

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Bruce Tutvedt, on February 19, 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. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Ron Arthun (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Janna Taylor (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 280, 2/13/2013; SB 303, 2/13/2013

HEARING ON SB 280

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:13 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 280, Allow mediation for dispute of property valuation.

[EXHIBIT\(tas37a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas37a02\)](#)

00:22:00 Sen. Taylor entered the hearing.

00:23:00 Sen. Arthun entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:20 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)

00:26:00 Sen. Peterson entered the hearing.

00:26:01 Tom Ebzery, Billings Attorney, Century Link, Pudget Sound Energy, Vista Corporation

00:32:30 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

00:33:32 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

00:37:32 Jessica Nolan, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

00:38:07 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

00:39:28 Greg Chilcott, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:40:45 Adian Myhre, AT & T and Montana Dakota Utilities (MDU)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:41:46 Mike Kadas, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

[EXHIBIT\(tas37a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00: 52:00 Karen Powell, State Tax Appeal Board (STAB)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:24 Sen. Kaufmann

00:57:58 Sen. Thomas

00:58:54 Sen. Phillips

01:02:14 Sen. Thomas

01:03:14 Sen. Barrett

01:10:14 Karen Powell, STAB

01:11:15 Sen. Wittich

01:12:36 Nancy Schlepp, MTA

01:12:54 Sen. Wittich

01:14:44 Sen. Thomas

01:16:25 Sen. Malek

01:20:44 Sen. Thomas

01:22:30 Sen. Malek

01:23:00 Mike Kadas, DOR
01:24:26 Sen. Malek
01:31:10 Dan Whyte, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)
01:32:32 Sen. Peterson
01:35:02 Dan Whyte, DOR
01:35:50 Sen. Barrett
01:40:57 Dan Whyte
01:41:04 Sen. Taylor
01:42:03 Dan Whyte
01:42:12 Sen. Taylor
01:42:17 Gene Walborn, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)
01:44:02 Sen. Jergeson
01:45:27 Dan Whyte
01:45:51 Sen. Jergeson
01:46:29 Nancy Schlepp,
01:49:08 Sen. Jergeson
01:50:35 Nancy Schlepp
01:51:34 Chairman Tutvedt
01:53:43 Dan Whyte
01:54:33 Chairman Tutvedt
01:54:39 Karen Powell
01:55:14 Dan Whyte
01:55:35 Chairman Tutvedt
01:59:20 Tom Ebzery
01:59:55 Chairman Tutvedt
02:01:36 Dan Whyte
02:02:06 Sen. Barrett
02:06:06 Karen Powell

Closing by Sponsor:

02:06:27 Sen. Thomas
02:13:09 Chairman Tutvedt
02:13:17 Dan Whyte

HEARING ON SB 303

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:22:45 Sen. Art Wittich (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on SB 303, Revise laws related to revenue estimation.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:24:48 Sen. Barrett
02:28:07 Sen. Wittich
02:28:38 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
02:30:13 Sen. Phillips
02:31:23 Sen. Peterson entered the hearing.
02:31:35 Jaret Coles, LSD
02:32:09 Sen. Arthun
02:33:11 Sen. Wittich
02:34:02 Jaret Coles
02:34:37 Sen. Malek
02:37:51 Sen. Wittich
02:42:45 Sen. Jergeson
02:43:48 Sen. Wittich
02:43:57 Sen. Taylor
02:44:58 Sen. Wittich
02:45:22 Sen. Phillips
02:46:35 Jaret Coles
02:47:11 Sen. Phillips
02:47:31 Sen. Wittich

Closing by Sponsor:

02:48:39 Sen. Wittich

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:41 am.

Charlene Rich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas37aad.pdf](#))