

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KARL WAITSCHIES**, on March 2, 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. 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. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Bill Warden (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Holly Raser (D)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (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 716, 2/15/2005; HB 729,
2/15/2005; HJ 27, 2/15/2005

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 716

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:40 REP. GARY MACLAREN (R), HD 89, opened the hearing
on HB 716, Increase level of exemption for class 8
property.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:03:35 Gordon Morris, Director, Montana Association of
Counties

Informational Testimony:

00:04:27 Dolores Cooney, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:48 REP. WARDEN
00:08:15 REP. LAKE
00:11:00 REP. BRANAE
00:12:02 REP. CAMPBELL
00:13:00 REP. HIMMELBERGER
00:16:38 REP. LAMBERT
00:17:49 REP. BUTCHER

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:05 REP. GARY MACLAREN (R), HD 89 closed the hearing
on HB 716.

00:21:57 Break
00:34:47 Resume

HEARING ON HJ 27

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:56 REP. CHRISTOPHER HARRIS (D), HD 66, opened the
hearing on HJ 27, Study authorizing extended or
perpetual trusts.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:41:28 **REP. LAKE**
00:42:34 **REP. BALYEAT**
00:44:44 **REP. BUTCHER**

Closing by Sponsor:

00:49:53 **REP. CHRISTOPHER HARRIS (D), HD 66** closed the
hearing on **HJ 27**.

HEARING ON HB 729

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:51:41 **REP. BERNIE OLSON (R), HD 10**, opened the hearing
on **HB 729**, 4% tax on sale of prepared food.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:56:57 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association
EXHIBIT (tah46a01)
01:00:45 Bob Miller, Bear Claw Bar & Grill, McAllister
01:04:13 Ralph Ferraro, Ferraro's Italian Restaurant,
Bozeman
01:05:42 Gene Fenderson, Montana Progressive Labor Caucus
01:08:29 Debbie Thomas, Borries Restaurant, Black Eagle
01:09:55 McKee Anderson, Montana Food Distributors
Association
01:12:28 Mark Staples, Montana Tavern Owners Association
01:13:14 Gordon Morris, Director, Montana Association of
Counties
01:13:50 Rich Miller, Executive Director, Montana Gaming
Industry

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:14:27 **REP. BUTCHER**

Closing by Sponsor:

01:17:04 **REP. BERNIE OLSON (R), HD 10** closed the hearing on
HB 729.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:30 A.M.

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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