

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Miller, on March 17, 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. 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. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)
Rep. Nancy Wilson (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)

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 602, 3/12/2015; HB 605, 3/12/2015; HB 609, 3/13/2015; SB 175, 2/24/2015; SB 335, 2/24/2015

00:00:01 Chair Miller
00:01:32 Rep. Dunwell

HEARING ON SB 335

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:19 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 335, Adjust remuneration for county tax appeal boards.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:09 Dave McAlpin, Tax Appeal Board

[EXHIBIT\(tah55a01\)](#)

00:06:35 Art Dickhoff, Cascade County Tax Appeal Board
00:07:49 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties
00:08:05 Rep. Cook entered the meeting
00:08:13 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association
00:08:35 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:17 Rep. Flynn
00:09:51 Sen. Tutvedt
00:10:00 Dave McAlpin, Tax Appeal Board
00:10:09 Rep. Z. Brown entered the meeting
00:10:23 Rep. White
00:10:45 Sen. Tutvedt
00:11:05 Rep. White
00:11:21 Sen. Tutvedt
00:11:40 Rep. Jacobson
00:12:06 Sen. Tutvedt

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:33 Sen. Tutvedt

00:12:37 Chair Miller

HEARING ON HB 602

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:50 Rep. Scott Staffanson (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 602, Allow oil and gas impact fee on lodging.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:24 Larry Bonderud, Mayor, City of Shelby

[EXHIBIT\(tah55a02\)](#)

00:21:11 Bill Lloyd, Great West Engineering
00:22:27 Bob Gilbert, City of Glendive, City of Baker, City of Sidney, Rosebud, Dawson
and Musselshell Counties

EXHIBIT(tah55a03)

00:33:48 Rep. McClafferty entered the meeting.
00:33:56 Rep. Doane, HD 36
00:34:50 Jason Rittal, Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation
00:36:32 Doug Neil, Montana State Fireman's Association
00:38:45 David Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns
00:40:29 John MacDonald, City of Missoula and City of Billings

Opponents' Testimony:

00:41:42 Andy Sabatini, Owner, Residence Inn and Hampton Inn, Helena
00:43:10 Jessica Sena, Montana Petroleum Association
00:46:12 Matthew Sease, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association
00:51:56 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:53:34 Alan Olson, Sangel USA
00:56:22 Ron Devlin, Northwestern Energy
01:00:08 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association
01:03:33 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business

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

01:04:25 Rep. White
01:05:21 Larry Bonderud, Mayor, City of Shelby
01:07:31 Rep. White
01:08:38 Larry Bonderud, Mayor, City of Shelby
01:10:05 Rep. Flynn
01:10:43 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association
01:11:04 Rep. Flynn
01:11:41 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association
01:12:08 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division
01:12:32 Rep. Flynn
01:13:03 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association
01:14:15 Andy Sabatini, self
01:14:50 Rep. Z. Brown
01:15:23 Rep. Zolnikov entered the meeting.
01:15:47 David Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns
01:16:55 Rep. Z. Brown
01:18:05 Rep. Staffanson
01:20:19 Rep. Wilson
01:20:57 Larry Bonderud, Mayor, City of Shelby
01:21:00 Rep. Wilson
01:21:18 Larry Bonderud, Mayor, City of Shelby
01:23:32 Rep. Cook
01:24:12 Jessica Sena, Montana Petroleum Association
01:24:40 Rep. Cook
01:25:07 Rep. Jacobson
01:26:07 Alan Olson, Sangel USA

01:26:50 Rep. Jacobson
01:28:26 Alan Olson, Sangel USA
01:30:40 Rep. Williams
01:31:45 Larry Bonnerud, Mayor, City of Shelby
01:31:48 Rep. Williams
01:32:07 Larry Bonnerud, Mayor, City of Shelby
01:32:43 Rep. Williams
01:32:52 Larry Bonnerud, Mayor, City of Shelby

Closing by Sponsor:

01:33:30 Rep. Staffanson

01:35:04 Chair Miller

HEARING ON SB 175**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:36:33 Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on SB 175, Revise tax credit for temporary emergency lodging.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:38:40 Jim Nolan, Montana Continuum of Care Coalition

