

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KARL WAITSCHIES**, on January 13, 2005
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

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 171, 1/7/2005; HB 227, 1/7/2005;
HB 252

Executive Action: HB 115, HB 84

HEARING ON HB 227

00:02:22 **Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. KATHLEEN GALVIN-HALCRO (D), HD 26,** opened the hearing on HB 227, Deferral of property taxes for activated national guard and reservists.

EXHIBIT (tah09a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:30 Roger Hagan, Officer, Montana National Guard
00:07:32 Col. Jim Jacobsen, U.S. Military, (Retired) and
Montana American Legion
00:08:15 Major General Randy Mosley, Montana National Guard

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:11 Ronda Carpenter-Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers
Association

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:25 **REP. WISEMAN**
00:21:13 **REP. FACEY**
00:21:41 **REP. BALYEAT**
00:22:37 **REP. GROESBECK**
00:23:45 **REP. LAKE**
00:27:19 **REP. WISEMAN**
00:30:46 **REP. BUTCHER**
00:36:31 **REP. LAKE**

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:25 **REP. KATHLEEN GALVIN-HALCRO (D), HD 26,** closed the hearing on HB 227.

HEARING ON HB 171

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:41:18 **REP. JILL COHENOUR (D), HD 78,** opened the hearing on HB 171, Tax filing and payment relief for active duty military.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:44:23 John Bohlinger, Lieutenant Governor, State of Montana

00:50:39 Shona McHugh, Montana Department of Revenue

EXHIBIT (tah09a02)

00:54:36 **REP. MARGARETT CAMPBELL, HD (31)**

00:56:01 Major General Randy Mosley, Department of Military Affairs, Montana National Guard

00:56:25 Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard

00:57:05 Holly Franz, Montana Society of CPA's

EXHIBIT (tah09a03)

00:59:40 Col. Jim Jacobsen, American Legion

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

01:00:25 Jim McKeon, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:00:42 **REP. ROSS**

01:01:22 **REP. WARDEN**

01:02:50 **REP. LAKE**

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:56 **REP. JILL COHENOUR (D), HD 78** closed the hearing on **HB 171**.

HEARING ON HB 252

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:06:40 **REP. CHRISTOPHER HARRIS (D), HD 66**, opened the hearing on HB 252, Increase alcohol tax to fund certain health programs.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:10:32 Jo Ann Walsh Dotson, Bureau Chief of the Family and Community Health Bureau, Department of Public Health and Human Services

EXHIBIT (tah09a04)

01:18:06 **REP. BUTCHER, HD 29**

Opponents' Testimony:

01:22:48 Don Hargrove, Montana Association of Addiction
Service Providers
01:24:58 Mark Taylor, Anheuser-Busch, Inc.
[EXHIBIT \(tah09a05\)](#)
[EXHIBIT \(tah09a06\)](#)
[EXHIBIT \(tah09a07\)](#)
01:29:57 Mark Staples, Attorney, Montana Tavern Owners
Association
01:32:03 Mike Ruppert, Boyd Andrew Community Services,
Helena, Montana
01:34:36 Mona Jamison, Attorney, Wine Institute
01:36:55 Elaine Taylor, Miller Brewing Company
01:38:07 Christy Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine Wholesalers
Association
01:41:23 Darin Arganbright, Secretary, Montana Grain
Growers Association

Informational Testimony:

01:42:34 Neil Peterson, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:43:36 REP. ROSS
01:46:51 REP. PETERSON
01:49:34 REP. HIMMELBERGER
01:56:29 REP. RASER
02:03:28 REP. CAMPBELL
02:05:38 REP. LAMBERT
02:08:49 REP. BIXBY
02:13:23 REP. WISEMAN
02:16:04 CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES

Closing by Sponsor:

02:19:14 REP. CHRISTOPHER HARRIS (D), HD 66 closed the
hearing on HB 252.

02:21:12 Break
02:39:41 Resume

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 115

02:40:12 **Motion:** REP. LAKE moved that HB 115 DO PASS.
[EXHIBIT \(tah09a08\)](#)
02:50:39 **Motion/Vote:** REP. FACEY moved that HB 115 BE
AMENDED. Motion carried 19-0 by voice vote with
REP. McALPIN VOTING by proxy.

02:51:14 _____ **Motion/Vote:** REP. LAKE moved that HB 115 DO PASS
AS AMENDED. Motion carried 19-0 by voice vote with
REP. McALPIN voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 84

02:52:06 _____ **Motion/Vote:** REP. LAKE moved that HB 84 DO PASS.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with REP.
HIMMELBERGER and REP. McALPIN voting by proxy.

02:53:58

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00 A.M.

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

KW/DP

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah09aad0.PDF](#))