

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Duane Ankney, on February 25, 2013 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 102
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Duane Ankney, Chair (R)
Rep. Steve Gibson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Nancy Ballance (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Champ Edmunds (R)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Rep. Lea Whitford (D)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lisa Adams, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 49, 2/21/2013; HB 213, 2/21/2013; HB 272, 2/21/2013;
HB 284, 2/21/2013; HB 346, 2/21/2013

00:10:48 Chair Ankney

HEARING ON HB 49

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:46 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 49, Exempt military pensions from state income tax.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:15 Jim Higgins, Veteran, Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Montana (EANGMT), and National Guard Officers Association

EXHIBIT(aph42a01)

00:26:53 Jim Jacobsen, Military Retiree, Self

00:30:32 Greg Harbac, Retired Lieutenant Colonel, United States Marine Corps (USMC)

EXHIBIT(aph42a02)

EXHIBIT(aph42a03)

EXHIBIT(aph42a04)

00:40:33 Rep. Osmundson left.

00:41:11 Rep. Noonan arrived.

00:46:28 Gary White, American Legion of Montana

00:47:50 Elmer Palmer, Retired Marine, American Legion of Montana

00:51:42 Michael Clouse, Military Retiree and Disabled American Veteran

00:53:25 Dan O'Neill, Self, Dentist and Lieutenant Colonel, Army National Guard, Butte

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:54:49 Dan Dodds, Tax Policy and Research, Director's Office, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:07 Rep. Ballance

00:56:02 Mr. Dodds, DOR

00:57:06 Rep. Gibson

00:58:01 Mr. Dodds, DOR

00:59:47 Rep. McCarthy

01:00:09 Lt. Col. Harbac, USMC

01:00:15 Rep. McCarthy

01:01:22 Lt. Col. Harbac, USMC

01:03:37 Rep. Hollandsworth

01:03:56 Mr. Dodds, DOR

01:04:30 Rep. Hollandsworth

01:04:39 Mr. Dodds, DOR

01:04:51 Rep. Hollandsworth

01:05:00 Rep. Hollenbaugh

01:05:46 Mr. Dodds, DOR

01:06:07 Rep. Brodehl

01:06:47 Mr. Dodds, DOR

01:07:11 Rep. Brodehl

01:07:32 Rep. Cook

01:07:51 Rep. Osmundson and Rep. Cuffe arrived.
01:07:57 Mr. Dodds, DOR
01:08:04 Rep. Cook
01:08:15 Mr. Dodds, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

01:08:34 Rep. Ingraham

HEARING ON HB 284

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:13:27 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 284, Provide increases to commissions for agency liquor stores.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:14:32 Shauna Helfert, Administrator, Liquor Control Division, Department of Revenue(DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:14:59 Rep. Gibson
01:15:24 Rep. Cook

Closing by Sponsor:

01:15:51 Rep. Cook

HEARING ON HB 346

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:16:48 Rep. Daniel Salomon (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 346, Revise laws governing use of dyed fuels.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:20:20 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union

Opponents' Testimony:

01:21:54 Larry Flynn, Helena Administration Division, Department of Transportation (DOT)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:22:43 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:23:30 Rep. Salomon
01:23:55 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:24:09 Rep. Salomon
01:25:01 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:26:05 Rep. Salomon
01:27:16 Rep. Hagstrom

01:27:34 Rep. Salomon
01:28:52 Rep. Hagstrom
01:29:05 Rep. Salomon

Closing by Sponsor:

01:29:35 Rep. Salomon

HEARING ON HB 272

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:30:30 Rep. Brian Hoven (R), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 272, Revise elderly homeowner/rental tax credit.

01:29:30 Chair Ankney left.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:31:23 Dan Harrington, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

01:32:21 Holly Franz, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:32:45 Dan Dodds, Tax Policy and Research, Director's Office, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:32:58 Rep. Hollandsworth

01:33:36 Rep. Hoven

Closing by Sponsor:

01:33:45 Rep. Hoven

01:34:28 Recessed.

01:50:43 Reconvened with everyone present.

01:51:00 Chair Ankney left.

HEARING ON HB 213

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:51:13 Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 213, Providing a tuition tax credit for nonpublic school education.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:53:18 Pat Wagman, Montana Family Foundation

[EXHIBIT\(aph42a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph42a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph42a07\)](#)

02:09:52 Mr. John Moe replaced Mr. Triem, LFD

Opponents' Testimony:

02:11:08 Lance Melton, Executive Director, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
02:21:09 Sarah Wilhelm, Montana Budget and Policy Center
02:22:55 Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association - Montana Federation of Teachers
(MEA - MFT)
02:23:20 Dave Puyear, Executive Director, Montana Rural Education Association

Informational Testimony:

02:23:54 Dan Dodds, Tax Policy and Research, Director's Office, Department of Revenue
(DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:24:18 Rep. Brodehl
02:24:47 Rep. Fitzpatrick
02:26:21 Rep. Dudik
02:26:43 Mr. Melton, MTSBA
02:29:41 Vice Chairman Gibson
02:30:09 Ms. Johnson, LFD
02:30:31 Vice Chairman Gibson
02:30:50 Rep. Hollenbaugh
02:31:22 Rep. Woods
02:31:51 Rep. Fitzpatrick
02:32:08 Rep. Cook
02:32:26 Rep. Fitzpatrick
02:32:40 Rep. Cook
02:32:45 Rep. Fitzpatrick
02:33:06 Rep. Cook
02:33:25 Mr. Melton, MTSBA

EXHIBIT(aph42a08)**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:34:20 Rep. Fitzpatrick

02:34:49 Vice Chairman Gibson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:34:58

Lisa Adams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph42aad.pdf](#))