

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Bruce Tutvedt, on April 19, 2011 at 10:00 A.M., 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. Art Wittich (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 13, 4/18/2011; HJ 24, 4/18/2011; HJ 31, 4/18/2011

Executive Action: HJ 13 ~ Do Concur As Amended
HJ 24 ~ Tabled
HB 31 ~ Tabled

HEARING ON HJ 31**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:47 Rep. Gordon Hendrick (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HJ 31, Study of property tax reappraisal process.

[EXHIBIT\(tas87a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:03:19 Sen. Lake
00:03:40 Rep. Hendrick
00:05:34 Chairman Tutvedt
00:06:33 Sen. Erickson
00:07:06 Rep. Hendrick
00:08:26 Sen. Erickson
00:09:05 Rep. Hendrick
00:09:26 Sen. Erickson
00:10:26 Chairman Tutvedt
00:11:01 Sen. Arthun
00:11:13 Rep. Hendrick
00:12:07 Sen. Wittich
00:14:34 Rep. Hendrick
00:17:36 Sen. Wittich
00:18:13 Rep. Hendrick

Closing by Sponsor:

00:19:36 Rep. Hendrick

HEARING ON HJ 24**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:20:19 Rep. Joanne Blyton (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HJ 24, Interim study on property tax and options to replace with other revenue.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:30 Sen. Arthun
00:22:56 Rep. Blyton
00:23:59 Sen. Wittich
00:24:16 Rep. Blyton
00:24:30 Sen. Wittich
00:24:50 Rep. Blyton
00:25:32 Sen. Wittich
00:25:41 Sen. Erickson
00:26:38 Rep. Blyton
00:27:17 Chairman Tutvedt
00:28:07 Rep. Blyton

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:02 Rep. Blyton

HEARING ON HJ 13**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:29:14 Rep. Kris Hansen (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HJ 13, Interim study on income tax and options to replace with other revenue.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:08 Sen. Erickson
00:43:12 Rep. Hansen
00:45:22 Sen. Arthun
00:46:01 Rep. Hansen
00:48:33 Chairman Tutvedt
00:49:21 Rep. Hansen
00:50:00 Sen. Gillan
00:51:21 Chairman Tutvedt
00:52:01 Sen. Wittich
00:52:12 Rep. Hansen
00:53:40 Sen. Lake
00:54:42 Rep. Hansen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:59 Rep. Hansen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 13

(Senators Essmann, Peterson, and Vincent excused)

00:55:45 **Motion:** Sen. Lake moved that **HJ 13 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:56:11 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lake moved that **HJ 13 BE AMENDED WITH A CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT** that lines 21 and 22 on page 1, and lines 28, 29, and 30 on page 2 be removed. Voice vote carried 8-1 of those present and voting with Sen. Wittich voting no.

00:56:59 **Motion:** Sen. Lake moved that **HJ 13 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:57:13 Sen. Gillan
00:58:08 Chairman Tutvedt
00:58:21 Sen. Erickson
00:58:51 Chairman Tutvedt
00:58:57 Sen. Lake

00:59:03 **Motion:** Sen. Gillan moved that **HJ 13 BE AMENDED WITH A CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT** to eliminate lines 5 through 7 on page 1.

Discussion:

01:00:13 Sen. Wittich
01:01:32 Sen. Erickson
01:02:18 Sen. Lake
01:02:32 Sen. Gillan
01:03:31 Sen. Wittich
01:04:16 Chairman Tutvedt

01:04:50 Sen. Gillan **WITHDREW MOTION TO AMEND HJ 13 WITH A CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT.**

Discussion:

01:05:07 Sen. Kaufmann
01:05:37 Sen. Wittich

01:05:46 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Wittich moved that **HJ 13 BE AMENDED WITH A CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT** to eliminate "adequacy, efficiency, burden" and insert "obligation" on page 2, line 5. Motion carried by 9-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

01:06:47 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lake moved that **HJ 13 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Lake will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 24

01:07:21 **Motion:** Sen. Lake moved that **HJ 24 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:07:28 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kaufmann made a substitute motion that **HJ 24 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with Sen. Wittich voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 31

01:07:56 **Motion:** Sen. Lake moved that **HJ 31 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:08:03 Sen. Gillan
01:08:50 Chairman Tutvedt
01:09:27 Sen. Erickson
01:09:37 Sen. Lake
01:10:07 Sen. Wittich
01:11:01 Sen. Gillan
01:12:04 Chairman Tutvedt
01:12:16 Sen. Kaufmann

01:12:53 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Erickson made a substitute motion that **HJ 31 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with Sen. Wittich voting no.

01:13:23 Chairman Tutvedt

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:15 a.m.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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