

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on January 18, 2005 at 8 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jon Ellingson (D), Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D),
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch

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 85, 1/6/2005; SB 161, 1/6/2005
Executive Action: SB 85, SB 133, SB 87

00:03:04

HEARING ON SB 85

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on SB 85, Income tax checkoff for renal dialysis.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:39 **Cindy Schaumberg, Nurse, St. Patrick's Hospital,
ERSD Fund Missoula**

EXHIBIT (tas13a01)

00:13:47 **Chris Tweeten, state worker, former dialysis
patient, kidney transplant recipient**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:15:16 **Shawna McHugh, Department of Revenue**

00:16:23

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:27

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:29 **SEN. STORY** returns.

00:27:15

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 85

Motion/Vote: **SEN. TOOLE** moved that SB 85 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:28:36

HEARING ON SB 161

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. KELLY GEBHARDT (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 161, Income tax credits for volunteer firefighters.

EXHIBIT (tas13a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:30:11 **John Stemple, Montana Fire Alliance**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:31:29

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:33

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:51

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 133

Motion/Vote: SEN. ESSMANN moved reconsider the motion that SB 133 RECONSIDER THE MOTION TO TABLE SB 133. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

SEN. ELLIOTT appointed a subcommittee to review SB 133 of SEN. ESSMAN, SEN. GILLAN, and SEN. SCHMIDT.

00:41:27 **SEN. TOOLE** assumes the Chair.

00:42:38

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 87

Motion: SEN. ELLIOTT moved that SB 87 DO PASS.

Motion/Vote: SEN. ELLIOTT moved that SB 87 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[EXHIBIT](#)(tas13a03)

Motion/Vote: SEN. GILLAN moved that SB 87 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[EXHIBIT](#)(tas13a04)

Motion/Vote: SEN. ELLIOTT moved that SB 87 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:51 A.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

JE/ke

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tas13aad0.PDF](#))