

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Bruce Tutvedt, on March 5, 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. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Ron Arthun (R)
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 295, 2/25/2013

HEARING ON SB 295

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:00 Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 295, Eliminate oil & gas "tax holiday" and provide money for impacts and renewables.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:27:33 Jerry Iverson, Northern Plains Resource Council. (NPRC)

[EXHIBIT\(tas47a01\)](#)

00:33:22 Sen. Kaufmann (without objection from the committee)

00:34:28 Bob Adams, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

[EXHIBIT\(tas47a02\)](#)

00:37:26 Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:38:44 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:40:06 JW Westman, Greater Yellowstone Valley Center Labor Council (GYVCLC)

[EXHIBIT\(tas47a03\)](#)

00:45:06 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

00:47:02 Charyn Ayoub, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

00:48:34 Scot Wohlin, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

00:50:14 Kate Chelowa, City of Missoula

00:50:57 Duane Catlett, self

[EXHIBIT\(tas47a04\)](#)

00:56:06 Sarah Rossi, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

00:57:46 Rev. Cathy Barker

00:59:40 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

01:00:43 Sheena Rice, Montana Organizing Project (MOP)

[EXHIBIT\(tas47a05\)](#)

01:01:22 Sam Milodragovich, Montana Sportsman

[EXHIBIT\(tas47a06\)](#)

01:03:21 Jamee Greer, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)

01:03:26 Tara Veazey, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:06:11 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

[EXHIBIT\(tas47a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas47a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas47a09\)](#)

01:13:47 Blu Hulsey, Continental Resources (CLR)

[EXHIBIT\(tas47a10\)](#)

01:17:48 Dan Larson, Enerplus
 01:20:52 Dennis Iverson, Northern Montana Oil and Gas Association (NMOGA)
 01:23:39 John Alke, Fidelity Oil (FO)
 01:27:03 Bob Gilbert, Montana Association Oil, Gas and Coal Counties (MAOGC), City of
 Glendive
 01:31:22 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)
 01:34:26 John Fitzpatrick, NorthernWestern Energy (NWE)
 01:37:00 Mark Lambrecht, Treasure State Resource Industry Council (TSRIC)
 01:37:46 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)
 01:39:41 Tom Ebzery, Devon Energy (DE)
 01:43:16 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
 01:45:15 Ed Bartlett, Billings Chamber of Commerce (BCC)

Informational Testimony:

01:46:31 Tom Richmond, Montana Board of Oil and Gas (MBOGC)

[EXHIBIT](#)(tas47a11)

01:53:14 Mark Haggerty, Headwaters Economics (HE)
 01:53:30 Lee Baerlocher, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:53:58 Sen. Thomas
 01:54:07 Bob Gilbert, MAOGC
 01:55:25 Sen. Thomas
 01:56:45 Bob Adams, MCV
 01:58:32 Sen. Thomas
 01:59:41 Sen. Kaufmann
 02:01:12 Sen. Phillips
 02:01:51 Dave Galt, MPA
 02:02:07 Sen. Phillips
 02:02:54 Dave Galt
 02:03:22 Sen. Phillips
 02:03:49 Mark Haggerty, HE
 02:06:16 Sen. Phillips
 02:08:02 John Alke, FO
 02:08:07 Sen. Barrett
 02:08:22 Mark Lambrecht, TSRIC
 02:09:10 Sen. Barrett
 02:10:56 Mark Haggerty
 02:11:37 Sen. Barrett
 02:11:55 Mark Haggerty
 02:12:55 Sen. Wittich
 02:13:33 Mark Haggerty
 02:13:50 Sen. Wittich
 02:14:37 Sheena Rice, MOP
 02:16:41 Sen. Wittich
 02:19:30 Sen. Kaufmann
 02:21:23 Sen. Peterson

02:24:58 Tom Richmond, MBOGC
02:27:11 Sen. Essmann
02:27:58 Bob Gilbert
02:31:20 Sen. Essmann
02:32:07 Bob Gilbert
02:32:49 Sen. Essmann
02:38:43 Tom Richmond
02:39:27 Sen. Jergeson
02:43:25 Tom Ebzery, DE
02:44:47 Sen. Jergeson
02:46:12 Blu Hulse, CLR
02:48:05 Sen. Thomas
02:49:34 Tom Richmond
02:55:39 Sen. Malek
02:56:37 Tom Richmond
02:58:26 Sen. Malek
03:04:20 Blu Hulse
03:05:05 Sen. Barrett
03:05:59 Mark Haggerty
03:08:05 Sen. Barrett
03:09:08 Sen. Kaufmann
03:10:00 Chairman Tutvedt
03:10:19 Bob Gilbert
03:13:24 Chairman Tutvedt
03:14:08 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

03:15:34 Sen. Kaufmann

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:07

Charlene Rich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas47aad.pdf](#))