

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Bruce Tutvedt, on March 2, 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 288, 2/23/2010
SB 353, 2/24/2010
SB 378, 2/24/2010

HEARING ON SB 353**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:41 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 353, Revise payments in lieu of tax for Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks lands.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:50 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:02:36 John Youngbird, representing Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:03:16 Chas Van Genderen, Administrator, Parks Division, Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)
EXHIBIT(tas47a01)

00:06:39 Bob Walker, representing Our Montana

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:06 Sen. Wittich
00:10:29 Sen. Brenden
00:11:32 Sen. Wittich
00:12:07 Sen. Brenden
00:14:54 Sen. Lake
00:15:09 Harold Blattie, MACo
00:15:38 Sen. Lake
00:16:48 Harold Blattie
00:17:07 Sen. Lake
00:18:03 Chas Van Genderen, FWP
00:18:47 Sen. Lake
00:19:50 Chas Van Genderen
00:22:23 Sen. Kaufmann
00:22:33 Chas Van Genderen
00:23:35 Sen. Kaufmann
00:24:08 Harold Blattie
00:25:19 Sen. Kaufmann
00:25:28 Harold Blattie
00:25:55 Sen. Kaufmann
00:26:08 Chas Van Genderen
00:26:49 Sen. Gillan
00:27:05 Chas Van Genderen
00:27:20 Sen. Gillan
00:28:37 Harold Blattie
00:29:45 Sen. Gillan
00:30:12 Harold Blattie
00:30:44 Chairman Tutvedt
00:31:02 Sen. Brenden

00:31:11 Chairman Tutvedt
00:31:39 Chas Van Genderen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:35 Sen. Brenden

HEARING ON SB 288

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:38:28 Sen. Kim Gillan (D), SD 24, opened the hearing on SB 288, Provide administrative appeal for special district assessments.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:41:26 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, MACo
also speaking for Carbon County Commissioners

EXHIBIT(tas47a02)

00:46:08 Nancy Schlepp, representing Montana Taxpayers Association

00:46:25 John MacDonald, representing the City of Missoula

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:22 Sen. Kaufmann
00:47:40 Sen. Gillan
00:48:16 Sen. Kaufmann
00:48:23 Sen. Gillan
00:49:39 Sen. Lake
00:50:40 Harold Blattie
00:51:45 Sen. Lake
00:52:14 Harold Blattie
00:52:34 Sen. Whittich
00:53:15 Sen. Gillan
00:54:08 Chairman Tutvedt
00:54:15 Sen. Wittich
00:54:33 Sen. Gillan
00:55:15 Harold Blattie

Closing by Sponsor:

00:56:00 Sen. Gillan

HEARING ON SB 378

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:56:57 Sen. Ryan Zinke (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 378, Notice required for recording instrument affecting title to real property.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:00:35 Terry Hilgendorf, President, Montana Land Title Association (MLTA)
01:01:20 Steve Turkiewicz, President and CEO, Montana Bankers Association
01:02:14 William Gowen, MLTA, also owner of Helena title company

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:03:57 Sen. Erickson
01:04:33 William Gowen, MLTA
01:05:03 Sen. Wittich
01:06:15 Sen. Zinke
01:08:23 Sen. Wittich
01:08:50 Sen. Zinke
01:09:05 Sen. Lake

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:36 Sen. Zinke

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:10 A.M.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas47aad.pdf](#))