

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Bruce Tutvedt, on February 3, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bruce Tutvedt, Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Lake, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Ron Arthun (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

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 245, 1/31/2011

HEARING ON SB 245

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:45 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 245, Revise taxpayer subsidies of electricity purchase from municipal utilities.

[EXHIBIT\(tas27a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:23 Travis Kavulla, Public Service Commission, Great Falls

00:14:24 Mary Jolley, Great Falls City Commissioner, speaking for self

00:15:47 Aart Dolman, Citizens for Clean Energy, Great Falls

[EXHIBIT\(tas27a02\)](#)

00:22:48 Bre Lopuch, Neighborhood Council #7, Great Falls

00:24:34 Bill Zucconi, retired architect, Great Falls

00:27:53 Sean Lawson, Great Falls

00:28:21 Greg Jergeson, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:34:26 Ryan Morton, self

00:41:28 Brandon McGillvray, representing Barretts Minerals, Inc., Dillon

[EXHIBIT\(tas27a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00:46:11 John Fitzpatrick, representing NorthWestern Energy

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:54:17 Sen. Van Dyk

00:55:44 Travis Kavulla

00:56:56 Sen. Van Dyk

00:57:34 Travis Kavulla

00:58:31 Sen. Van Dyk

00:59:05 Brandon McGillvray

01:00:25 Sen. Van Dyk

01:00:49 Sen. Buttrey

01:00:58 Travis Kavulla

01:01:34 Sen. Wittich

01:03:05 Sen. Buttrey

01:03:37 Sen. Wittich

01:04:10 Mary Jolley

01:06:46 Sen. Erickson

01:07:41 John Fitzpatrick

01:09:21 Sen. Erickson

01:09:46 Chairman Tutvedt

01:09:52 John Fitzpatrick

01:11:30	Sen. Arthun
01:11:46	Travis Kavulla
01:12:36	Sen. Arthun
01:13:24	Travis Kavulla
01:13:37	Sen. Wittich
01:14:27	Mary Jolley
01:15:46	Sen. Wittich
01:16:53	Sen. Buttrey
01:17:32	Sen. Wittich
01:17:42	Sen. Buttrey
01:17:56	Sen. Arthun
01:18:07	Sen. Buttrey
01:18:21	Sen. Lake
01:18:40	Mary Jolley
01:19:56	Sen. Lake
01:20:04	Mary Jolley
01:20:18	Sen. Lake
01:21:10	Sen. Buttrey
01:21:56	Sen. Lake
01:22:44	Sen. Buttrey
01:22:51	Chairman Tutvedt
01:23:17	Sen. Buttrey
01:23:40	Chairman Tutvedt
01:24:10	Sen. Buttrey
01:24:42	Mary Jolley
01:25:38	Chairman Tutvedt
01:25:52	Mary Jolley
01:27:23	Chairman Tutvedt
01:27:51	Mary Jolley
01:28:11	Chairman Tutvedt
01:28:17	Travis Kavulla
01:30:08	Chairman Tutvedt
01:30:39	John Fitzpatrick
01:33:09	Chairman Tutvedt
01:33:24	Brandon McGillvray
01:33:58	Chairman Tutvedt
01:35:02	Brandon McGillvray
01:35:26	Chairman Tutvedt
01:35:45	Mary Jolley

Closing by Sponsor:

01:36:48	Sen. Buttrey
01:39:49	Chairman Tutvedt
01:39:58	Sen. Buttrey

Committee Business:

01:40:50	Sen. Erickson
01:41:26	Sen. Arthun
01:41:43	Sen. Erickson
01:43:43	Sen. Wittich
01:43:58	Chairman Tutvedt

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:45 A.M.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas27aad.pdf](#))