

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on January 21, 2005 at 8 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Excused:** None.

**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 219, 1/18/2005  
Executive Action: None.

The hearing on **SB 242** was cancelled at the request of its sponsor, **SEN. COCCHIARELLA, SD 47**.

00:01:04

**HEARING ON SB 219**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**SEN. JOHN BRUEGGEMAN (R), SD 6**, opened the hearing on SB 219, Income tax credit related to repayment of certain student loans.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:05        **Jim Stipcich, MHESAC, Montana Higher Education Student Assistance**  
00:12:55        **Vinny Pavelish, Associated Students of the University of Montana Vice President**  
00:14:23        **Gail Price, Associated Students of the University of Montana President**

**EXHIBIT (tas16a01)**

00:17:12        **Erin Rogue, University of Montana Student**  
00:19:17        **Jessica Grennan, Lobbyist, Associated Students of the University of Montana**

**EXHIBIT (tas16a02)**

**EXHIBIT (tas16a03)**

00:21:28        **Valerie Totvedt, University of Montana student**  
00:21:39        **Megan Dumas, Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
00:22:26        **David Oberson, University of Montana student**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:22:19        **Shona McHugh, Department of Revenue**

00:23:43

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:49:47

**Closing by Sponsor:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:56 A.M.

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SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

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KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([tas16aad0.PDF](#))**