

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DANIEL FUCHS**, on March 7, 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

Video-taped Committee: 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. THE TIME STAMP REPRESENTS ELAPSED TIME.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 740, 2/25/2003; HB 444,
2/25/2003; SB 31, 2/25/2003
Executive Action: SB 31, DO PASS, 18-0, CC

HEARING ON HB 740**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:00 **REP. MCKENNEY, HD 49 -- Short Title:** Elector approved
local limited sales tax for levy relief and local
funding.

EXHIBIT (tah48a01)

EXHIBIT (tah48a02)

EXHIBIT (tah48a03)

EXHIBIT (tah48a04)

Proponents' Testimony:

06:00 **THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR JUDY MARTZ**
10:00 Kurt Alme, Director, Department of Revenue
20:00 Dave Gibson, Chief Business Officer, Governor's Office
24:00 **SEN. ROBERT STORY, SD 12**
26:00 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns
29:00 Gordon Morris, Montana Association of Counties
30:00 Jani McCall, City of Billings
31:00 Chris Kukulski, City of Kalispell

EXHIBIT (tah48a05)

36:00 Bill Howell, West Yellowstone

EXHIBIT (tah48a06)

41:00 Evan Barrett, Montana Economic Developers Association
43:00 Joe Mazurek, City of Great Falls
45:00 Stuart Doggett, Montana Innkeepers Association
46:00 Haley Boudre

Opponents' Testimony:

47:00 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association

Informational Testimony:

51:00 Gary Marks, City of Whitefish

EXHIBIT (tah48a07)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

57:00

1:13:00 Special presentation by Terry Johnson, Legislative
Fiscal Analysts' Office

Closing by Sponsor:

2:17:00

10:20 a.m. Break

10:31 a.m. Resume

HEARING ON SB 31

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

2:31:00 REP. COBB, SD 25 -- Short Title: Clarify judgment
levies exempt from mill levy limits.

EXHIBIT (tah48a08)

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

2:33:00

HEARING ON HB 444

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

2:36:00 REP. PATTISON, HD 95 -- Short Title: Revise vehicle
registration requirements.

EXHIBIT (tah48a09)

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

2:46:00

Closing by Sponsor:

3:06:00

3:07:00 CHAIRMAN FUCHS appointed a sub-committee on **HB 444**.

REP. DEVLIN

REP. GILLAN

REP. LASLOVICH

REP. WAITSCHIES

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:09 P.M.

REP. DANIEL FUCHS, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tah48aad)