

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DANIEL FUCHS**, on January 16, 2003 at 8 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Fuchs, Chairman (R)
Rep. Ronald Devlin, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)
Rep. Joe Balyeat (R)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Eileen J. Carney (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Larry Cyr (D)
Rep. Gary Forrester (D)
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Karl Waitschies (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A videotaped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 88, 1/13/2003;
HB 125, 1/13/2003

Executive Action: HB 88 DO PASS 18-0
HB 148 TABLED 10-8

8:01 a.m. **CHAIRMAN FUCHS** appointed a **Subcommittee on Revenue Estimate:**

REP. DEVLIN, Chairman
REP. JACKSON
REP. GILLAN
REP. FORRESTER

HEARING ON HB 88

Sponsor: **REP. KASTEN, HD 99, BROCKWAY**

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

8:04 a.m. **REP. KASTEN**

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

8:07 a.m. **REP. PETERSON**

8:07 a.m. **REP. KASTEN**

8:08 a.m. **REP. PETERSON**

8:08 a.m. **REP. DEVLIN**

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8:08 a.m. **REP. DEVLIN**

8:09 a.m. **John Moe, Legislative Fiscal Division**

8:10 a.m. **REP. LAKE**

8:10 a.m. **REP. KASTEN**

Closing by Sponsor:

8:11 a.m. **REP. KASTEN**

HEARING ON HB 125

Sponsor: REP. LAMBERT, HD 1, BROADUS

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

8:12 a.m. REP. LAMBERT

Proponents' Testimony:

8:15 a.m. Jon Metropoulos, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants

8:16 a.m. Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

8:17 a.m. Don Hoffman, Department of Revenue

EXHIBIT (tah09a01)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

8:20 a.m. REP. ERICKSON

8:21 a.m. Don Hoffman

8:22 a.m. REP. ERICKSON

8:23 a.m. Don Hoffman

8:23 a.m. REP. BALYEAT

8:24 a.m. Don Hoffman

8:24 a.m. REP. LAKE

8:25 a.m. Don Hoffman

8:26 a.m. REP. LAKE

8:26 a.m. Don Hoffman

8:27 a.m. REP. WAITSCHIES

8:27 a.m. Don Hoffman

8:28 a.m. **REP. WAITSCHIES**

8:28 a.m. **Don Hoffman**

8:29 a.m. **REP. BALYEAT**

8:30 a.m. **Don Hoffman**

8:30 a.m. **CHAIRMAN FUCHS**

8:31 a.m. **REP. DEVLIN**

8:31 a.m. **Don Hoffman**

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8:32 a.m. **Don Hoffman**

8:33 a.m. **REP. ERICKSON**

8:33 a.m. **Jon Metropoulos**

8:36 a.m. **REP. FUCHS**

8:36 a.m. **REP. ERICKSON**

Closing by Sponsor:

8:36 a.m. **REP. LAMBERT**

8:37 a.m. Hearing closed on **HB 125**.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 88

Motion/Vote: 8:38 a.m. **REP. FORRESTER** moved that **HB 88 DO PASS**.
Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 148

8:41 a.m. **REP. FUCHS**

EXHIBIT (tah09a02)

Motion: **REP. ERICKSON** moved that **HB 148 DO PASS**.

8:43 a.m. **Jeff Martin**

8:44 a.m. REP. FUCHS

8:44 a.m. REP. ERICKSON

8:44 a.m. REP. BALLYEAT

8:45 a.m. REP. GILLAN

Motion: REP. ERICKSON moved that HB 148 BE AMENDED.

8:45 a.m. REP. BALLYEAT

8:46 a.m. REP. DEVLIN

8:47 a.m. REP. ERICKSON

8:47 a.m. REP. BALLYEAT

Motion/Vote: 8:49 a.m. REP. ERICKSON moved that HB 148 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

8:49 a.m. REP. BALLYEAT

8:50 a.m. REP. FUCHS

8:51 a.m. REP. LASLOVICH

8:51 a.m. Jeff Martin

8:52 a.m. REP. PETERSON

Motion/Vote: 8:52 a.m. REP. PETERSON moved that HB 148 BE TABLED. Motion carried 10-8 with Branae, Carney, Cohenour, Cyr, Erickson, Forrester, Gillan, and Laslovich voting no.

8:54 a.m. REP. JACKSON

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8:56 a.m. CHAIRMAN FUCHS

8:57 a.m. REP. ERICKSON

EXHIBIT (tah09a03)

EXHIBIT (tah09a04)

9:00 a.m. **REP. DEVLIN**

9:01 a.m. **REP. FORRESTER**

9:02 a.m. **REP. DEVLIN**

9:02 a.m. **REP. BALYEAT**

9:03 a.m. **REP. ERICKSON**

9:04 a.m. **REP. DEVLIN**

9:05 a.m. **REP. GILLAN**

9:07 a.m. **REP. FUCHS** appointed a **Subcommittee on Rental Cars:**

REP. ERICKSON, Chairman

REP. LAKE

REP. DEVLIN

REP. COHENOUR

9:07 a.m. **REP. ERICKSON**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:08 A.M.

REP. DANIEL FUCHS, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tah09aad)