

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BOB DEPRATU**, on March 13, 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. Walter McNutt (R)
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

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

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.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 460, 2/25/2003;
SB 465, 2/27/2003;
HB 616, 3/10/2003;
Executive Action: HB 616, SB 460

HEARING ON SB 460**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

9:01 **SEN. ROBERT STORY, JR., SD 12, Park City** "Mitigate effects of cyclical reappraisal". He presented an amendment SB 046001.alh **EXHIBIT (tas53a01)**

Proponents' Testimony:

9:05 Chris Allen, Stillwater Mining Company **EXHIBIT (2)**
9:13 Paul Miller, Attorney with Holland and Hart, Billings, representing Stillwater Mining Company **EXHIBIT (3)**
9:27 Joe Mazurek, member of Board of Directors, Stillwater Mining Company
9:29 Don Hoffman, Department of Revenue
9:30 Mary Whittinghill, MT Taxpayers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

9:32 Harold Blattie, MACo

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

9:36 Begin
9:55 Ended
19 min Time elapsed.

Closing by Sponsor:

9:55 **SEN. STORY** closed on SB 460.

HEARING ON SB 465**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:00 **SEN. JON TESTER, SD 45, Big Sandy** "Create MT Capital Formation Act". **EXHIBIT (tas53a04)**

Proponents' Testimony:

10:02 **JOHN MORRISON, MT STATE AUDITOR**, reviewed EXHIBIT (2) in detail.
10:17 **KARL OHS, LT. GOVERNOR, STATE OF MONTANA**
10:19 Dave Gibson, Governor's Office
10:27 John Marchi, MT Ambassadors, Big Sky Airlines, Glacier Venture Fund, Marchi Ranch
10:33 Joe Mazurek, Attorney, DA Davidson, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of MT **EXHIBIT (tas53a05)**
10:36 Webb Brown, MT Chamber of Commerce
10:37 Liz Harris, President, Jobs Now

10:39 Dick King, President, Missoula Area Economic
Development
10:41 Rae Olsen, Billings, Big Sky Economic Development
10:42 Evan Barrett, Butte, MT Economic Development Assoc.
10:44 Tom Figarelle, Forward Montana
10:45 Gary Amestoy, Richland Economic Development Corp.
10:46 Riley Johnson, National Federation Independent
Businesses
10:47 Carl Schweitzer, Kalispell and Bozeman Chambers of
Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:48 Begin
11:16 Ended
28 min Time elapsed.

Closing by Sponsor:

11:16 **SEN. TESTER** closed on SB 465.

HEARING ON HB 616

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

11:17 **REP. CINDY YOUNKIN, HD 28, Bozeman** "Revise endowed
philanthropy tax credit".

Proponents' Testimony:

11:18 Aidan Myhre, Governor's Task Force on Philanthropy
11:23 Mike Foster, St. Vincent's Hospital in Billings; St.
James Hospital in Butte; and Holy Rosary Hospital in
Miles City
11:24 Jim Soft, Governor's Task Force, President, Yellowstone
Boys and Girls Ranch **EXHIBIT (tas53a06)**
11:28 Linda Read, Exec. Dir., MT Community Foundation
11:29 Dale Burgess, Salvation Army
11:30 Holly Franz, MT Society of CPA's
11:31 John Flink, MT Hospital Assoc.
11:31 Aidan Myhre stated Joe Mazurek, representing
DA Davidson, also wished to go on record in support of
HB 616.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:32 Begin
11:36 Ended
4 min Time elapsed.

Closing by Sponsor:

11:36 **REP. YOUNKIN** closed on HB 616.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 616

11:39 **Motion/Vote:** **SEN. STORY** moved that SB 616 BE CONCURRED
IN. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 460

11:40 **Motion/Vote:** **SEN. STORY** moved that SB 460 BE CONCURRED
IN. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:45 A.M.

SEN. BOB DEPRATU, Chairman

SHIRLEY HERRIN, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tas53aad)