

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on March 9, 2005 at 8:03 A.M., in Room 102 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)

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

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 492, 3/2/2005
Executive Action: SB 437

00:00:39

HEARING ON SB 492**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

SEN. DAN WEINBERG (D), SD 2, opened the hearing on **SB 492**, Dormant mineral interests act.

EXHIBIT (tas52a01)00:12:21 **SEN. TOOLE** arrives.**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:13:03 **Jack Gunderson**
00:14:42 **Michelle Reinhart, Northern Plains Resource Center**
00:21:04 **Jeff Barber, Montana Environmental Information Center**

Opponents' Testimony:

00:23:29 **John Baucus, Rancher**
00:30:51 **Bob Gilbert, Northwest Farm Credit Service**
00:32:50 **SEN. STEINBEISSER, SD 19**
00:35:08 **John Brendan, Rancher**
00:37:14 **Monte White, White Energy Corporation Mineral, Agent Consultant for Shodair Children's Hospital**
00:45:09 **Bob Gilbert, Northwest Farm Credit Services**
00:46:17 **Jack Hinkey, Hancock Enterprises**
00:52:22 **Stephen Granzow**

EXHIBIT (tas52a02)

00:53:12 **Angela Janacaro, Montana Mining Association**
00:54:08 **Gail Abercrombie, Montana Petroleum Association**

EXHIBIT (tas52a03)00:56:53 **Jerome Anderson, Encore Acquisition****EXHIBIT (tas52a04)**

00:58:10 **Harold Blattie, Montana Association of County Officials**
00:59:13 **Patrick Montalban**

01:01:23 Tom Ebzery, Nance Petroleum, Marathon Oil

EXHIBIT (tas52a05)

01:01:48 Bruce Williams, Fidelity Exploration and
Production

EXHIBIT (tas52a06)

01:01:48 E.J. Redding, MDU Resources/JTL Group
01:02:36 Ronda Carpenter-Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers
Association
01:02:50 Michael Kakuk, Western Environmental Trade
Association
01:03:13 Steve Witting
01:03:21 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association
01:03:44 Gary Macdonald, Roosevelt County Commissioner
01:03:44 Peter Pauly, rancher
01:05:29 William Duffield, Montana Association of Oil and
Gas Counties
01:15:50 Ed Bartlett, Northern Alliance

Informational Testimony:

01:01:48 Les Saisbury, Department of Revenue

01:01:48

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:52:03

Closing by Sponsor:

01:56:01 SEN. TOOLE assumes the Chair.

01:56:17

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 437

Motion/Vote: SEN. ELLIOTT moved that SB 437 BE TABLED. Motion
carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:02 A.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tas52aad0.PDF](#))