

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on February 18, 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. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Dan Harrington (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 432, 2/16/2005, SB 463,
2/16/2005, SB 450, 2/16/2005, SB
438, 2/16/2005

Executive Action: None.

00:00:44

HEARING ON SB 432

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JOHN BRUEGGEMAN (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on **SB 432**,
Revise family education savings program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:22 **Rod Sunstead, Board of Regents**
00:07:13 **Kala French, Board of Regents**
00:08:09 **Megan Dumas, Associated Students of Montana State**
 University

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:09:39

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:00 **Shona McHugh, Department of Revenue**
00:19:18 **Jim McKeon, Department of Revenue**

Closing by Sponsor: None.

00:28:56

HEARING ON SB 463

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. BOB STORY (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on **SB 463**,
Eliminate local option vehicle tax and revise local option fee.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:33:33 **Harold Blattie, Montana Association of County**
 Officers

Informational Testimony:

00:39:37 **Brenda Nordlund, Department of Justice**

00:43:13

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:01

HEARING ON SB 450

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. SAM KITZENBERG (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on **SB 450**, Constitutionally limit property tax if sales tax adopted.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

00:52:20

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:01 **SEN. TOOLE** assumed the Chair.

00:53:15

HEARING ON SB 438

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT (D), SD 7, opened the hearing on **SB 438**, Allow county park boards to retain interest earnings on deposits.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:54:05

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:36

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:57 **SEN. ELLIOTT** resumed the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:00 A.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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