

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KARL WAITSCHIES**, on February 8, 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. 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: Rep. Margaret H. Campbell (D)

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 513, 2/1/2005; HB 535, 2/3/2005;
HB 541, 2/3/2005
Executive Action: HB 439; HB 495

HEARING ON HB 513**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:20 REP. HOLLY RASER (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on
HB 513, Extend tax credit for donation for
developmental disabilities services.

[EXHIBIT\(tah31a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah31a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:19 Susan Serumgard, Helena Resident
00:12:46 Kelly J. Newman, Mother of three
00:15:08 Cris Volinkaty, Child and Family Services

[EXHIBIT\(tah31a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.**Informational Testimony:**

00:18:55 Matt Bugnin, Disability Services Division,
Department of Public Health and Human Services
00:19:25 Shona McHugh, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:45 REP. LAKE
00:23:25 REP. FACEY
00:25:26 REP. COHENOUR
00:27:30 REP. LAMBERT

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:09 REP. HOLLY RASER (D), HD 98, closed the hearing on
HB 513.

HEARING ON HB 535**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:31:46 REP. LLEW JONES (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on
HB 535, Revise taxation of stripper well
production.

[EXHIBIT\(tah31a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah31a05\)](#)

00:38:28 Jeff Martin, Legislative Services Division
00:35:06 REP. JONES

Proponents' Testimony:

00:40:04 Patrick Montalban, Northern Oil and Gas
Association

[EXHIBIT \(tah31a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(tah31a07\)](#)

00:52:07 **SEN. JERRY BLACK, SD 14**

00:53:21 Gail Abercrombie, Executive Director, Montana
Petroleum Association

00:59:05 Rick Rice, Phoenix Energy, Inc.

01:04:29 William Duffield, Executive Director, Montana
Association of Gas and Oil Production Counties

01:05:14 Keith E. Tyner, Conrad Resident, Pamect Oil, LLC

01:07:41 Lois Miller, Partner, Hawley-Desimon Oil Company

[EXHIBIT \(tah31a08\)](#)

01:10:41 Charles Parsons, Lowrance Co., Inc.

01:11:14 Catherine Finlayson, Hawley-Desimon Oil Company

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

01:13:01 Van Charlton, Montana Department of Revenue

01:13:37 Tom Richmond, Montana Board of Oil and Gas
Conservation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:14:29 **REP. LAMBERT**

01:14:59 **REP. McALPIN**

01:16:13 **REP. GROESBECK**

01:21:13 **REP. FACEY**

01:26:27 **REP. HIMMELBERGER**

01:29:01 **REP. LAKE**

01:31:38 **REP. McALPIN**

01:33:48 **REP. WARDEN**

01:35:33 **REP. RASER**

01:38:57 **REP. COHENOUR**

01:40:57 **REP. BUTCHER**

01:41:57 **REP. LAMBERT**

01:42:42 **REP. LAKE**

Closing by Sponsor:

01:44:39 **REP. LLEW JONES (R), HD 27** closed the hearing on
HB 535.

01:49:32 Break

02:01:50 Resume

HEARING ON HB 541

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:02:42 **REP. BILL GLASER (R), HD 44**, opened the hearing on
 HB 541, Allow motor homes 11 years old and older
 to be permanently registered.
EXHIBIT (tah31a09)

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

02:10:03 Dean Roberts, Department of Justice, Motor Vehicle
 Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:11:52 **REP. WARDEN**
02:13:34 **REP. RASER**
02:15:03 **CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES**

Closing by Sponsor:

02:15:45 **REP. BILL GLASER (R), HD 44**, closed the hearing on
 HB 541.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 439

02:20:34 **Motion:** **REP. PETERSON** moved that HB 439 DO PASS.

02:21:10 **Motion:** **REP. BALYEAT** moved that HB 439 BE
 AMENDED.

EXHIBIT (tah31a10)

Discussion:

02:23:02 **REP. FACEY**

02:23:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote
 with REPS. WISEMAN and CAMPBELL voting by proxy.

02:23:38 **Motion:** **REP. BALYEAT** moved that HB 439 DO PASS AS
 AMENDED.

Discussion:

02:13:53 **REP. BRANAE**
02:24:09 **REP. PETERSON**
02:24:16 **REP. ROSS**

02:25:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote
with REPS. WISEMAN and CAMPBELL voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 495

02:25:46 **Motion:** REP. COHENOUR moved that HB 495 DO PASS.

Discussion:

02:26:24 REP. COHENOUR

02:27:17 REP. PETERSON

02:28:11 **Motion/Vote:** REP. COHENOUR moved that HB 495 BE
TABLED. Motion carried 18-2 by voice vote with
REPS. HIMMELBERGER and SALES voting no and REPS.
WISEMAN and CAMPBELL voting by proxy.

02:28:24

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:30 A.M.

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

KW/dp

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah31aad0.PDF](#))