

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Miller, on January 29, 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. 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. Nancy Wilson (D)  
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Kerry White (R)  
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (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 156, 1/22/2015; SB 18, 1/22/2015; SB 33, 1/22/2015; SB 51,  
1/22/2015  
Executive Action: SB 18, SB 33

00:01:43 Chair Miller

**HEARING ON SB 33**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:08 Sen. Janna Taylor (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 33, Revise certain reports to RTIC from annual to biennial.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:42 Ed Caplis, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:04:25 Sen. Taylor

**HEARING ON SB 18**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:04:47 Sen. Dick Barrett (D), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 18, Revising the time frame for the calculation of the entitlement share growth rate.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:59 Ed Caplis, Department of Revenue

00:08:31 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:13 Rep. Williams

00:10:27 Sen. Barrett

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:10:58 Sen. Barrett

**HEARING ON SB 51**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:11:11 Sen. Dick Barrett (D), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 51, Require sharing of debt offset and collection information.

00:13:10 Rep. White entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:15:42 Doug Mitchell, Department of Commerce (COM)  
00:18:04 Steve Austin, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:19:02 Sen. Barrett

00:19:42 Recessed

00:24:25 Reconvened

00:24:27 Chair Miller

00:24:30 Chair Hertz

**HEARING ON HB 156****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:24:55 Rep. Mike Miller (R), HD 80, opened the hearing on HB 156, Revise tax laws related to pollution control equipment.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:26:57 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association

00:30:09 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)

00:32:58 Mark Lambrecht, Treasure State Resources Association

00:36:18 Ron Devlin, Northwestern Energy

00:37:42 Aimee Grmoljez, Ash Grove Cement Company

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00:41:13 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:41:29 Ronda Wiggers, Barrick Golden Sunlight Mine

00:44:06 Margaret Morgan, Holsome Trident Cement Plant

00:44:22 Rep. Dunwell entered the meeting.

00:45:41 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

00:47:27 David Hoffman, PPL Montana

00:48:46 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:49:35 Mike Kadas, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:55:38 David Klemp, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:56:05 Rep. Cook

00:56:27 Mike Kadas, DOR

00:56:53 Rep. White

00:57:30 Rep. Miller

00:57:43 Rep. Williams

00:58:21 Aimee Grmoljez, Ash Grove Cement Company

00:59:27 Rep. Williams

00:59:36 Bob Story, MTA

00:59:50 Rep. Williams

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01:00:53 Rep. Williams

01:01:01 Bob Story, MTA

01:01:34 Vice Chair Hertz

01:01:46 Bob Story, MTA

01:02:18 Rep. Z. Brown

01:02:54 Rep. Miller

01:03:30 Rep. Jacobson

01:03:58 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association

01:04:03 Rep. Jacobson

01:04:12 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association

01:04:39 David Klemp, DEQ

01:05:00 Chair Hertz

01:05:26 David Hoffman, PPL Montana

01:05:45 Chair Hertz

01:06:24 Mike Kadas, DOR

01:06:32 Kory Hofland, Department of Revenue

01:07:15 Chair Hertz

01:07:27 Rep. Wilson

01:08:09 Mike Kadas, DOR

01:08:56 Rep. Wilson

01:09:04 Rep. Olszewski left the meeting.

01:09:30 David Klemp, DEQ

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:10:00 Rep. Miller

01:10:56 Rep. Hertz

01:11:29 Chair Miller

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 33**

01:12:42 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hertz moved that **SB 33 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Olszewski and Rep. Schwaderer voted by proxy. Rep. Hertz will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 18**

01:14:33 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hertz moved that **SB 18 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Olszewski and Rep. Schwaderer voted by proxy. Rep. Williams will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 51**

01:15:25 **Motion:** Rep. Hertz moved that **SB 51 BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**

01:15:46 Rep. Cook  
01:16:12 Rep. Hertz  
01:16:28 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue (DOR)  
01:16:58 Rep. Cook  
01:17:09 Lee Baerlocher. DOR  
01:17:23 Rep. Hertz  
01:18:03 Lee Baerlocher. DOR  
01:18:25 Rep. Hertz  
01:18:45 Lee Baerlocher. DOR  
01:18:50 Rep. Hertz  
01:19:03 Lee Baerlocher. DOR  
01:19:09 Rep. Williams  
01:19:28 Rep. Hertz  
01:19:45 Rep. Williams  
  
01:20:06 Without objection, Rep. Hertz withdrew the BE CONCURRED IN motion.  
  
01:20:28 Rep. Williams

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:21:29

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Erica Siate, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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