

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KARL WAITSCHIES**, on February 11, 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. Margaret H. Campbell (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Bill Warden (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Holly Raser (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 485, 2/8/2005; HB 572, 2/8/2005;
HB 576, 2/8/2005
Executive Action: HB 576

HEARING ON HB 572

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:08 REP. SCOTT SALES (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on
HB 572, Compensation for laws restricting use of
and devaluing land.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:03:45 Chris Tweeten, Chief Civil Counsel, speaking for
Attorney General McGrath
00:07:53 L. Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties
00:11:03 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Planners
00:13:14 Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

Informational Testimony:

00:15:34 Tim Reardon, Attorney, Montana Department of
Transportation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:47 REP. COHENOUR

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:35 REP. SCOTT SALES (R), HD 68 closed the hearing on
HB 572.

00:26:33 Break
01:02:34 Resume

HEARING ON HB 485

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:03:00 REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER (R), HD 47, opened the
hearing on HB 485, Extend income tax exemption for
military duty.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:05:42 Roger Hagen, Enlisted and Officer Associations of
National Guard of Montana
01:14:42 Ruth Mortag, Past-President, Enlisted Association
of Montana National Guard

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01:19:01 Angela Laden, Enlisted National Guard of Montana
01:20:41 Colonel Jim Jacobsen, United States Army
(Retired), American Legion

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

01:23:50 Holly Franz, Montana Society of CPA's
01:25:04 Jim McKeon, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:25:24 **REP. ROSS**
01:29:55 **REP. BUTCHER**
01:34:46 **REP. SALES**
01:35:17 **REP. WARDEN**
01:35:51 **REP. COHENOUR**

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:01 **REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER (R), HD 47** closed the
hearing on HB 485.

HEARING ON HB 576

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:38:27 **REP. JIM KEANE (D), HD 75**, opened the hearing on
HB 576, Eliminate canola and malting barley
facility property tax exemption.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

01:39:18 Ronda Wiggers, Great Falls Area Chamber of
Commerce
01:39:59 Dick King, Missoula Area Economic Development
01:40:50 John Stoner, Farmer, Havre, VP Montana grain
Growers

Informational Testimony:

01:41:19 Dolores Cooney, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:41:37 REP. LAKE
01:42:06 REP. BUTCHER
01:44:14 REP. FACEY

Closing by Sponsor:

01:45:09 REP. JIM KEANE (D), HD 75 closed the hearing on HB 576.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 576

01:45:36 Motion/Vote: REP. LAMBERT moved that HB 576 BE TABLED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with REPS. WISEMAN, RASER and McALPIN voting by proxy.

01:46:36

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:00 A.M.

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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