

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DANIEL FUCHS**, on April 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: SB 267, 4/1/2003; SB 385,
3/31/2003; SB 470, 4/1/2003; SB
469, 4/1/2003

Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON SB 267

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:00 SEN. STAPLETON, SD 10 -- Short Title: Teacher signing
bonus program.

EXHIBIT (tah74a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

10:00 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association

Opponents' Testimony:

14:00 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT

EXHIBIT (tah74a02)

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

30:00

Closing by Sponsor:

1:07:00

HEARING ON SB 470

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

1:16:00 SEN. MANGAN, SD 23 -- Short Title: 4% sales and use
tax; property tax reduction; individual income tax
relief.

EXHIBIT (tah74a03)

1:22:00 SEN. MIKE TAYLOR, SD 37

1:24:00 SEN. BOHLINGER, SD 7

1:34:00 SEN. MANGAN

EXHIBIT (tah74a04)

Proponents' Testimony:

1:36:00 Erik Burke, MEA-MFT

1:38:00 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association

1:39:00 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association

1:40:00 Stuart Doggett, Montana Innkeepers Association

EXHIBIT (tah74a05)

1:41:00 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association

1:42:00 John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrowers Association
1:43:00 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association
1:44:00 Randy Gray, Mayor of Great Falls
1:47:00 Carl Schweitzer, Bozeman Chamber of Commerce, Kalispell
Chamber of Commerce
1:48:00 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent
Businesses
1:51:00 Ronda Carpenter, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce,
Montana Coin Machine Operators Association
1:53:00 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

1:55:00 Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190
2:07:00 Gene Fenderson, Progressive Labor Caucus

EXHIBIT (tah74a06)

Informational Testimony:

2:11:00 Kurt Alme, Department of Revenue
2:13:00 Terry Johnson, Legislative Fiscal Division
2:22:00 Dan Dodds, Department of Revenue
2:29:00 Larry Finch, Department of Revenue
2:31:00 Brad Simshaw, Department of Revenue
2:34:00 Jim Standaert, Legislative Fiscal Division
2:38:00 Larry Finch, Department of Revenue
2:41:00 Curt Nichols, Governor's Office of the Budget

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

2:42:00

Closing by Sponsor:

3:04:00

11:07 a.m. Break

11:19 a.m. Resume

HEARING ON SB 385

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:00 **SEN. MANGAN, SD 23 -- Short Title:** Venture capital fund
tax credits.

EXHIBIT (tah74a07)

Proponents' Testimony:

3:22:00 John Cramer, Great Falls Economic Development

EXHIBIT (tah74a08)

3:31:00 Dave Gibson, Office of the Governor
3:35:00 Joe Mazurek, D.A. Davidson
3:38:00 Andy Poole, Department of Commerce
3:39:00 Ronda Carpenter, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce

3:41:00 Gary Arthur, Richland Development Corporation

3:42:00 Brenda Elias Thomas, State Auditor's Office

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

3:43:00

Closing by Sponsor:

4:02:00

HEARING ON SB 469

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

4:05:00 SEN. ELLIOTT, SD 36 -- **Short Title:** Specific notice for
paying property tax under protest.

EXHIBIT (tah74a09)

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

4:11:00 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association

4:13:00 Ronda Carpenter, Montana County Treasurers Association

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

4:15:00

4:17:00 Gene Walborn, Department of Revenue [Called to testify
after questions began]

Closing by Sponsor:

4:21:00

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:26 P.M.

REP. DANIEL FUCHS, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tah74aad)