

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mark Blasdel, on March 7, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Mark Blasdel, Chair (R)
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Scott Sales (R), Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Olivia Hopkins, 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 317, 2/24/2017; SB 324, 2/24/2017

00:00:34 Chairman Blasdel

HEARING ON SB 317

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:19 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 317, Revise interest assessment on taxes other than individual income taxes.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:38 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce
 00:10:47 Todd O'Hair, Cloud Peak Energy (CPE)
 00:15:01 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resource Association
 00:16:43 Robert Story, Montana Taxpayers Association
 00:19:17 Holly Franz, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants

Opponents' Testimony:

00:20:03 Mike Kadas, director, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:06 Sen. Barrett
 00:29:45 Mr. Kadas, DOR
 00:29:57 Sen. Barrett
 00:30:12 Mr. Kadas
 00:30:24 Sen. Barrett
 00:31:26 Mr. Kadas
 00:31:57 Sen. Barrett
 00:32:21 Mr. Kadas
 00:32:37 Sen. Pomnichowski
 00:32:59 Sen. Salomon
 00:33:15 Sen. Pomnichowski
 00:34:13 Sen. Salomon
 00:34:29 Sen. Pomnichowski
 00:34:51 Sen. Salomon
 00:35:03 Sen. Cohenour
 00:35:45 Mr. Kadas
 00:37:08 Sen. Cohenour
 00:37:51 Mr. O'Hair, CPE
 00:40:12 Sen. Cohenour
 00:40:28 Mr. O'Hair
 00:41:09 Sen. Cohenour
 00:41:27 Sen. Hoven
 00:41:51 Mr. Kadas
 00:42:33 Sen. Barrett
 00:43:06 Sen. Richmond

00:43:21 Lee Baerlocher, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)
 00:44:24 Chairman Blasdel
 00:45:21 Mr. Kadas
 00:45:27 Mr. Baerlocher, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

00:46:19 Sen. Salomon
 00:47:35 Chairman Blasdel

HEARING ON SB 324

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:48:26 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 324, Revise property tax exemption laws.

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Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:53:50 Linda Sather, Property Assessment Division, Montana Department of Revenue
 00:54:03 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:54:17 Sen. Barrett
 00:55:22 Sen. Tempel
 00:55:26 Sen. Barrett
 00:55:56 Sen. Tempel
 00:56:37 Sen. Barrett
 00:57:00 Sen. Tempel
 00:57:16 Sen. Barrett
 00:57:24 Sen. Cohenour
 00:58:24 Sen. Tempel
 00:58:56 Sen. Cohenour
 00:59:23 Sen. Tempel

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:34 Sen. Tempel

Discussion:

01:00:41 Chairman Blasdel
 01:01:50 Sen. Barrett

01:02:00 Chairman Blasdel

01:02:08 Sen. Cohenour

01:02:15 Chairman Blasdel

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:02 AM

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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