

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Bruce Tutvedt, on February 4, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bruce Tutvedt, Chair (R)
Sen. Fred Thomas, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Janna Taylor (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Julie Ward, 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: SB 157, 2/4/2015

00:03:00 Vice Chairman Thomas assumed the role as chair.

HEARING ON SB 157

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:15 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 157, Generally revise tax reappraisal laws.

[EXHIBIT\(tas25a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:12 Mike Kadas, director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

[EXHIBIT\(tas25a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas25a03\)](#)

00:33:26 Sen. Barrett

00:34:30 Mr. Kadas, DOR

[EXHIBIT\(tas25a04\)](#)

00:38:42 Sen. Barrett

00:48:48 Mr. Kadas

00:48:52 Ronda Wiggers, Northwestern Energy

00:58:08 Dave McAlpin, Montana Tax Appeal Board (MTAP)

00:59:31 David Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns

Opponents' Testimony:

01:00:47 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MONTAX)

01:06:43 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association

[EXHIBIT\(tas25a05\)](#)

01:11:02 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Realtors

01:21:00 Mark Baker, attorney, Plum Creek Timber Company (PC)

[EXHIBIT\(tas25a06\)](#)

01:26:36 Dave Wood, representing himself

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:31:36 Sen. Barrett

01:32:41 Mr. Baker, PC

01:34:13 Sen. Barrett

01:34:29 Mr. Baker

01:35:09 Sen. Barrett

01:36:31 Mr. Baker

01:37:00 Sen. Barrett
01:37:44 Mr. Baker
01:38:15 Sen. Malek
01:39:04 Mr. Story, MONTAX
01:41:04 Sen. Malek
01:42:21 Mr. Story
01:44:53 Sen. Malek
01:45:46 Mr. Story
01:46:49 Sen. Malek
01:47:51 Mr. Kadas, DOR
01:49:13 Sen. Malek
01:49:47 Mr. Kadas
01:52:35 Vice Chairman Thomas
01:52:50 Sen. Brown
01:53:38 Sen. Tutvedt
01:54:12 Sen. Blasdel
01:55:02 Mr. Kadas
01:55:48 Ed Caplis, Department of Revenue (DOR)
01:56:11 Sen. Barrett
01:56:21 Sen. Thomas left the meeting. Sen. Blasdel took over duties of the chair.
01:57:05 Sen. Barrett
01:57:27 Mr. Kadas
01:57:50 Sen. Barrett
01:59:43 Mr. Kadas
02:00:18 Sen. Hoven
02:00:51 Mr. Kadas
02:01:19 Sen. Hoven
02:01:50 Mr. Kadas
02:02:25 Sen. Hoven
02:03:13 Mr. Kadas
02:04:00 Sen. Hoven
02:04:49 Mr. Kadas
02:05:18 Sen. Hoven
02:05:29 Mr. Kadas
02:05:59 Sen. Hoven
02:06:08 Sen. Cohenour
02:06:29 Mr. Kadas
02:06:55 Sen. Cohenour
02:07:46 Cynthia Monteau Moore, Department of Revenue (DOR)
02:08:38 Sen. Malek
02:09:12 Sen. Tutvedt
02:09:39 Sen. Malek
02:10:10 Sen. Tutvedt

Closing by Sponsor:

02:10:55 Sen. Tutvedt

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:52 AM

Julie Ward, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas25aad.pdf](#))