

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on January 12, 2005 at 8 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch

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: SB 67, 1/6/2005; SB 11, 1/6/2005
Executive Action: SB 15, SB 75

00:00:32

SPECIAL HEARING ON SOCIAL ADVOCACY

00:02:15

Judy Smith, Fair Share

EXHIBIT(tas08a01)

00:09:17

Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190

00:12:39

Kate Cholewa, Montana Domestic Violence Network

00:15:42

**June Hermanson, Montanans with Disabilities for
Local Access**

EXHIBIT(tas08a02)

EXHIBIT(tas08a03)

00:21:53

**Kim Abbott, Working for Equality and Economic
Liberation**

EXHIBIT(tas08a04)

00:30:22

HEARING ON SB 67

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. BRENT CROMLEY (D), SD 25, opened the hearing on SB 67,
Increase fees for marriage license and declaration of marriage
w/o solemnization.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:41

**Nancy Sweeney, Lewis and Clark County Clerk and
Recorder, Chairman, Clerks Legislative Committee**

EXHIBIT(tas08a05)

EXHIBIT(tas08a06)

00:42:16

**Mary Phippen, Montana Association of Clerks of
District Court**

00:44:43

**Kate Cholewa, Montana Coalition Against Domestic
and Sexual Violence**

00:44:51

**Harold Blatty, Montana Association of County
Officials**

00:46:32

**Charles Brooks, Yellowstone Board of County
Commissioners**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:47:52

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

[EXHIBIT](#)(tas08a07)

00:55:13

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:43 Break

01:02:12 Resume

01:03:34

HEARING ON SB 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. RICK LAIBLE (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 11, Restrict rules imposing fees.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

01:06:37

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:17:47

Closing by Sponsor:

01:22:43

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 15

Motion: SEN. TOOLE moved that SB 15 DO PASS.

Motion/Vote: SEN. ESSMANN moved that SB 15 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[EXHIBIT](#)(tas08a08)

Motion/Vote: SEN. GEBHARDT moved that SB 15 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 6-5 by roll call vote with SEN. BLACK, SEN. ELLIOTT, SEN. HARRINGTON, SEN. STORY, and SEN. TOOLE voting no and SEN. ELLINGSON and SEN. SCHMIDT voting AYE by proxy.

01:41:08

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 75

Motion/Vote: SEN. HARRINGTON moved that SB 75 DO PASS. Motion carried 9-2 by voice vote with SEN. GEBHARDT and SEN. STORY voting no and SEN. ELLINGSON and SEN. SCHMIDT voting AYE by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:48 A.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tas08aad0.PDF](#))