

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Nancy Ballance, on March 20, 2015 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Pat Noonan, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)  
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)  
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)  
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)  
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)  
Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R)  
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)  
Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)  
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)  
Rep. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)  
Rep. Ryan Osmundson, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)  
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Katya Grover, Committee Secretary  
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Joe Triem, 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: SB 200, 3/16/2015; HB 389, 3/16/2015; HB 245, 3/16/2015; HB 379, 3/16/2015

00:00:00 Rep. Brodehl assumed chairmanship.  
00:00:01 Chair Brodehl

### **HEARING ON SB 200**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:19 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 200, Lower individual income tax rates.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:50 Bob Story, President, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)  
00:04:49 Glenn Oppel, Government Relations Director, Montana Chamber of Commerce (COC)  
00:05:04 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

00:05:24 Mike Kadas, Director, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)  
00:05:26 Rep. Ehli arrived.

#### **Informational Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:07:31 Rep. Woods  
00:08:38 Sen. Ankney  
00:09:52 Rep. Tschida  
00:10:37 Sen. Ankney  
00:11:08 Rep. Tschida  
00:11:50 Chair Brodehl  
00:11:55 Rep. Mehlhoff  
00:12:26 Chair Brodehl  
00:12:40 Mike Kadas, Director, DOR  
00:12:41 Chair Brodehl  
00:13:03 Mike Kadas, Director, DOR  
00:13:28 Chair Brodehl  
00:13:43 Mike Kadas, Director, DOR  
00:14:45 Chair Brodehl  
00:14:57 Mike Kadas, Director, DOR  
00:16:25 Chair Brodehl  
00:16:40 Mike Kadas, Director, DOR  
00:17:01 Rep. Woods  
00:17:24 Chair Brodehl

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

00:17:48 Sen. Ankney

**HEARING ON HB 389****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:20:07 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 389, Require department of revenue review of tax exempt properties.

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00:25:59 Chair Brodehl

**Proponents' Testimony:** None**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:26:16 Charlie Briggs, Easter Seals-Goodwill Northern Rocky Mountains (ESGNRM)

00:28:18 Liz Moore, Executive Director, Montana Nonprofit Association (MNA)

00:30:40 Kendall Payne, World Alliance of YMCA

**Informational Testimony:**

00:35:50 Cynthia Monteau Moore, Property Assessment Division (PAD), Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:36:23 Rep. Ellis

00:37:10 Liz Moore, MNA

00:37:43 Rep. Ellis

00:38:07 Liz Moore, MNA

00:38:44 Rep. McCarthy

00:39:27 Cynthia Monteau Moore, DOR

00:39:50 Rep. McCarthy

00:40:08 Cynthia Monteau Moore, DOR

00:40:33 Rep. McCarthy

00:40:50 Cynthia Monteau Moore, DOR

00:41:14 Rep. McCarthy

00:41:54 Rep. Essmann

00:42:42 Rep. McCarthy

00:42:50 Rep. Essmann

00:43:02 Rep. Mehlhoff

00:43:34 Rep. Essmann

00:44:01 Rep. Mehlhoff

00:44:29 Rep. Essmann

00:44:43 Rep. Jones

00:45:18 Cynthia Monteau Moore, DOR

00:46:04 Rep. Jones

00:46:14 Cynthia Monteau Moore, DOR

00:46:32 Rep. Jones

00:46:39 Cynthia Monteau Moore, DOR

00:46:46 Rep. Jones

00:47:26 Kendall Payne, World Alliance of YMCA

00:48:15 Rep. Hollandsworth

00:48:45 Mike Kadas, Director, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:49:29 Rep. Hollandsworth

00:50:25 Mike Kadas, Director, DOR  
00:51:02 Rep. Hollandsworth  
00:51:16 Mike Kadas, Director, DOR  
00:51:26 Rep. Ehli  
00:51:59 Cynthia Monteau Moore, DOR  
00:52:16 Rep. Tschida  
00:52:40 Rep. Essmann  
00:53:20 Rep. Tschida  
00:53:39 Rep. Essmann  
00:54:04 Rep. Tropila  
00:54:31 Charlie Briggs, ESGNRM  
00:54:46 Rep. Ehli  
00:55:11 Rep. Essmann

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:55:36 Rep. Essmann

**HEARING ON HB 379****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:57:45 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 379, Generally revise income tax laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:58:51 Holly Franz, Montana Society of CPA's  
01:00:51 Glenn Oppel, Government Relations Director, Montana Chamber of Commerce (COC)  
01:01:18 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)  
01:01:35 Mike Kadas, Director, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:03:38 Rep. Hertz  
  
01:04:01 Recessed  
01:14:29 Reconvened. Rep. Osmundson, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ehli were not present.

