

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on January 13, 2005 at 8:03 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 70, 1/11/2005; SB 115, 1/6/2005
Executive Action: SB 15, SB 70

00:00:43

HEARING ON SB 70

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 70, Revise notice requirements in action to quiet title to tax deed.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

00:02:47

Closing by Sponsor:

00:06:01

HEARING ON SB 115

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JON TESTER (D), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 115, Equitable taxation of wind energy facilities.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:55 Bob Quinn, organic farmer

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[EXHIBIT\(tas09a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas09a03\)](#)

00:19:32 REP. JIM PETERSON, HD 30

00:20:26 Art Compton, Department of Environmental Quality

00:21:35 Patrick Judge, Montana Environmental Information
Center

00:23:59 SEN. DAVE LEWIS, SD 42

00:25:18 Steve Snezak, Montana Grain Growers Association,
Montana Farm Bureau

00:26:39 Doug Carter, Invenergy

00:36:09 Richard Moe, Chairman, Wheatland County
Commissioner

00:38:32 Lorraine Peterson, Judith Gap Mercantile

00:41:13 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy

00:42:01 Gordon Morris, Montana Association of County
 Officers
00:42:27 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association
00:40:00 Pat Torgerson, Montana W.I.F.E. (Women in Farmer
 Economics)
00:43:58 Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical
 Workers

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:44:05 Gene Walborn, Department of Revenue

00:44:58

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:31:43

Closing by Sponsor:

01:33:41 Recess.

01:43:18 Call to order.

SPECIAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT PRESENTATION

01:40:03 Gordon Morris, Montana Association of County
 Officers

01:50:09 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns

02:00:46 Discussion by Tax Committee members

02:16:14

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 15

Motion/Vote: SEN. HARRINGTON moved that SB 15 BE TABLED. Motion
carried unanimously by roll call vote.

02:17:49

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 70

Motion/Vote: SEN. HARRINGTON moved that SB 70 DO PASS. Motion
carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:18 A.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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