

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Miller, on January 27, 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. 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. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Kerry White (R)
Rep. Nancy Wilson (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kathleen Williams, Vice Chair (D)

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 151, 1/20/2015; HB 201, 1/20/2015; HB 217, 1/20/2015

00:01:45 Chair Hertz

HEARING ON HB 151

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:52 Rep. Mike Miller (R), HD 80, opened the hearing on HB 151, Exempt hunters from paying the bed tax.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:23 Chair Hertz
00:03:33 Conrad Evarts, self
00:07:04 Chair Hertz
00:07:10 Conrad Evarts, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:35 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
[EXHIBIT\(tah18a01\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(tah18a02\)](#)
00:14:31 Rep. Randall left the meeting.
00:17:04 Jeri Duran, Department of Commerce (COM)
00:18:42 Stuart Doggett, Montana Hospitality and Lodging Association
00:23:03 Rep. Smith left the meeting.
00:23:26 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

Informational Testimony:

00:26:34 Jim McKeon, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:04 Rep. Olszewski
00:27:37 Jeri Duran, COM
00:29:08 Rep. Olszewski
00:29:31 Jeri Duran, COM
00:29:59 Rep. Olszewski
00:30:29 Jeri Duran, COM
00:31:30 Rep. Olszewski
00:31:46 Jeri Duran, COM
00:31:57 Rep. Flynn
00:32:37 Conrad Evarts, self
00:32:48 Rep. Flynn
00:33:36 Conrad Evarts, self
00:33:49 Rep. Flynn
00:34:31 Conrad Evarts, self
00:34:39 Rep. Dunwell
00:35:01 Jim McKeon, DOR
00:35:26 Rep. Dunwell
00:35:49 Rep. Schwaderer
00:37:59 Rep. Miller
00:38:07 Rep. Dunwell
00:38:41 Jeri Duran, COM

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:04 Rep. Miller

HEARING ON HB 201**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:41:28 Rep. Keith Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 201, Lower state property tax mills.

[EXHIBIT\(tah18a03\)](#)**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:45:14 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)

[EXHIBIT\(tah18a04\)](#)

00:46:58 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:48:06 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Opponents' Testimony:

00:49:06 Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:51:46 Diane Fladmo, MEA-MFT

00:52:39 Mike Kadas, Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:53:50 Rep. Redfield left the meeting.

00:54:08 Rep. White left the meeting.

00:54:38 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

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

00:56:30 Rep. Cook

00:57:05 Bob Story, MTA

00:58:46 Rep. Cook

00:59:10 Bob Story, MTA

00:59:40 Rep. Cook

01:00:05 Bob Story, MTA

01:00:23 Rep. Dunwell

01:00:45 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC

01:01:23 Rep. Dunwell

01:01:29 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC

01:01:48 Rep. Z. Brown

01:02:14 Bob Story, MTA

01:02:16 Rep. Z. Brown

01:02:37 Bob Story, MTA

01:03:18 Rep. Jacobson

01:03:34 Rep. Regier

01:03:50 Rep. Jacobson

01:03:56 Rep. Regier

01:04:00 Rep. Jacobson

01:04:33 Rep. Hertz

01:04:51 Rep. Jacobson

01:06:04 Madalyn Quinlan, OPI

01:06:56 Rep. Z. Brown

01:07:34 Mike Kadas, DOR
01:08:26 Rep. Olszewski
01:08:40 Rep. Regier
01:09:05 Rep. Hertz
01:10:18 Madalyn Quinlan, OPI
01:11:49 Rep. Hertz
01:11:58 Madalyn Quinlan, OPI
01:12:20 Rep. Hertz
01:12:42 Madalyn Quinlan, OPI
01:12:52 Rep. Hertz
01:13:09 Rep. Regier
01:13:37 Rep. Hertz
01:14:02 Mike Kadas, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

01:14:38 Rep. Regier

HEARING ON HB 217

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:15:10 Rep. Tom Richmond (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 217, Exempt certain amateur radio equipment from property tax.
01:20:24 Rep. Williams entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:23:00 Rep. Jacobson
01:23:20 Rep. Richmond
01:23:54 Rep. Jacobson
01:24:11 Rep. Richmond
01:25:08 Rep. Hertz
01:25:38 Rep. Richmond

Closing by Sponsor:

01:26:19 Rep. Richmond

ADJOURNMENT

01:27:27 Adjournment:

Erica Siate, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah18aad.pdf](#))