

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Miller, on January 20, 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. 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. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Kerry White (R)
Rep. Nancy Wilson (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Zach Brown (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Megan Moore, 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 159, 1/15/2015; HB 166, 1/15/2015; HB 169, 1/15/2015

00:01:35 Chair Miller

HEARING ON HB 159

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:44 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 159, Provide for property tax relief for seniors.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:57 Dave Wood, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:15:10 Dan Harrington, AARP

EXHIBIT(tah12a01)

00:18:09 Ronda Wiggers, County Treasurers Association

00:27:25 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)

EXHIBIT(tah12a02)

00:29:57 Rep. Brown entered the meeting.

00:32:48 John Esp, Montana Association of Counties (MACO)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:20 Rep. Schwaderer

00:34:20 Rep. Garner

00:34:35 Rep. Schwaderer

00:35:32 Rep. Garner

00:36:28 Rep. Cook

00:36:56 Rep. Garner

00:37:32 Rep. Cook

00:38:28 Rep. Garner

00:39:25 Rep. Wilson

00:40:36 Rep. Garner

00:42:47 Rep. Wilson

00:43:16 Rep. Garner

00:44:57 Rep. White

00:45:56 Bob Story, MTA

00:46:24 Rep. Flynn

00:46:57 Bob Story, MTA

00:47:02 Rep. Flynn

00:47:08 Bob Story, MTA

00:47:24 Rep. Custer

00:47:57 Ronda Wiggers, County Treasurers Association

00:49:43 Rep. Dunwell

00:50:51 Ronda Wiggers, County Treasurers Association

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00:52:00 Ronda Wiggers, County Treasurers Association

00:52:58 Rep. Dunwell

00:53:25 Rep. Garner

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:59 Rep. Garner

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

00:56:55 Rep. Art Wittich (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 169, Revise individual income tax laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:00:07 Joe Balyeat, Americans for Prosperity in Montana

01:05:26 Dave Wood, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:07:08 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

EXHIBIT(tah12a03)

01:09:15 Mike Kadas, Department of Revenue (DOR)

01:12:05 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center

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

01:15:25 Rep. Olszewski

01:15:53 Mike Kadas, DOR

01:17:33 Rep. Olszewski

01:18:04 Mike Kadas, DOR

01:18:37 Rep. Olszewski

01:18:54 Mike Kadas, DOR

01:19:42 Rep. B. Smith

01:20:35 Joe Balyeat, Americans for Prosperity in Montana

01:22:05 Rep. B. Smith

01:22:20 Joe Balyeat, Americans for Prosperity in Montana

01:23:09 Rep. Schwaderer

01:23:50 Mike Kadas, DOR

01:23:56 Rep. Schwaderer

01:25:05 Mike Kadas, DOR

01:26:32 Rep. Jacobson

01:27:07 Rep. Wittich

Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:31 Rep. Wittich

Committee Business:

01:31:50 Stephanie Morrison, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

EXHIBIT(tah12a04)

01:35:51 Rep. Olszewski

01:36:19 Stephanie Morrison, LFD

01:37:40 Rep. Olszewski

01:37:59 Stephanie Morrison, LFD

01:38:36 Rep. Olszewski

HEARING ON HB 166**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:39:38 Rep. Keith Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 166, Lower state individual income tax rates.

[EXHIBIT\(tah12a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah12a06\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:46:09 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce

[EXHIBIT\(tah12a07\)](#)

01:53:23 Dave Wood, Self

01:53:43 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

01:58:17 John Quandt, Americans for Prosperity Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

01:59:28 Mike Kadas, Department of Revenue (DOR)

02:05:37 Chair Miller

02:05:56 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

Informational Testimony:

02:10:09 Joe Balyeat, Americans for Prosperity in Montana

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:11:25 Rep. Williams

02:12:03 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC

02:12:41 Rep. Williams

02:13:26 Mike Kadas, DOR

02:14:06 Rep. Schwaderer

02:15:31 Rep. Regier

02:15:44 Rep. Hertz

02:16:25 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC

Closing by Sponsor:

02:17:39 Rep. Regier

Committee Business:

02:19:50 Rep. White

02:20:44 Stephanie Morrison, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

02:21:49 Rep. Williams

02:22:24 Chair Miller

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:22:58

Erica Siate, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah12aad.pdf](#))