

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KARL WAITSCHIES**, on March 21, 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. 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. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. Holly Raser (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
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: HB 741, 3/14/2005; HB 763,
3/14/2005

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 763

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:16 REP. TOM FACEY (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on
HB 763, Revise tax laws by eliminating deduction
for nonbusiness gambling losses.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:04:14 Rich E. Miller, Executive Director, Gaming
Industry Association of Montana

Informational Testimony:

00:06:11 Jim McKeon, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:30 REP. LAMBERT
00:07:53 REP. WISEMAN
00:10:25 REP. LAKE
00:13:42 REP. WISEMAN

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:17 REP. TOM FACEY (D), HD 95 closed the hearing on
HB 763.

HEARING ON HB 741

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:44 REP. JIM PETERSON (R), HD 30, opened the hearing
on HB 741, Retail sales tax and use tax on sale of
goods and services.

[EXHIBIT \(tah62a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(tah62a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(tah62a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:38:38 **SEN. JEFF MANGAN, SD 12**
00:39:58 Myles Watts, Professor of Agricultural Economics,
Montana State University

EXHIBIT (tah62a04)

00:51:34 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association
00:52:51 Gordon Morris, Director, Montana Association of
Counties

EXHIBIT (tah62a05)

00:55:50 *REP. BUTCHER arrived at Committee Hearing.*

00:56:08 Stuart Doggett, Montana Innkeepers Association
00:57:05 Richard Thomas Harwood, Resident & Farmer, Toole
County
01:06:55 Linda Stoll, representing Montana Area Agencies on
Aging Services
01:13:30 Steve Pilcher, Executive Director, Montana Stock
Growers Association
01:14:06 Steve Snezek, Montana Association of Realtors
01:14:51 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent
Business

EXHIBIT (tah62a06)**EXHIBIT (tah62a07)**

01:18:00 Charles Brooks, representing Billings-Area Chamber
of Commerce
01:18:44 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
01:19:27 Ronda Carpenter Wiggers, representing Great Falls-
Area Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

01:20:25 Gregory S. MacDonald, President and CEO, Montana
Broadcasters Association

EXHIBIT (tah62a08)

01:26:06 Linda Gryczan, Montana League of Women Voters
01:29:02 John M. Schontz, representing Lee Enterprises,
Inc.

EXHIBIT (tah62a09)

01:33:51 Colin Stevens, Montana Newspaper Association

EXHIBIT (tah62a10)**EXHIBIT (tah62a11)**

01:36:02 William Corcoran, representing Labor Ready

Informational Testimony:

01:37:48 James Standaert, Legislative Fiscal Division
01:38:05 Larry Finch, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:38:19 **REP. LAMBERT**
01:38:35 **REP. McALPIN**
01:40:25 **REP. COHENOUR**
01:42:21 **REP. RASER**
01:48:44 **REP. WISEMAN**

Closing by Sponsor:

01:55:19 **REP. JIM PETERSON (R), HD 30** closed the hearing on
HB 741.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00 P.M.

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah62aad0.PDF](#))