

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mark Blasdel, on January 28, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mark Blasdel, Chairman (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Mike Miller, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Alan Hale (R)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Mary McNally (D)
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)
Rep. Max Yates (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

Staff Present: Lisa Adams, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

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 293, 1/21/2011; HB 305, 1/21/2011

HEARING ON HB 293

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:37 Rep. Pat Connell (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 293, Provide tax exempt status for certain land owned by veterans' organizations.

EXHIBIT(tah22a01)

00:02:22 Rep. Flynn entered.

00:06:59 Rep. Stahl entered.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:27 Red Hamilton, Chairman, Board of Directors, Billie Springer Memorial Park, Inc. (BSMP)

00:09:22 Mike Milodragovich, Attorney, Missoula, Montana

00:09:30 Rep. Stahl left.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:13:51 Rocky Haralson, Regional Manager, Property Assessment Division, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:20 Rep. Hoven

00:14:26 Mr. Hamilton, BSMP

00:14:27 Vice Chairman Miller left.

00:14:30 Rep. Hoven

00:14:45 Mr. Hamilton

00:15:05 Rep. Taylor

00:15:29 Mr. Hamilton

00:15:41 Rep. Taylor

00:15:46 Mr. Hamilton

00:16:27 Rep. Taylor

00:16:31 Rep. Williams

00:16:50 Mr. Hamilton

00:17:32 Vice Chairman Miller returned.

00:17:38 Mr. Milodragovich

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:37 Rep. Connell

HEARING ON HB 305

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:56 Rep. Keith Regier (R), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 305, Remove property tax exemption for hospitals other than critical access hospitals.

EXHIBIT(tah22a02)

EXHIBIT(tah22a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:40:50 Rep. Roberts (HD 56) Northwest Billings
00:42:09 Stan Watkins, Owner, Kalispell Athletic Club
00:43:52 Rep. Phillips left.
00:44:44 Rep. Fitzpatrick left.
00:45:34 Rep. Fitzpatrick returned.
00:45:52 Rep. Stahl returned.
00:48:06 Rep. Stahl left.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:48:41 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association
[EXHIBIT\(tah22a04\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(tah22a05\)](#)
00:55:05 Rep. Phillips returned.
00:56:18 James Kiser, Chief Executive Officer, Saint Joseph Medical Center, Polson
00:58:40 Scott Duke, Chief Executive Officer, Glendive Medical Center (GMC)
01:01:36 Steve Carlson, Administrator, Community Medical Center (CMC)
01:04:35 Mona Jamison, Shodair Children's Hospital
[EXHIBIT\(tah22a06\)](#)
01:08:15 John Goodnow, Chief Executive Officer, Benefis Health System
[EXHIBIT\(tah22a07\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(tah22a08\)](#)
01:11:38 Tracy Neary, Mission Outreach, St. Vincent Healthcare
[EXHIBIT\(tah22a09\)](#)
01:14:10 Rep. Stahl returned.
01:15:09 Candace Payne, Rimrock Foundation Billings
[EXHIBIT\(tah22a10\)](#)
01:15:11 Rep. Randall left.

Informational Testimony:

01:16:12 Cynthia Monteau Moore, Assessment Division, Department of Revenue (DOR)
01:16:32 Ali Bovingdon, Consumer Protection Agency, Attorney General's Office (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:18:45 Rep. McClafferty
01:19:34 Mr. Goodnow
01:19:54 Rep. McClafferty
01:20:22 Rep. Regier
01:20:38 Rep. Barrett
01:21:08 Mr. Carlson, CMC
01:21:56 Rep. Barrett
01:22:01 Rep. Flynn left.
01:22:05 Mr. Carlson
01:22:09 Rep. Lavin
01:22:22 Rep. Regier
01:22:27 Rep. Lavin
01:22:47 Rep. Regier
01:23:21 Mr. Goodnow
01:24:28 Rep. Malek
01:24:42 Ms. Monteau Moore, DOR

