

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chairman Jeff Essmann, on February 19, 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 361, 2/5/2009; SB 362, 2/5/2009;
SB 377, 2/6/2009

Executive Action: SB 361 ~ DO PASS

HEARING ON SB 361

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:33 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:

00:01:34 Ronda Wiggers, representing Montana County Treasurers' Association (MTA)

00:02:41 Jess Anderson, Cascade County Treasurer

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:25 Sen. Tutvedt
00:07:53 Jess Anderson
00:09:00 Sen. Brown
00:09:14 Jess Anderson
00:10:11 Sen. Gebhardt
00:10:43 Chairman Essmann
00:11:51 Ronda Wiggers, MTA
00:13:56 Chairman Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:21 Sen. Ripley

HEARING ON SB 362

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:09 Sen. Rick Ripley (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 362, Revise deposit of protested centrally assessed property tax payment.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:45 Ronda Wiggers, representing Montana Treasurers' Association (MTA)

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00:20:56 Jess Anderson, Cascade County Treasurer

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:28 Sen. Tutvedt
00:24:43 Ronda Wiggers, MTA
00:25:34 Sen. Gebhardt
00:27:51 Ronda Wiggers
00:28:56 Sen. Story
00:29:20 Jess Anderson
00:32:46 Sen. Story
00:34:22 Sen. Gebhardt
00:34:36 Jess Anderson
00:37:07 Sen. Brown
00:37:35 Jess Anderson
00:38:43 Sen. Story
00:39:14 Ronda Wiggers
00:40:14 Sen. Tutvedt
00:40:41 Jess Anderson
00:41:23 Chairman Essmann
00:41:48 Jess Anderson
00:43:36 Sen. Story
00:45:04 Jess Anderson
00:45:56 Sen. Story
00:46:15 Jess Anderson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:46:25 Sen. Ripley
00:47:49 Recess
00:54:12 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 377

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:54:20 Sen. Gary Perry (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on
SB 377, Prohibit business expense deduction for
unauthorized aliens.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:55:45 Paul Nachman, Bozeman
00:58:41 Kelly Wood, Bozeman

Opponents' Testimony:

01:02:17 Shahid Haque-Hausrath
01:09:53 Deborah Smith, Immigration Lawyer, Helena
01:15:57 Jamee Greer, representing Montana Human Rights Network

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:19:11 Sen. Tutvedt
01:19:57 Sen. Perry
01:20:51 Sen. Tutvedt
01:21:27 Sen. Perry
01:23:22 Sen. Gillan
01:24:00 Deborah Smith
01:28:03 Sen. Gillan
01:28:18 Shahid Haque-Hausrath
01:29:19 Sen. Erickson
01:29:46 Deborah Smith
01:30:31 Sen. Hamlett
01:30:58 Deborah Smith
01:33:33 Sen. Story
01:34:16 Deborah Smith
01:39:17 Chairman Essmann
01:39:43 Deborah Smith
01:40:32 Sen. Tutvedt
01:41:49 Sen. Perry
01:43:07 Sen. Black
01:43:49 Sen. Perry

Closing by Sponsor:

01:45:29 Sen. Perry

Committee Business:

01:50:37 Chairman Essmann
01:51:15 Sen. Gillan
01:51:57 Chairman Essmann
01:52:10 Sen. Gillan
01:53:08 Sen. Story
01:53:37 Sen. Gebhardt

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 361

01:54:05 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Gebhardt moved that **SB 361 DO PASS.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Committee Business:

01:54:34 Sen. Gebhardt

01:55:57 Sen. Gillan

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:00 A.M.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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