

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KARL WAITSCHIES**, on January 28, 2005
at 9:00 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. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. Holly Raser (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Bill Warden (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 282, 1/12/2005

Executive Action: HB 227; HB 296; HB 320

HEARING ON HB 282**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:11 REP. MIKE JOPEK (D), HD 4, opened the hearing on
HB 282, Residential property tax reduction for
Montana income tax payers.

[EXHIBIT\(tah22a01\)](#)[EXHIBIT\(tah22a02\)](#)[EXHIBIT\(tah22a03\)](#)[EXHIBIT\(tah22a04\)](#)**Proponents' Testimony:** None.**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:13:06 Daniel Watson, Rosebud County Commissioner,
Montana Association of Counties, Taxation and
Budget Committees

Informational Testimony:

00:15:59 Dolores Cooney, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:59 REP. McALPIN

00:20:17 REP. WISEMAN

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:12 REP. MIKE JOPEK (D), HD 4, closed the hearing on
HB 282.

00:25:09 BREAK

00:38:53 RESUME

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 227

00:39:07 **Motion:** REP. LAKE moved that HB 227 DO PASS.

00:39:26 **Motion:** REP. COHENOUR moved that HB 227 BE
AMENDED.

[EXHIBIT\(tah22a05\)](#)**Discussion:**

00:40:26 REP. COHENOUR

00:41:01 Jeff Martin, STAFF

00:44:26 REP. COHENOUR

00:46:34 REP. LAKE
 00:49:08 REP. COHENOUR
 00:49:43 REP. BALLYEAT
 00:52:17 REP. MCALPIN
 00:52:58 CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES
 00:53:41 REP. COHENOUR
 00:54:46 REP. WISEMAN
 00:55:38 REP. BALLYEAT

00:56:53 Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:57:05 Motion: REP. COHENOUR moved that HB 227 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

00:57:20 REP. BALLYEAT
 00:58:08 REP. SALES
 00:59:23 REP. BALLYEAT
 00:59:52 REP. GROESBECK
 01:00:44 REP. LAKE
 01:01:42 REP. BALLYEAT

01:01:53 Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with REPS. BRANAE, CAMPBELL and FACEY voting by proxy.

01:03:07 REP. FACEY arrives at hearing.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 296

01:03:25 Motion: REP. MCALPIN moved that HB 296 DO PASS.

01:03:32 Motion: REP. MCALPIN moved that HB 296 BE AMENDED.

EXHIBIT (tah22a06)

Discussion:

01:05:06 REP. McALPIN
 01:05:24 Jeff Martin, Staff
 01:10:34 REP. COHENOUR
 01:12:25 REP. SALES
 01:12:51 REP. LAKE
 01:14:58 REP. WISEMAN
 01:16:00 REP. COHENOUR
 01:17:29 REP. BUTCHER
 01:18:10 REP. PETERSON
 01:19:46 REP. BALLYEAT
 01:20:08 REP. FACEY
 01:20:35 REP. WARDEN

01:20:50 REP. GRINDE
01:21:30 REP. ROSS

01:22:19 Vote: Motion carried 15-5 by roll call vote with REPS. BALYEAT, BUTCHER, PETERSON, RASER, and SALES voting no with REP. BRANAE and REP. CAMPBELL voting by proxy.

01:23:48 Motion/Vote: REP. FACEY moved that HB 296 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion failed 3-17 by roll call vote with REPS. BIXBY, MCALPIN, and WISEMAN voting aye and REPS. BRANAE AND CAMPBELL voting by proxy.

01:25:21 Motion/Vote: REP. BUTCHER moved that HB 296 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 320

01:25:58 Motion: REP. FACEY moved that HB 320 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:26:13 REP. FACEY
01:27:02 L. Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties
01:28:25 REP. BALYEAT
01:29:54 REP. RASER
01:30:49 Motion: REP. BALYEAT moved that HB 320 BE AMENDED.

EXHIBIT (tah22a07)

Discussion:

01:32:02 REP. FACEY
01:32:10 REP. MCALPIN

01:33:16 Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with REP. CAMPBELL voting by proxy.

01:33:47 Motion: REP. BUTCHER moved that HB 320 BE AMENDED.

EXHIBIT (tah22a08)

Discussion:

01:34:43 REP. BUTCHER
01:37:01 REP. FACEY
01:37:27 REP. COHENOUR
01:40:51 REP. WISEMAN
01:41:25 REP. BUTCHER
01:42:31 REP. WISEMAN

01:43:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote
with REP. CAMPBELL voting by proxy.

01:44:05 **Motion:** REP. BALYEAT moved that HB 320 BE
AMENDED.

EXHIBIT (tah22a09)

Discussion:

01:44:56 REP. FACEY
01:45:10 REP. BALYEAT
01:46:56 Jeff Martin, Staff
01:47:10 REP. FACEY
01:47:56 REP. WISEMAN
01:49:23 REP. BUTCHER
01:50:37 REP. COHENOUR

01:51:40 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-1 by voice vote with REP.
WISEMAN voting no and REPS. HIMMELBERGER and
CAMPBELL voting by proxy.

01:52:20 **Motion:** REP. FACEY moved that HB 320 DO PASS AS
AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:52:32 REP. SALES
01:53:31 REP. RASER
01:55:32 REP. LAKE
01:56:40 REP. WISEMAN

01:57:15 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-7 by roll call vote with
REPS. BALYEAT, COHENOUR, HIMMELBERGER, PETERSON,
RASER, ROSS, and SALES voting no and REPS.
HIMMELBERGER and CAMPBELL voting by proxy.

01:59:50 REP. GROESBECK

02:00:16

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:05 P.M.

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

KW/dp

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah22aad0.PDF](#))