

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Bruce Tutvedt, on March 19, 2015 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Members Excused: Sen. Mark Blasdel (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: HB 262, 3/10/2015, HB 411, 3/10/2015

HEARING ON HB 262

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:25 Rep. Kerry White (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 262, Revise resort tax laws.

[EXHIBIT\(tas57a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas57a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:47 Glen Loomis, representing himself

[EXHIBIT\(tas57a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas57a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas57a05\)](#)

00:12:58 Mary Sue Costello, West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center

00:15:09 David Schulz, Madison County commissioner

00:19:04 Mona Jamison, Big Sky Resort Area District (BSRAD)

[EXHIBIT\(tas57a06\)](#)

00:27:33 Kevin Germain, Big Sky Chamber of Commerce (BSCC)

[EXHIBIT\(tas57a07\)](#)

00:39:06 Brian Inman, Association of Montana Troopers

00:40:34 Bill Warden, Bozeman Deaconess Hospital

00:40:45 David O' Connor, Big Sky Chamber of Commerce (BSCC)

00:41:06 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

00:42:01 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:42:25 Chere Jiusto, Montana Preservation Alliance

00:44:53 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association

00:45:08 John Brewer, Billings Chamber of Commerce

00:46:50 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association

00:48:30 David Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns

00:48:53 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Ski Area Association (MSAA)

[EXHIBIT\(tas57a08\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:50:29 Sen. Kaufmann

00:50:44 Ms. Jamison, BSRAD

00:51:16 Sen. Kaufmann

00:51:27 Ms. Jamison

00:51:39 Sen. Thomas

00:52:23 Ms. Jamison

00:52:49 Sen. Thomas
00:53:02 Ms. Jamison
00:53:56 Sen. Thomas
00:54:14 Ms. Jamison
00:55:03 Sen. Thomas
00:55:37 Ms. Jamison
00:56:21 Sen. Thomas
00:56:42 Rep. White
00:58:55 Sen. Barrett
01:00:35 Ms. Jamison
01:01:59 Sen. Barrett
01:03:13 Ms. Jamison
01:04:11 Sen. Brown
01:05:00 Ms. Jamison
01:05:51 Sen. Brown
01:06:10 Mr. Loomis, self
01:06:41 Sen. Brown
01:06:57 Mr. Loomis
01:08:07 Sen. Brown
01:08:54 Mr. Germaine, BSCC
01:10:00 Sen. Brown
01:10:13 Mr. Germaine
01:10:37 Sen. Cohenour
01:11:02 Ms. Jamison
01:11:45 Sen. Cohenour
01:12:09 Ms. Jamison
01:12:23 Sen. Pomnichowski
01:13:18 Chairman Tutvedt
01:13:27 Lee Baerlocher, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)
01:14:05 Ms. Jamison
01:15:18 Sen. Pomnichowski
01:15:46 Mr. Baerlocher, DOR
01:16:28 Rep. White

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01:18:08 Sen. Pomnichowski
01:18:21 Mr. Germaine
01:18:38 Sen. Pomnichowski
01:19:06 Mr. Loomis
01:20:58 Sen. Pomnichowski
01:21:42 Mr. Baerlocher
01:22:19 Sen. Hoven
01:22:51 Mr. Germaine
01:23:23 Sen. Hoven
01:23:50 Mr. Germaine
01:24:41 Sen. Hoven
01:24:55 Mr. Germaine
01:25:22 Sen. Hoven
01:25:42 Mr. Loomis
01:27:36 Sen. Hoven

01:28:13 Mr. Loomis
 01:29:17 Sen. Ankney
 01:30:35 Sen. Malek
 01:31:06 Rep. White
 01:31:24 Sen. Thomas
 01:32:16 Ms. Jamison
 01:33:04 Sen. Thomas
 01:33:11 Ms. Jamison
 01:34:34 Sen. Thomas
 01:34:54 Ms. Grmoljez, MSAA
 01:35:29 Sen. Thomas
 01:35:43 Ms. Grmoljez
 01:36:44 Sen. Thomas
 01:37:36 Ms. Grmoljez
 01:38:23 Sen. Thomas
 01:39:15 Mr. Germaine
 01:40:28 Sen. Cohenour
 01:40:49 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 01:42:16 Sen. Barrett
 01:42:38 Mr. O' Connor, BSCC
 01:42:57 Sen. Barrett
 01:43:30 Mr. O'Connor
 01:44:43 Sen. Barrett
 01:45:28 Mr. O' Connor

Closing by Sponsor:

01:47:37 Rep. White

HEARING ON HB 411

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:53:24 Rep. Tom Richmond (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 411, Generally revise oil and gas tax laws.

[**EXHIBIT\(tas57a10\)**](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:56:18 Patrick Montalban, president and CEO Mountainview Energy (MVW), president and CEO Montalban Oil and Gas Operations Inc.

02:03:45 Mac McDermott, Northern Montana Oil and Gas Association (NMOGA)

[**EXHIBIT\(tas57a11\)**](#)

[**EXHIBIT\(tas57a12\)**](#)

02:07:45 Jessica Sena, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

Opponents' Testimony:

02:09:28 Mike Kadas, director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

[EXHIBIT\(tas57a13\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:13:36 Sen. Ankney
 02:13:56 Mr. Montalban, MVW
 02:16:48 Sen. Ankney
 02:17:19 Mr. McDermott, NMOGA
 02:17:32 Sen. Kaufmann
 02:17:50 Mr. Montalban
 02:18:22 Sen. Kaufmann
 02:18:37 Mr. Montalban
 02:18:54 Rep. Richmond
 02:19:32 Sen. Kaufmann
 02:19:48 Rep. Richmond
 02:20:43 Chairman Tutvedt
 02:20:53 Rep. Richmond
 02:21:34 Sen. Barrett
 02:22:34 Rep. Richmond

Closing by Sponsor:

02:24:08 Rep. Richmond

Committee Business:

02:26:50 Chairman Tutvedt
 02:27:17 Sen. Thomas
 02:27:54 Chairman Tutvedt
 02:28:13 Sen. Barrett
 02:28:41 Sen. Ankney
 02:28:58 Chairman Tutvedt
 02:29:51 Sen. Cohenour
 02:30:14 Sen. Thomas
 02:30:32 Chairman Tutvedt
 02:30:51 Sen. Cohenour
 02:31:17 Chairman Tutvedt
 02:32:47 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 02:33:05 Chairman Tutvedt

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:37 A.M.

Julie Ward, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas57aad.pdf](#))