assumed duties of Chairman Essmann and will serve as Chairwoman for the next hearing.

HEARING ON SB 48

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:02:10 **SEN. JEFF ESSMANN (R)**, SD 28, opened the hearing on **SB 48**, Standardize statutes related to tax increment finance districts.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:05:17 Alec Hanson, Montana League of Cities & Towns (MLCT)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:07:12 None

Informational Testimony:

01:07:21 Michele Crepeau, DOR

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:07:59 Sen. Gebhardt

01:08:37 Sen. Essmann

01:09:42 Sen. Brown

01:09:58 Sen. Essmann

01:10:38 Sen. Kaufmann

01:10:59 Michele Crepeau, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

01:11:53 Sen. Jess Essmann

01:12:15 Sen. Essmann returned to Chairman position

01:12:35 Chairman Essmann

01:15:01 Sen. Gebhardt

01:16:37 Chairman Essmann

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:50 A.M.

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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