

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KARL WAITSCHIES**, on February 9, 2005
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Karl Waitschies, Chairman (R)
Rep. Gary Branae, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bob Lake, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. John Balyeat (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Margaret H. Campbell (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. Holly Raser (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Bill Warden (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 482, 2/1/2005; HB 506, 2/1/2005

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 506**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:11 **REP. MONICA LINDEEN (D), HD 43**, opened the hearing on **HB 506**, Revise taxes by clarifying the taxation of agricultural land.

EXHIBIT (tah32a01)**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:36 Jerry S. Thomas, Director of Business Development, Bottrell Family Investments, Billings

EXHIBIT (tah32a02)**EXHIBIT (tah32a03)**

00:15:50 Joe McClure, Big Sky Development Authority, Billings

00:17:32 Betty J. Curry, Economic Development, Southwestern Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None.**Informational Testimony:**

00:18:46 Bob Gilbert, Sydney

00:19:15 Dallas Reese, Tax Analyst, Montana Department of Revenue

EXHIBIT (tah32a04)**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:20:34 **REP. LAKE**

00:22:13 Jeff Martin, Legislative Services Division

00:24:49 **REP. LAKE**

00:26:20 **REP. BUTCHER**

00:31:10 **REP. WISEMAN**

00:32:26 **REP. RASER**

00:34:44 **REP. BUTCHER**

00:38:14 **REP. WISEMAN**

00:42:06 **REP. FACEY**

00:43:30 **REP. BUTCHER**

00:47:07 **REP. ROSS**

00:47:47 **CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES**

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:43 **REP. MONICA LINDEEN (D), HD 43** closed the hearing on HB 506.

HEARING ON HB 482**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:52:34 **REP. MONICA LINDEEN (D), HD 43**, opened the hearing on **HB 482**, Revise allocation of funds to coal board shared account.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:55:48 Dave Cole, Administrator, Community Development Division, Montana Department of Commerce

EXHIBIT (tah32a05)

01:00:34 John Williams, Mayor, Colstrip

EXHIBIT (tah32a06)**EXHIBIT (tah32a07)**

01:04:40 Chad Fenner, Big Horn County Commissioner

01:05:49 Bob Gilbert, representing Rosebud County Commissioners

EXHIBIT (tah32a08)

01:07:38 Barbara Broberg, Montana Women Involved in Farm Economics

01:08:17 Robert Guffena, Musselshell County Commissioner

01:09:40 William Duffield, Executive Director, Montana Association of Oil, Coal and Gas Counties

01:10:35 Jim Smith, Mayor, Helena, representing Montana Library Association

01:12:27 Gary Amastoy, Richland County Commissioners

01:13:14 Keith Schott, Broadwater County, President, Montana Grain Growers

01:13:49 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau and White Sulfer Springs Library Board

01:14:07 Sarah Carlson, Executive Director, Montana Association of Conservation Districts

EXHIBIT (tah32a09)

01:21:45 Steve Granzow, Supervisor, Lewis & Clark Conservation District

EXHIBIT (tah32a10)

01:23:39 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union and Secretary, Montanans For the Coal Trust

01:25:42 Steve Hedstrom, Rancher, Central Montana and Supervisor, Judith Basin Conservation District

01:27:38 Jane Holzer, Program Director, The Montana Salinity Control Association

01:28:51 **VERONICA SMALL-EASTMAN, HD 42**

01:33:12 **CAROL LAMBERT, HD 39**

01:33:59 John Prinkki, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

01:34:40 Gene Walborn, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:35:04 **REP. ROSS**

01:38:58 **REP. WISEMAN**

01:44:06 **REP. FACEY**

01:45:41 **REP. RASER**

Closing by Sponsor:

01:46:42 **REP. MONICA LINDEEN (D), HD 43**, closed the hearing
on **HB 482**.

01:48:43

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:50 A.M.

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah32aad0.PDF](#))