

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **VICE CHAIR BOB LAKE**, on January 12, 2005 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

After the Call to Order was made, a short presentation on State and Local Montana Taxes was presented by the Montana Department of Revenue.

[EXHIBIT \(tah08a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(tah08a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(tah08a03\)](#)

ROLL CALL

00:08:01

Members Present:

Rep. Karl Waitschies, Chairman (R)
Rep. Gary Branae, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bob Lake, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. John Balyeat (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Margaret H. Campbell (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Holly Raser (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Bill Warden (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Jim Peterson (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, 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 193, 1/7/2005; HB 54, 1/7/2005

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 193

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:09:34 **REP. KARL WAITSCHIES (R), HD 36**, opened the hearing on **HB 193**, Recovery of tax benefit for charitable endowment recovered by donor.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:13 Shona McHugh, Bureau Chief, Montana Department of Revenue, Individual & Withholding Tax Division

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:29 **REP. BRANAE**

00:15:23 **REP. FACEY**

00:15:58 **REP. WISEMAN**

00:18:17 **REP. COHENOUR**

00:19:17 **REP. RASER**

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:53 **REP. KARL WAITSCHIES (R), HD 36**, closed the hearing on **HB 193**.

HEARING ON HB 54

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:21:42 **REP. VERONICA SMALL-EASTMAN (D), HD 42**, opened the hearing on **HB 54**, Credit card payment of taxes administered by the Department of Revenue.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:22 Neil Peterson, Montana Department of Revenue

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Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:58 **REP. ROSS**
00:30:43 **REP. McALPIN**
00:32:32 **REP. BRANAE**
00:33:36 **REP. WAITSCHIES**

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:48 **REP. VERONICA SMALL-EASTMAN (D)**, HD 42, closed the hearing on **HB 54**.

00:35:36 Break
00:59:40 Resume

00:59:50 The Taxation Committee received a presentation on Coal Tax Trust Fund by Terry W. Johnson, Legislative Fiscal Division, Montana State Government

[EXHIBIT \(tah08a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(tah08a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(tah08a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(tah08a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(tah08a09\)](#)

01:45:00 Judy Smith, Fair Share Network

[EXHIBIT \(tah08a10\)](#)

01:50:38 Kate Cholewa, Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

01:52:21 June Hermanson, Montanas with Disabilities for Equal Access

[EXHIBIT \(tah08a11\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(tah08a12\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(tah08a13\)](#)

01:58:04 Kim Abbott, Working for Equality and Economic Liberation (WEEL)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00 A.M.

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

KW/DP

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah08aad0.PDF](#))