

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BOB DEPRATU**, on January 21, 2003 at 9 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bob DePratu, Chairman (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr., Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. John C. Bohlinger (R)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)
Sen. Bill Glaser (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Walter McNutt (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Shirley Herrin, Committee Secretary

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 176, 1/17/2003
Executive Action: SB 12

HEARING ON SB 176**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

9:03 **SENATOR KEN TOOLE, SD 27, Helena**, "Gross revenue tax on certain hydroelectric facilities" He gave a Power Point Presentation.

Proponents' Testimony:

9:13am Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190
9:17am Gene Fenderson, MT Progressive Labor Caucus
9:19am Matthew Leow, Mont PIGR
9:20am Terry Kendrick, Fair Share Network
9:23am Patrick Judge, MT Environmental Information Center
9:24am Mary Caferro, WEEL **EXHIBIT (tas12a01)**
9:27am Tammy Ellis, Self
9:29am Ted Rogers, Self
9:31am Tom Bilodeau, MEA/MFT

Opponents' Testimony:

9:32am Neil Colwell, AVISTA **EXHIBIT (tas12a02)**
9:46am David Hoffman, PPL Montana **EXHIBIT (tas12a03)**
9:50am John Fitzpatrick, NorthWestern Energy
9:53am Mary Whittinghill, MT Taxpayers Association
9:57am Mike Murphy, MT Water Resources Association
9:58am Webb Brown, MT Chamber of Commerce
9:58.5am Don Allen, Western Dev. Trade Association
9:59am Nancy Schlepp, MT Farm Bureau
9:59.5am William Duffield, MT Oil, Gas & Coal Counties

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:00am Begin
10:06am **SENATOR BOHLINGER** questioned Gene Walborn, Dept of Revenue
10:42am Ended
42 min Time elapsed

Closing by Sponsor:

10:43am **SENATOR TOOLE** closed.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 12

Motion: **SEN. HARRINGTON** moved that **SB 12 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:51 Begin
11:13 Ended
22 min Time elapsed

Vote: Motion failed 5-6 with BOHLINGER, ELLINGSON, ELLIOTT,
HARRINGTON AND TOOLE voting aye.

Motion/Vote: SEN. GLASER moved that SB 12 BE INDEFINITELY
POSTPONED. Motion carried 6-5 with BOHLINGER, ELLINGSON, ELLIOTT,
HARRINGTON, and TOOLE voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:20 A.M.

SEN. BOB DEPRATU, Chairman

SHIRLEY HERRIN, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tas12aad)