

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KARL WAITSCHIES**, on March 14, 2005 at 10:00 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. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. Holly Raser (D)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Bill Warden (R)

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: SB 229, 3/8/2005; HB 408, 3/8/2005;
HB 779, 3/11/2005

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 229**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:18 **SEN. JOHN COBB (R), SD 9**, opened the hearing on **SB 229**, Revise carryforward and carryback periods for corporate income tax.

[EXHIBIT \(tah56a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:07:02 Joe Mazurek, representing Semi-Tool, Inc.

[EXHIBIT \(tah56a02\)](#)

00:08:48 Holly Franz, representing Montana Society of CPA's

Informational Testimony:

00:10:25 Brian Staley, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:49

REP. LAKE

00:13:07

REP. LAMBERT

00:15:23

REP. BUTCHER

00:17:50

REP. COHENOUR

00:19:08

CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:46 **SEN. JOHN COBB (R), SD 9**, closed the hearing on **SB 229**.

HEARING ON HB 408 AND HB 779**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:23:11 **REP. EDWARD BUTCHER (R), HD 29**, opened the hearing on **HB 408**, Equity among sales, income, and property taxes and **HB 779**, Constitutionally establish sales tax and providing for certain rebate.

[EXHIBIT \(tah56a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(tah56a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:47:48 Harris Himes, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:48:30 Linda Gryczan, League of Women Voters of Montana

Informational Testimony:

00:50:50 Larry Finch, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:09 **REP. McALPIN**

00:55:25 **REP. LAMBERT**

00:59:19 **REP. LAKE**

01:04:04 **CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES**

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:02 **REP. EDWARD BUTCHER (R), HD 29,** closed the hearing
on **HB 408** and **HB 779**.

01:08:00

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:15 A.M.

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

KW/dp

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah56aad0.PDF](#))