

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Miller, on March 12, 2015 at 8:00 AM, 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. Albert Olszewski (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Nancy Wilson (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Kerry White (R)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)

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 114, 2/24/2015; SB 190, 3/5/2015

00:00:00 Chair Miller

HEARING ON SB 190

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:15 Sen. Mike Phillips (D), SD 31, opened the hearing on SB 190, Revising the legislature's revenue estimating process.

EXHIBIT(tah51a01)

EXHIBIT(tah51a02)

00:05:44 Rep. Smith entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:59 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:59 Chair Miller
00:15:30 Sen. Phillips
00:16:06 Chair Miller
00:16:09 Sen. Phillips
00:16:27 Rep. Hertz
00:16:48 Sen. Phillips
00:17:53 Rep. Hertz
00:18:09 Sen. Phillips
00:18:41 Rep. Hertz
00:19:20 Sen. Phillips
00:20:46 Rep. Dunwell
00:22:11 Sen. Phillips
00:22:38 Rep. Dunwell
00:23:05 Sen. Phillips
00:24:27 Rep. Williams
00:26:01 Sen. Phillips
00:26:51 Rep. Williams
00:27:05 Sen. Phillips
00:28:05 Chair Miller
00:28:13 Sen. Phillips
00:29:47 Chair Miller
00:30:06 Sen. Phillips
00:30:55 Chair Miller
00:31:20 Sen. Phillips
00:32:30 Chair Miller
00:32:55 Sen. Phillips

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:30 Sen. Phillips

00:33:40 Chair Miller

00:34:14 Recess

00:56:57 Chair Hertz

HEARING ON HB 114

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:57:14 Rep. Mike Miller (R), HD 80, opened the hearing on HB 114, Revise tax increment finance district remittance laws for schools.

[EXHIBIT\(tah51a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

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

01:08:06 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy

[EXHIBIT\(tah51a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah51a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah51a06\)](#)

01:21:16 Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

01:27:30 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

01:28:37 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:30:38 Bob Vogel Montana School Boards Association

01:38:50 Dr. Tom Darnell, Superintendent, Anaconda School District

01:56:33 Kevin Patrick, Clerk, Anaconda Public Schools

[EXHIBIT\(tah51a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah51a08\)](#)

02:02:48 Brian Solan, AMERESCO

02:04:35 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials

02:06:53 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

02:13:22 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

02:13:41 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition

02:14:00 Jim Davison, Montana Economic Developers Association

[EXHIBIT\(tah51a09\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:15:59 Rep. Lieser

02:16:51 Dan White, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Revenue (DOR)

02:17:38 Rep. Lieser

02:18:07 Madalyn Quinlan, OPI

02:18:46 Rep. Lieser

02:18:57 Madalyn Quinlan, OPI

02:19:03 Rep. Custer

02:19:44 Madalyn Quinlan, OPI

02:21:17 Rep. Custer

02:22:30 Kirk Miller, SAM

02:24:15 Rep. Miller

02:24:22 Chair Hertz

02:25:19 Madalyn Quinlan, OPI
02:26:07 Rep. Hertz
02:26:57 Madalyn Quinlan, OPI
02:27:22 Rep. Hertz
02:27:30 Michele Crepeau, Department of Revenue (DOR)
02:28:58 Rep. Hertz
02:29:18 Michele Crepeau, DOR
02:29:42 Chair Hertz
02:29:42 Chair Flynn
02:30:06 Rep. Wilson
02:30:39 Dr. Tom Darnell, Superintendent, Anaconda School District
02:31:51 Rep. Hertz, Rep. Williams, Rep. Jacobson, and Rep. Olszewski left the meeting.
02:33:22 Rep. Dunwell
02:35:37 Michele Crepeau, DOR
02:36:43 Rep. Dunwell
02:37:14 Dr. Tom Darnell, Superintendent, Anaconda School District
02:39:01 Rep. Dunwell
02:39:03 Dr. Tom Darnell, Superintendent, Anaconda School District
02:39:55 Rep. Dunwell
02:40:04 Dr. Tom Darnell, Superintendent, Anaconda School District
02:41:15 Rep. Dunwell
02:42:13 Jim Davison, Montana Economic Developers Association
02:42:19 Rep. McClafferty left the meeting.
02:43:59 Chair Flynn

02:44:07 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Dunwell moved to **APPEAL THE RULING OF THE CHAIR.**
Motion failed 3-8 by voice vote with Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Lieser and Rep. Wilson
voting aye. Rep. Hertz, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. McClafferty, Rep. Olszewski, Rep.
Randall, Rep. Schwaderer, Rep. White and Rep. Williams were excused.

Closing by Sponsor:

02:44:42 Rep. Miller

02:46:11 Chair Flynn
02:46:45 Chair Miller
02:47:22 Rep. Lieser
02:47:28 Chair Miller

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:48:12

Erica Siate, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah51aad.pdf](#))