

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Miller, on February 10, 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. 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)
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Megan Moore, Legislative Branch
Erica Siate, Committee Secretary
Stephanie Morrison, Legislative Branch

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 323, 2/4/2015; HB 361, 2/4/2015; HB 368, 2/4/2015

00:01:18 Chair Miller

00:01:23 Rep. Olszewski entered the meeting.

00:02:39 Mike Kadas, Director, Department of Revenue

HEARING ON HB 361

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:08 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 361, Provide for income tax credit for residential property taxes paid.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:15 Mike Kadas, Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:14:28 Rep. Schwaderer entered the meeting.

00:20:09 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center

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00:24:12 Erik Burke, MEA-MFT

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:07 Rep. Williams

00:26:59 Mike Kadas, DOR

00:27:43 Rep. Williams

00:28:01 Mike Kadas, DOR

00:28:23 Rep. Williams

00:29:00 Rep. Hertz

00:29:41 Rep. Williams

00:30:03 Stephanie Morrison, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

00:30:44 Rep. Williams

00:31:02 Rep. Schwaderer

00:32:18 Rep. Hertz

00:32:59 Rep. Cook

00:33:39 Rep. Hertz

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:04 Rep. Hertz

00:37:00 Chair Miller

HEARING ON HB 368

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:37:09 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 368, Sunset voter approved property tax levies after certain period of time.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:45:26 Ron Devlin, Northwestern Energy

Opponents' Testimony:

00:48:01 Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
00:51:40 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties
00:58:07 Chris Kukulski, City Manager, City of Bozeman
01:01:36 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Library Association
01:04:45 Jennie Stapp, Montana State Librarian
01:06:36 David Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns
01:10:55 John MacDonald, City of Missoula
01:12:22 Erik Burke, MEA-MFT
01:13:00 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
01:15:34 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana
01:19:16 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:21:05 Rep. Hertz

01:23:25 Chair Miller

HEARING ON HB 323

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:23:51 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 323, Revise taxation of class five pollution control equipment.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:26:47 Dave Galt, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association
01:29:24 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association
01:30:15 Ronda Wiggers, Northwestern Energy

Informational Testimony:

01:31:23 Kory Hofland, Department of Revenue (DOR)
01:31:45 David Klemp, Air Quality Bureau Chief, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:32:16 Rep. Zolnikov
01:32:43 Rep. Jacobson
01:33:04 Rep. Custer
01:34:00 Rep. Jacobson
01:35:13 Rep. Williams
01:36:31 David Klemp, DEQ
01:37:29 Rep. Williams
01:38:16 David Klemp, DEQ
01:38:37 Rep. Williams
01:38:48 David Klemp, DEQ
01:39:38 Rep. Williams
01:40:23 Dave Galt, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association
01:40:53 Chair Miller
01:41:07 Dave Galt, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association
01:41:13 Rep. Dunwell
01:42:13 Kory Hofland, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

01:43:08 Rep. Jacobson

01:43:35 Chair Miller

ADJOURNMENT

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Erica Siate, Secretary

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