**HEARING ON HB 245****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:14:47 Rep. Nancy Ballance (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 245, Revise laws related to raw milk.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:17:08 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFT)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:17:51 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Milk Producers Associations (MMPA)  
01:21:48 Chair Brodehl  
01:21:49 Krista Lee Evans, MMPA  
01:22:32 Jock Anderson, Meadow Gold Dairy  
01:24:01 Christian Mackay, Executive Secretary, Board of Livestock, Montana Department of Livestock (DOL)  
01:25:31 Jim Murphy, Chief, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
01:26:05 Chair Brodehl  
01:26:08 Jim Murphy, DPHHS  
01:26:16 Chair Brodehl  
01:26:23 Linda Stoll, Association of Montana Public Health Officials (AMPHO), Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders (MACR), Montana Environmental Health Association (MEHA), Montana Public Health Association (MPHA), Missoula County  
01:27:07 Chair Brodehl  
01:27:08 Linda Stoll, AMPHO, MACR, MEHA, MPHA, Missoula County  
01:27:11 Chair Brodehl  
01:27:22 Linda Stoll, AMPHO, MACR, MEHA, MPHA, Missoula County  
01:28:33 Stuart Duggett, Montana Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA)

**Informational Testimony:**

01:29:20 Dan Turcotte, Bureau Chief, Milk and Egg Inspection Bureau (MEIB), Department of Livestock (DOL)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:29:57 Rep. McCarthy  
01:30:23 Dan Turcotte, Bureau Chief, MEIB, DOL  
01:31:45 Rep. McCarthy  
01:32:23 Linda Stoll, AMPHO, MACR, MEHA, MPHA, Missoula County  
01:33:09 Rep. McCarthy  
01:33:16 Linda Stoll, AMPHO, MACR, MEHA, MPHA, Missoula County  
01:34:04 Rep. Tschida  
01:34:28 Christian Mackay, Board of Livestock, DOL  
01:34:32 Rep. Tschida  
01:34:43 Christian Mackay, Board of Livestock, DOL  
01:34:51 Rep. Tschida  
01:35:10 Christian Mackay, Board of Livestock, DOL  
01:35:31 Rep. Tschida  
01:35:52 Rep. Ballance  
01:36:17 Rep. Tschida  
01:37:06 Rep. Ballance  
01:37:13 Rep. Ellis  
01:38:01 Krista Lee Evans, MMPA  
01:38:37 Rep. McCarthy  
01:39:10 Rep. Ballance  
01:39:32 Rep. McCarthy

01:39:51 Rep. Ballance  
01:41:01 Rep. McCarthy  
01:41:32 Rep. Ballance  
01:42:21 Rep. McCarthy  
01:42:38 Linda Stoll, AMPHO, MACR, MEHA, MPHA, Missoula County  
01:44:49 Rep. McCarthy  
01:45:13 Rep. Ballance  
01:45:47 Rep. McCarthy  
01:46:02 Rep. Ballance  
01:46:06 Rep. McCarthy  
01:46:20 Rep. Ballance  
01:46:28 Rep. McCarthy  
01:46:56 Rep. Ballance  
01:47:00 Rep. McCarthy  
01:47:17 Rep. Ballance  
01:47:28 Rep. McCarthy  
01:47:31 Chair Brodehl  
01:48:14 Rep. Ballance  
01:48:20 Rep. Ellis  
01:49:11 Rep. Ballance  
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01:55:41 Dan Turcotte, Bureau Chief, MEIB, DOL  
01:55:47 Chair Brodehl  
01:55:53 Dan Turcotte, Bureau Chief, MEIB, DOL  
01:56:28 Chair Brodehl  
01:56:49 Dan Turcotte, Bureau Chief, MEIB, DOL  
01:56:53 Chair Brodehl  
01:56:56 Dan Turcotte, Bureau Chief, MEIB, DOL  
01:57:48 Chair Brodehl  
01:57:57 Rep. Ballance  
01:58:06 Chair Brodehl  
01:58:48 Rep. Ballance  
02:01:02 Rep. Tropila

02:01:23 Krista Lee Evans, MMPA  
02:02:52 Chair Brodehl

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:03:09 Rep. Ballance

02:04:55 Chair Brodehl

02:05:13 Rep. Ellis

02:05:31 Chair Brodehl

02:05:43 Rep. Ballance

02:05:56 Chair Brodehl

**ADJOURNMENT**

02:06:31      Adjournment

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Katya Grover, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([aph58aad.pdf](#))**