01:24:47 Rep. Malek
01:25:27 Ms. Monteau Moore
01:25:57 Chairman Blasdel
01:26:59 Ms. Monteau Moore
01:26:07 Rep. Malek
01:26:35 Rep. Flynn returned.
01:26:40 Ms. Monteau Moore
01:26:47 Mr. Haralson, DOR
01:28:48 Rep. Taylor
01:29:22 Mr. Kiser
01:29:41 Rep. Hoven
01:30:12 Mr. Goodnow
01:31:06 Rep. Hoven
01:32:04 Mr. Goodnow
01:33:51 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:34:03 Mr. Goodnow
01:34:07 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:34:33 Mr. Goodnow
01:36:03 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:36:38 Mr. Goodnow
01:37:00 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:37:22 Mr. Goodnow
01:38:01 Chairman Blasdel
01:38:15 Rep. Malek
01:38:56 Mr. Goodnow
01:39:00 Rep. Randall entered.
01:40:36 Rep. Malek
01:41:18 Mr. Goodnow
01:43:06 Rep. Knudsen
01:43:17 Rep. Regier
01:43:22 Rep. Knudsen
01:44:29 Rep. Regier
01:45:21 Rep. Hoven
01:45:33 Mr. Goodnow
01:45:45 Rep. Knudsen left.
01:46:27 Mr. Goodnow
01:46:33 Chairman Blasdel left.
01:48:13 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:48:14 Rep. McClafferty left.
01:48:36 Mr. Goodnow
01:48:41 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:49:36 Mr. Goodnow
01:50:01 Rep. Randall left.
01:50:24 Rep. Knudsen returned.
01:50:40 Rep. Stahl
01:50:48 Chairman Blasdel returned.
01:51:16 Mr. Goodnow
01:51:48 Rep. McClafferty returned.
01:52:59 Rep. Taylor left.
01:53:20 Rep. Flynn left.

01:53:40 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
01:53:47 Chairman Blasdel
01:54:00 Ms. Grmoljez
01:54:27 Rep. O'Neil
01:54:39 Mr. Goodnow
01:55:54 Rep. O'Neil
01:56:35 Mr. Goodnow
01:56:45 Rep. O'Neil
01:56:53 Rep. Hale
01:56:58 Rep. Randall returned.
01:57:03 Rep. Regier
01:57:06 Rep. Hale
01:57:39 Rep. Taylor returned.
01:57:46 Rep. Barrett
01:57:51 Rep. Regier
01:57:55 Rep. Barrett
01:58:00 Rep. Stahl left.
01:58:15 Rep. Regier
01:58:43 Rep. Barrett
01:58:45 Rep. Regier
01:58:59 Rep. Phillips left.
01:59:06 Rep. Barrett
01:59:16 Rep. Hale left.
02:00:14 Rep. Regier
02:00:49 Rep. McNally
02:01:24 Ms. Grmoljez
02:02:05 Rep. Barrett, Rep. Fitzpatrick and Rep. Randall left.
02:02:17 Rep. Barrett returned.
02:02:39 Rep. McNally
02:02:43 Ms. Grmoljez
02:03:02 Rep. Hale returned.
02:03:30 Vice Chairman Miller
02:04:04 Mr. Goodnow
02:04:27 Vice Chairman Miller
02:04:31 Mr. Goodnow
02:05:33 Vice Chairman Miller
02:05:38 Mr. Goodnow
02:06:38 Vice Chairman Miller
02:07:36 Mr. Goodnow
02:07:42 Rep. Hale
02:08:03 Mr. Goodnow
02:08:09 Rep. Hale
02:08:13 Mr. Goodnow
02:08:27 Rep. Hale
02:09:05 Mr. Goodnow
02:09:40 Rep. Hale
02:09:44 Rep. Williams
02:09:53 Ms. Monteau Moore
02:09:56 Ms. Williams
02:10:02 Rep. Fitzpatrick returned.

02:10:35 Ms. Monteau Moore
02:10:57 Rep. Williams
02:11:27 Ms. Monteau Moore
02:11:31 Rep. Williams
02:11:50 Ms. Monteau Moore
02:11:55 Rep. Malek left.
02:12:00 Rep. Williams
02:12:23 Rep. Regier
02:12:37 Rep. Williams
02:12:56 Rep. Regier

Closing by Sponsor:

02:13:06 Rep. Regier

02:17:02 Rep. Malek returned.
02:19:43 Chairman Blaskel
02:19:50 Rep. Barrett

ADJOURNMENT

02:20:09 Adjournment 10:21 am

Lisa Adams, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

[EXHIBIT\(tah22a11\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah22a12\)](#)

Additional Documents:

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