

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Miller, on January 8, 2015 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Miller, Chair (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Kerry White (R)
Rep. Nancy Wilson (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Megan Moore, Legislative Branch
Stephanie Morrison, Legislative Branch
Erica Siate, 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: HB 52, 1/5/2015; HB 56, 1/5/2015; HB 122, 1/5/2015
Executive Action: HB 122

HEARING ON HB 56

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:03 Rep. Kerry White (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 56, Revising subdivision classifications for Ag land valuation.

[EXHIBIT\(tah04a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:45 Cynthia Monteau Moore, Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:09:04 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union

00:09:47 Robert Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

00:09:52 Rep. Zolnikov leaves.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:22 Rep. Lieser

00:13:32 Cynthia Monteau Moore, DOR

00:13:41 Rep. Lieser

00:14:26 Cynthia Monteau Moore, DOR

00:15:51 Rep. Flynn

00:16:03 Cynthia Monteau Moore, DOR

00:16:07 Rep. Flynn

00:16:35 Cynthia Monteau Moore, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:32 Rep. White

[EXHIBIT\(tah04a02\)](#)

HEARING ON HB 122

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:24 Rep. Lee Randall (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 122, Clarify the requirements for agriculture employees wage withholding.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:34 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:24:24 Robert Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:56 Rep. Flynn
00:26:44 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
00:27:51 Chair Miller
00:28:03 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

00:28:22 Rep. Randall

HEARING ON HB 52**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:28:59 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 52, Revise electronic signature authority.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:14 Steve Austin, DOR

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:32:42 Rep. White
00:32:52 Steve Austin, DOR
00:32:56 Rep. White
00:33:30 Steve Austin, DOR
00:34:09 Vice Chair Williams
00:35:10 Steve Austin, DOR
00:36:12 Vice Chair Williams
00:36:23 Steve Austin, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:01 Rep. Dunwell

00:37:52 Recess for 15 minutes
00:51:27 Reconvene and Rep. Zolnikov returns

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 122

00:51:47 **Motion:** Rep. Randall moved that **HB 122 DO PASS.**

00:52:16 **Discussion**
00:52:38 Vice Chair Hertz

00:54:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Schwaderer voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

00:56:00 Adjournment

Erica Siate, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah04aad.pdf](#))