

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KARL WAITSCHIES**, on February 16, 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. George G. Groesbeck (D)
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Bill Warden (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Wanda Grinde (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 584, 2/8/2005; HB 472,
2/10/2005; HB 607, 2/10/2005; HB
625, 2/12/2005

Executive Action: HB 433; HB 541; HB 625; HB 607

HEARING ON HB 584**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:07 **REP. CHRISTOPHER HARRIS (D), HD 66**, opened the hearing on **HB 584**, Promote growth of film and other media in Montana.

EXHIBIT (tah38a01)**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:08:08 Evan Barrett, Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity

00:11:31 Betsy Baumgart, Administrator of Montana Promotion Division, Montana Department of Commerce

00:13:45 Stein Iverson, Manager, Montana Film Office

EXHIBIT (tah38a02)

00:16:43 Jeff Teabury, Executive Director, Montana Heritage Commission

EXHIBIT (tah38a03)**EXHIBIT (tah38a04)**

00:17:39 Patrick Markey, Bozeman resident, Producer

00:20:00 Troy Bertelsen, Helena High Graduate, Director

EXHIBIT (tah38a05)

00:21:15 Margot Kidder, Actress

00:25:15 Dennis Aig, Professor of Media and Theater Arts, Montana State University

EXHIBIT (tah38a06)

00:29:33 Crystal Grooms, Montana State University Senior in the Film Department

00:31:38 Chris Mangano, Montana State University Student

00:33:51 Rob Story, Location Scout for film industry

00:35:14 J.P. Gabriel, Lighting Director, Producer of Commercials (originally from Great Falls) owner of Filmlites Montana (motion picture rental company)

EXHIBIT (tah38a07)

00:39:01 Will Wooster, Art Director and Location Manager

00:40:26 Dianne Camp Clayton, Big Timber, Dialect Coach, Management Company for Dialect Coach

00:45:09 Jim Abel, Billings resident, Out in the Cold Productions

EXHIBIT (tah38a08)

00:46:47 Bob Ebinger, Director of Photography, Buffalo Jump Pictures, Livingston, speaking also for the City of Livingston and Park County

EXHIBIT (tah38a09)

EXHIBIT (tah38a10)

EXHIBIT (tah38a11)

00:48:20 Chris Scheer, Park County resident
 00:50:35 Ian Lyman, recent Montana State University
 graduate, starting industry-related company in
 Montana
 00:51:51 Betty Ann Conard, Montana Film Professional,
 Manhattan, also speaking for Christopher Cronyn
 (Missoula resident)

EXHIBIT (tah38a12)

00:54:32 Chelsea Carlson, GrandStreet Theatre school
 student

EXHIBIT (tah38a13)

00:58:11 Stephanie Sandston, Bozeman resident, Art Director

EXHIBIT (tah38a14)

01:00:41 Marti Bara (Great Northern Best Western,
 Helena) President, Montana Innkeepers Association
 01:01:29 Courtney Hess, Costumer, Helena resident
 01:02:22 Carl Kochman, Helena Tourism Advisory Committee
 01:03:05 Gary Wonderwald, Location Manager and Scout,
 previous Film Director for the State of Montana
 01:05:37 Jannis Conselyea, Montana Screenwriter

EXHIBIT (tah38a15)

01:07:28 Kim Walker, Bozeman resident, actor/filmmaker
 01:08:32 Brian Murphy, HCTV, Montana State University
 graduate

EXHIBIT (tah38a16)

01:10:44 Amie Gronlous, Montana Tourism Coalition
 01:11:17 Audrey S. Hall, Photographer, Livingston

EXHIBIT (tah38a17)

01:12:19 Jennifer Paul, actress and student at Montana
 State University

Opponents' Testimony:

01:13:26 Roger Huffman, Lolo resident, works within the
 film industry

EXHIBIT (tah38a18)

EXHIBIT (tah38a19)

Informational Testimony:

01:22:04 Gene Walborn, Montana Department of Revenue
 01:27:08 Sean Becker, Economic Analyst, ArtsMarket, Bozeman
 (refers to Exhibit 1)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:33:37 REP. WISEMAN
01:36:39 REP. PETERSON
01:41:17 REP. FACEY
01:42:53 REP. LAKE
01:48:10 REP. COHENOUR
01:51:25 REP. HIMMELBERGER
01:53:33 REP. FACEY
01:54:16 CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES
01:56:41 REP. FACEY
01:59:20 REP. WISEMAN

Closing by Sponsor:

02:02:03 REP. CHRISTOPHER HARRIS (D), HD 66 closed the
hearing on HB 584.

02:03:51 Break
02:13:45 Resume

HEARING ON HB 607

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:14:27 REP. ALAN OLSON (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on
HB 607, Revise laws governing county treasurers.
[EXHIBIT](#)(tah38a20)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:15:47 Rhonda Carpenter Wiggers, Montana County
Treasurers Association
02:18:21 Doug Kaercher, Hill County Commissioner

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None.

Closing by Sponsor:

02:19:24 REP. ALAN OLSON (R), HD 45 closed the hearing on
HB 607.

HEARING ON HB 625

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:20:16 REP. DIANE RICE (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on
HB 625, Revise laws governing resort communities
and resort areas.
[EXHIBIT](#)(tah38a21)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:21:49 Kris Hauck, Ennis Chamber of Commerce
02:27:18 John Claypool, Ennis business owner
02:28:14 Lexi Sundell, Ennis resident and business owner
02:30:49 Mona Jamisen, speaking for Big Sky Resort Area
District
02:37:53 Stuart Doggett, Montana Innkeepers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:38:48 REP. LAKE
02:39:40 CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES
02:41:40 REP. BRANAE
02:44:57 REP. WISEMAN

Closing by Sponsor:

02:46:03 REP. DIANE RICE (R), HD 71 closed the hearing on
HB 625.

HEARING ON HB 472

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:47:18 REP. GARY MACLAREN (R), HD 89, opened the hearing
on HB 472, Health insurance payments as income tax
credit for certain individuals.

[EXHIBIT](#) (tah38a22)

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

02:52:19 Jim McKeon, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:52:36 REP. LAMBERT

Closing by Sponsor:

02:53:43 REP. GARY MACLAREN (R), HD 89 closed the hearing
on HB 472.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 607

02:55:11 Motion: REP. LAKE moved that HB 607 DO PASS.

02:55:20 Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with REPS. RASER and PETERSON voting by proxy.

02:55:49 Motion: REP. FACEY moved that HB 607 BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

02:44:53 The Motion was withdrawn by REP. FACEY when REP. HIMMELBERGER objected to the Motion.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 625

02:56:24 Motion: REP. LAMBERT moved that HB 625 DO PASS.

02:56:33 Motion/Vote: REP. LAMBERT moved that HB 625 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with REPS. RASER and PETERSON voting by proxy.

02:57:01 Motion/Vote: REP. LAMBERT moved that HB 625 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with REP. RASER and PETERSON voting by proxy.

02:57:14 REP. PETERSON arrives at hearing.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 541

02:58:30 Motion/Vote: REP. LAKE moved that HB 541 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with REP. RASER voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 433

03:00:25 Motion/Vote: REP. LAMBERT moved that HB 433 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with REP. RASER voting by proxy.

03:03:05

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:10 a.m.

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

KW/dp

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah38aad0.PDF](#))