

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Bruce Tutvedt, on January 29, 2013 at 8:00 AM, in Room 405 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Bruce Tutvedt, Chair (R)  
Sen. Fred Thomas, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Ron Arthun (R)  
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)  
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)  
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)  
Sen. Sue Malek (D)  
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)  
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)  
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)  
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch  
Charlene Rich, 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 35, 1/22/2013; SB 169, 1/22/2013

Executive Action: SB 96, Do Pass As Amended

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 96**

00:18:08 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 96 DO PASS.**

00:18:18 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 96 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(tas19a01)**

**Discussion:**

00:18:47 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:20:29 Sen. Jergeson

00:20:39 Jaret Coles, LSD

00:21:37 Sen. Jergeson

00:22:01 Jaret Coles

00:22:52 Sen. Malek

00:23:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Essmann and Sen. Wittich voted by proxy.

00:23:42 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 96 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:24:54 Sen. Malek

00:26:35 Sen. Peterson

00:27:04 Sen. Jergeson

00:30:52 Chairman Tutvedt

00:32:18 Sen. Thomas

00:34:08 Sen. Malek

00:34:51 Chairman Tutvedt

00:36:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Jergeson, Sen. Kaufmann, Sen. Malek and Sen. Phillips voting no. Sen. Essmann and Sen. Wittich voted by proxy.

**HEARING ON HB 35****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:37:27 Rep. Mike Miller (R), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 35, Clarifying the laws related to property tax adjustments.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:38:47 Chairman Tutvedt

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:39:23 Rep. Miller

**HEARING ON SB 169****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:40:08 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 169, Revise payments by FWP to counties for land.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:45:24 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
00:47:19 Tom Depuydt, self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:50:22 Paul Sihler, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)  
[EXHIBIT\(tas19a02\)](#)

00:55:12 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)  
00:57:07 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon  
00:58:03 Vito Quatraro, Montana Sportsman Alliance (MSA)  
[EXHIBIT\(tas19a03\)](#)

01:00:14 Jerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association (MBA)  
01:01:56 Sam Milodragovich, Montana Sportmans Alliance (MSA)  
01:06:10 Joe Perry, Montana Sportsman Alliance (MSA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:08:06 Sen. Peterson  
01:10:20 Paul Sihler, FWP  
01:11:06 Sen. Thomas  
01:11:25 Glenn Marx, Executive Director, Montana Association of Land Trusts (MALT)  
01:11:55 Sen. Peterson  
01:12:26 Glenn Marx, MALT  
01:14:01 Sen. Barrett  
01:14:09 Harold Blattie, MACo  
01:15:32 Sen. Barrett  
01:18:58 Sen. Brenden  
01:20:57 Sen. Barrett  
01:21:30 Sen. Jergeson

01:26:04 Sen. Brenden  
01:26:32 Sen. Jergeson  
01:27:07 Sen. Phillips  
01:27:16 Glenn Marx  
01:29:38 Sen. Kaufmann  
01:29:46 Harold Blattie  
01:30:19 Sen. Kaufmann  
01:30:24 Phil Sihler  
01:31:48 Sen. Kaufmann  
01:31:58 Phil Sihler  
01:32:21 Sen. Taylor  
01:32:30 Sen. Brenden  
01:34:23 Sen. Phillips  
01:34:31 Glenn Marx  
01:34:59 Sen. Thomas  
01:35:30 Glenn Marx  
01:36:25 Sen. Thomas  
01:36:36 Harold Blattie

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:37:40 Sen. Brenden

**Committee Business:**

01:42:43 Sen. Phillips  
01:43:20 Sen. Kaufmann  
01:44:37 Sen. Peterson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:31 AM

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Charlene Rich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([tas19aad.pdf](#))**