

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Bruce Tutvedt, on March 10, 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. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jeff Essmann (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 392, 3/3/2011
SB 393, 3/3/2011

HEARING ON SB 392

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:38 Sen. Kim Gillan (D), SD 24, opened the hearing on SB 392, Revise tax laws related to class eight property tax exemptions.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:35 Evan Barrett, Chief Business Development Officer, Office of the Governor

00:08:10 Terry Myhre, Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA)

EXHIBIT(tas54a01)

00:08:59 Carol Lambert, representing Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)

00:09:48 Riley Johnson, representing National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

00:11:07 Barry "Spook" Stang, representing Montana Motor Carriers Association (MCM)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:47 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:13:39 Alec Hansen, representing Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

00:14:36 Senator Vincent arrived at committee meeting

Informational Testimony:

00:15:47 Jerome Patton, Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:15:58 Jim Standaert, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

EXHIBIT(tas54a02)

EXHIBIT(tas54a03)

00:22:56 Cynthia Monteau Moore, Administrator, Property Assessment Division, DOR

00:25:15 Chairman Tutvedt

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:29 Sen. Wittich

00:26:50 Sen. Gillan

00:27:17 Ed Caplis, DOR, without objection from the committee

00:28:56 Sen. Wittich

00:29:13 Ed Caplis, DOR

00:32:22 Sen. Gillan

00:33:54 Sen. Lake

00:35:17 Evan Barrett

00:37:58 Sen. Peterson

00:39:52 Jerome Patton, DOR

00:40:08 Sen. Peterson

00:40:22 Jerome Patton

00:40:30 Sen. Peterson

00:40:48 Jim Standaert, LFD

00:41:49 Sen. Erickson

00:42:35 Sen. Gillan
00:44:45 Sen. Erickson
00:44:52 Evan Barrett
00:46:35 Sen. Arthun
00:47:08 Sen. Gillan
00:47:32 Ed Caplis
00:48:40 Sen. Kaufmann
00:49:20 Evan Barrett
00:50:18 Sen. Kaufmann
00:50:35 Alec Hansen, MLCT
00:52:01 Sen. Kaufmann
00:52:20 Alec Hansen
00:53:22 Sen. Van Dyk
00:54:14 Evan Barrett
00:56:31 Sen. Wittich
00:57:18 Sen. Gillan
00:57:53 Sen. Wittich
00:59:12 Sen. Gillan

01:02:12 Sen. Peterson assumed duties of Chairman as Sen. Tutvedt left the hearing

01:02:35 Sen. Vincent
01:02:52 Evan Barrett
01:03:11 Sen. Vincent

01:03:23 Chairman Tutvedt arrived back in hearing

01:05:31 Evan Barrett
01:08:42 Chairman Tutvedt
01:08:51 Evan Barrett
01:09:25 Sen. Vincent
01:10:15 Evan Barrett
01:10:22 Chairman Tutvedt
01:10:55 Jim Standaert
01:11:33 Chairman Tutvedt
01:12:33 Sen. Gillan
01:14:27 Chairman Tutvedt
01:14:53 Sen. Gillan
01:17:25 Chairman Tutvedt
01:17:38 Sen. Gillan

Closing by Sponsor:

01:18:41 Sen. Gillan

EXHIBIT(tas54a04)

HEARING ON SB 393

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:23:01 Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D), SD 25, opened the hearing on SB 393, Revise tax law by providing refundable tax credit for property taxes paid.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:26:52 Eric Stern, Senior Legal Counselor, Office of the Governor

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:28:33 Gene Walborn, Administrator, Business and Income Taxes Division, DOR
[EXHIBIT\(tas54a05\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:31:13 Sen. Lake
01:31:56 Gene Walborn, DOR
01:35:00 Sen. Lake
01:35:17 Gene Walborn
01:36:00 Chairman Tutvedt
01:36:12 Sen. Van Dyk
01:36:42 Sen. Wittich
01:38:23 Eric Stern, Governor's Office
01:39:53 Sen. Wittich
01:40:32 Eric Stern
01:41:29 Sen. Gillan
01:42:11 Sen. Van Dyk

Closing by Sponsor:

01:42:45 Sen. Van Dyk

01:46:03 Chairman Tutvedt

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:45 A.M.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas54aad.pdf](#))