01:40:21 Cindy Weese, Executive Director, YWCA Helena

EXHIBIT(tah55a04)

01:46:38 Jan Everett, Congregations Coordinating Assistance (CCA)

01:49:54 Clare Smillie, Good Samaritan Ministries

EXHIBIT(tah55a05)

01:52:45 Wally Melcher, Family Promise

01:55:07 Kelsen Young, Executive Director, Montana Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence

01:58:46 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:00:30 Rep. Flynn

02:00:52 Sen. Wolken

02:01:16 Rep. Flynn

02:01:34 Sen. Wolken

02:02:17 Rep. Olszewski

02:02:38 Sen. Wolken

02:03:24 Rep. Hertz

02:03:35 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:03:55 Rep. Hertz

02:04:23 Brian Olsen, Department of Revenue (DOR)

02:04:31 Rep. Hertz

02:05:07 Brian Olsen, DOR

02:06:00 Rep. Hertz

02:06:31 Brian Olsen, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

02:07:08 Sen. Wolken

02:07:57 Chair Miller

HEARING ON HB 605**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:08:36 Rep. Wendy McKamey (R), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 605, Deduction for investment in measures to prevent depredation.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:14:40 Mark Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies

02:17:56 Zack Strong, Natural Resources Defense Council

02:20:25 Shana Dunkley, Greater Yellowstone Coalition

EXHIBIT(tah55a06)

02:22:32 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association

02:23:52 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association

02:26:11 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Opponents' Testimony:

02:28:03 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

Informational Testimony:

02:29:27 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue (DOR)

02:30:20 Ken McDonald, Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)

02:30:32 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:30:51 Rep. Lieser

02:32:04 Rep. McKamey

02:32:16 Rep. Lieser

02:32:47 Ken McDonald, FWP

02:33:33 Rep. White

02:34:59 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division

02:35:21 Rep. White

02:35:42 Ken McDonald, FWP

02:35:45 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board

02:36:01 Rep. White

02:36:33 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board

02:37:01 Rep. White

02:37:15 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board

02:37:30 Rep. White

02:38:53 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board

02:39:05 Rep. Flynn

02:39:36 Rep. McKamey

02:39:41 Rep. Flynn

02:39:50 Rep. McKamey

02:40:05 Rep. Flynn

02:40:19 Rep. McKamey

02:40:25 Rep. Flynn
02:40:40 Rep. McKamey
02:41:13 Rep. Jacobson
02:42:03 Rep. McKamey
02:42:42 Rep. Jacobson
02:43:48 Rep. McKamey
02:44:38 Rep. Jacobson
02:45:19 Rep. McKamey
02:46:28 Rep. Hertz
02:47:13 Brian Olsen, DOR
02:47:26 Rep. Hertz
02:47:53 Brian Olsen, DOR
02:48:28 Rep. Hertz
02:49:19 Rep. McKamey
02:49:34 Rep. Hertz
02:49:38 Rep. McKamey
02:50:16 Rep. Hertz
02:50:37 Rep. McKamey

Closing by Sponsor:

02:50:58 Rep. McKamey

02:51:47 Recessed

03:02:15 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 609

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

03:02:24 Rep. Ed Lieser (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 609, Revise residential property tax assistance programs.

Proponents' Testimony:

03:17:14 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association
03:19:43 Claudia Clifford, AARP Montana
03:20:40 Chair Miller
03:20:54 Cynthia Monteau Moore, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:22:49 Rep. Olszewski
03:23:06 Rocky Haralson, Department of Revenue (DOR)
03:23:53 Cynthia Monteau Moore, DOR
03:24:42 Rep. Olszewski
03:24:48 Stephanie Morrison, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
03:25:58 Rep. White
03:26:29 Rep. Lieser
03:27:36 Rep. Williams

03:27:52 Cynthia Monteau Moore, DOR
03:28:03 Rep. Custer
03:28:29 Cynthia Monteau Moore, DOR
03:28:34 Chair Miller

Closing by Sponsor:

03:28:47 Rep. Lieser

03:29:46 Chair Miller

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:31:11

Erica Siate, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah55aad.pdf](#))