

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KARL WAITSCHIES**, on March 4, 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. 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. 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. John Balyeat (R)
Rep. Margaret H. Campbell (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 680, 2/12/2005; HB 689,
2/12/2005; HB 758, 2/22/2005

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 680

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:16 REP. DAN VILLA (D), HD 86, opened the hearing on
HB 680, Revise taxes by eliminating economic
development levy from tax limits.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:32 Dick King, President, Montana Economic Developers
Association (MEDA)

EXHIBIT (tah48a01)

00:06:02 Joni Stewart, Cut Bank, Gain Development and MEDA,
Montana Economic Developers Association

00:07:52 Ronda Carpenter-Wiggers, Great Falls Chamber of
Commerce

00:09:04 Evan Barrett, Chief Business Officer, Governor's
Office of Economic Development

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:21 Gordon Morris, Director of Montana Association of
Counties

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:35 REP. WISEMAN

00:15:25 REP. FACEY

00:17:29 REP. McALPIN

00:19:04 REP. LAKE

00:20:13 CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES

00:24:21 REP. BIXBY

00:26:28 CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:14 REP. DAN VILLA (D), HD 86 closed the hearing on HB
680.

HEARING ON HB 689

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:29:21 REP. ELSIE ARNTZEN (R), HD 53, opened the hearing
on HB 689, Clawback provision for tax abatements.

EXHIBIT (tah48a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:42 Gordon Morris, Director, Montana Association of
Counties
00:34:39 Ed Tinsley, Lewis & Clark County Commissioner
00:35:26 Dick King, President, Montana Economic Developers
Association
00:38:06 Evan Barrett, Governor's Office of Economic
Development

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:40:11 Les Saisbury, Bureau Chief, Montana Department of
Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:48 **REP. WISEMAN**
00:48:48 **REP. GROESBECK**
00:53:08 **REP. FACEY**

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:57 **REP. ELSIE ARNTZEN (R)**, HD 53 closed the hearing
on HB 689.

HEARING ON HB 758

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:55:34 **REP. WALTER MCNUTT (R)**, HD 37, opened the hearing
on **HB 758**, Oil, gas, and coal natural resource
account fund.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:58:57 **REP. RALPH LENHART, HD 38, GLENDIVE**
01:00:45 David Ewer, Director, Budget and Program Planning
Office, Governor's Office
01:02:03 William Duffield, Executive Director, Association
of Oil, Gas and Coal Producing Counties
01:11:51 Alec Hansan, League of Cities and Towns
01:15:06 Bret Smelser, Mayor, Sydney

EXHIBIT (tah48a03)

01:18:05 Bob Gilbert, representing Sydney and Rosebud
County
01:21:10 Jerome Anderson, Helena Attorney representing
Encore Acquisition Company
01:22:48 Bud Clinch, Executive Director, Montana Coal
Council

01:23:54 Dave Cole, Administrator, Community Development
Division, Montana Department of Commerce

EXHIBIT (tah48a04)

01:26:59 Gail Abercrombie, Executive Director, Montana
Petroleum Association

01:30:12 Stan Kaleczy, representing Burlington Resources
and Gas Company

01:31:16 Joe Icenogle, Fidelity Exploration

01:32:08 Patrick Montalban, representing Small Independents
Oil Producers

01:32:51 Jerry Jimison, Mayor of Glendive

01:36:02 Clayton Horning, Mayor of Baker

01:37:12 Gary Amestoy, representing Richland County
Commissioners and Richland Economic Development
Council

01:38:26 Ed Bartlett, Helena Attorney representing Northern
Alliance of Oil and Gas Producers

01:39:04 Sarah Carlson, Montana Association of Conservation
Districts

01:41:15 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

EXHIBIT (tah48a05) Terry Gilbertson, Mayor, Plentywood via
letter

EXHIBIT (tah48a06) Lowell J. Swenson, Finance Director, Havre
via letter

EXHIBIT (tah48a07) Richland County Commissioners via letter

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

01:42:53 Van Charlton, Montana Department of Revenue

01:43:18 Judy Painter, Montana Office of Budget and
Planning

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:44:59 CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES

01:45:30 REP. ROSS

01:48:19 REP. COHENOUR

Closing by Sponsor:

01:54:16 REP. WALTER MCNUTT (R), HD 37 closed the hearing
on HB 758.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:00 A.M.

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah48aad0.PDF](#))