

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on April 1, 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. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Absent: None.

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 625, 3/29/2005; HB 475,
3/29/2005; HB 513, 3/29/2005; HB
541, 3/29/2005; HB 700, 3/29/2005;
SB 523, 3/31/2005
Executive Action: SB 523, SB 450, SB 19

00:00:05

HEARING ON HB 625

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. DIANE RICE (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 625, Revise laws governing resort communities and resort areas.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:22 Stuart Doggett, Montana Innkeepers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:02:44

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:04 Gordon Morris, Montana Association of County
 Officials

00:10:18 Andy Pool, Department of Commerce

00:15:16

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:22

HEARING ON HB 475

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. ROSALIE (ROSIE) BUZZAS (D), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 475, County fee for processing motor home titles.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:41 Ronda Carpenter-Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers
 Association

00:19:51 Gordon Morris, Montana Association of County
 Officials

EXHIBIT(tas69a01)

00:21:59 Linda Stoll, Missoula County

00:22:42 Vicki Zeier, Clerk and Recorder, Missoula County

EXHIBIT(tas69a02)

00:24:00 **Stuart Doggett, Montana Manufactured Housing and
RV Association**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:25:08

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:19

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:13

HEARING ON HB 513

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. HOLLY RASER (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on **HB 513**, Extend tax credit for donation for developmental disabilities services.

EXHIBIT (tas69a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:43:23 **Kris Volinkaty, Developmentally Disabled Advocate**

EXHIBIT (tas69a04)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:45:57 **Jim McKuen, Department of Revenue**

00:46:23 **Matt Bugni, Department of Public Health and Human
Services**

00:47:08

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:50:51

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:36

HEARING ON HB 700

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL (R), HD 77, opened the hearing on HB 700, Revise allocation and use of metal mines license tax.

EXHIBIT(tas69a05)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:59:44 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of County Officials, Association of Hard Rock Mining Impacted Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

01:08:05

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:12:44

Closing by Sponsor:

01:14:29

HEARING ON HB 541

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. BILL GLASER (R), HD 44, opened the hearing on HB 541, Allow motor homes 11 years old and older to be permanently registered.

EXHIBIT(tas69a06)

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

01:18:52

Closing by Sponsor:

01:20:21

HEARING ON SB 523

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JEFF ESSMANN (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 523, Sales tax referenda.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

01:21:49

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:22:06

Closing by Sponsor:

01:24:06

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 523

Motion/Vote: SEN. ESSMANN moved that SB 523 DO PASS.

Motion/Vote: SEN. ESSMANN moved that SB 523 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion/Vote: SEN. ESSMANN moved that SB 523 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 7-1 by roll call vote with SEN. ELLIOTT voting no. SEN. ELLINGSON, SEN. GEBHARDT, SEN. KITZENBERG, and SEN. STORY voting aye by proxy.

01:25:53

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 450

Motion/Vote: SEN. ESSMANN moved that SB 450 DO PASS.

Motion/Vote: SEN. ESSMANN moved that SB 450 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXHIBIT (tas69a07)

Motion/Vote: SEN. ESSMANN moved SB 450 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 7-3 by voice vote with SEN. ELLINGSON, SEN. ELLIOTT, and SEN. HARRINGTON voting no. SEN. GEBHARDT, SEN. KITZENBERG, and SEN. STORY voting aye by proxy. SEN. ELLINGSON voting no by proxy.

01:48:14 Evan Barrett, Governors Office of Economic
Development

01:55:58

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 19

Motion/Vote: SEN. ELLIOTT moved to RECONSIDER THE MOTION THE DO
PASS MOTION on SB 19 for purposes of amendment. Motion carried
unanimously by voice vote.

10:00 a.m. Recess

11:31 a.m. Call to order

00:00:02 Evan Barrett, Governors Office of Economic
Development

Motion/Vote: SEN. ELLIOTT moved that SB19 BE AMENDED. Motion
carried unanimously by voice vote.

[EXHIBIT](#)(tas69a08)

Motion/Vote: SEN. ELLIOTT moved that SB 19 DO PASS AS AMENDED.
Motion carried 9-2 by roll call vote with SEN. ELLIOTT and SEN.
TOOLE voting no. SEN. ELLINGSON, SEN. HARRINGTON, and SEN.
SCHMIDT voting aye by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:56 A.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tas69aad0.PDF](#))