

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Bruce Tutvedt, on April 4, 2011 at 8:50 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. Jim Peterson (R)
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: HB 357, 3/25/2011; HB 358, 3/25/2011;
HB 463, 3/25/2011; HB 567, 3/25/2011

HEARING ON HB 463**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:35 Rep. Scott Reichner (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 463, Revise property tax reappraisal process by specifying burden of proof on value.
00:01:08 Sen. Lake left the committee meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:35 Joe Roberts, representing Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:10:21 Dan Bucks, Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)
00:15:49 Sen. Vincent arrived at the committee meeting.
00:25:05 C. A. Daw, Chief Legal Counsel, DOR

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:39:03 Sen. Erickson
00:40:00 Dan Bucks, DOR
00:43:10 Sen. Wittich
00:43:49 Dan Bucks
00:45:27 Sen. Wittich
00:46:01 C. A. Daw, DOR
00:49:37 Sen. Gillan
00:50:07 Dan Bucks
00:50:47 Sen. Gillan
00:51:09 Cynthia Monteau Moore, Administrator, Property Assessment Division, DOR,
without objection
00:53:41 Dan Bucks
00:54:37 Chairman Tutvedt
00:55:14 Dan Bucks
00:58:38 Chairman Tutvedt
00:58:56 Rep. Reichner
01:00:44 Chairman Tutvedt
01:01:15 Joe Roberts, MAR
01:02:31 Chairman Tutvedt
01:02:43 Joe Roberts
01:03:22 Sen. Kaufmann
01:03:58 Joe Roberts
01:04:36 Sen. Kaufmann
01:05:01 Dan Bucks
01:07:02 Chairman Tutvedt
01:07:32 Dan Bucks

Closing by Sponsor:

01:08:06 Rep. Scott Reichner

HEARING ON HB 567

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:12:47 Rep. Scott Reichner (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 567, Revise property appraisal process by allowing extended assessment review.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:15:04 Cynthia Monteau Moore, Administrator, Property Assessment Division, DOR

01:18:48 Joe Roberts, representing Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:21:01 Sen. Wittich

01:21:47 Cynthia Monteau Moore, DOR

01:24:50 Sen. Wittich

01:25:58 Cynthia Monteau Moore

01:28:21 Sen. Arthun

01:28:34 Cynthia Monteau Moore

01:28:55 Sen. Wittich

01:29:16 Rep. Reichner

01:30:10 Chairman Tutvedt

EXHIBIT(tas75a01)

01:30:57 Rep. Reichner

Closing by Sponsor:

01:31:12 Rep. Scott Reichner

HEARING ON HB 357

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:32:42____Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 357, Provide tax credit for employer contribution to employee health savings account.

EXHIBIT(tas75a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:38:26 Frank Cote, representing Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:39:35 Sen. Van Dyk
01:40:00 Rep. MacLaren
01:40:23 Sen. Erickson
01:40:44 Rep. MacLaren
01:41:22 Sen. Kaufmann
01:41:44 Rep. MacLaren
01:42:05 Frank Cote, BCBS
01:43:00 Sen. Kaufmann
01:43:09 Frank Cote
01:43:52 Sen. Kaufmann
01:44:15 Frank Cote
01:45:15 Sen. Wittich
01:46:12 Rep. MacLaren
01:46:48 Chairman Tutvedt
01:47:20 Frank Cote
01:48:20 Chairman Tutvedt
01:48:31 Frank Cote
01:50:08 Sen. Gillan
01:50:28 Rep. MacLaren

Closing by Sponsor:

01:50:33 Rep. Gary MacLaren

HEARING ON HB 358

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:51:28 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 358, Revise Montana medical savings account contribution limits.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:53:11 Janet Whitmoyer, representing Montana Medical Association (MMA)
01:54:38 Frank Cote, representing Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:55:15 Sen. Erickson
01:56:52 Rep. MacLaren

01:57:30 Sen. Erickson
01:57:36 Frank Cote, BCBS
01:58:54 Sen. Gillan
01:59:25 Sen. Erickson
01:59:35 Sen. Wittich
02:00:20 Rep. MacLaren
02:01:15 Sen. Wittich
02:01:29 Rep. MacLaren
02:02:22 Chairman Tutvedt
02:02:44 Rep. MacLaren
02:03:29 Sen. Arthun
02:03:47 Rep. MacLaren

Closing by Sponsor:

02:04:01 Rep. Gary MacLaren

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00 A.M.
02:05:25

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas75aad.pdf](#))