

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Bob Lake, on February 6, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)

Members Absent: None.

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Executive Action: HB 40; HB 166; HB 216; HB 337;
HB 474; HB 481; HB 327; HB 258;
HB 315; HB 490

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 40

00:02:34 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 40 DO PASS.**

00:03:30 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 40 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (tah26a01)

Discussion:

00:03:39 Rep. Sonju
00:04:33 Rep. Cohenour

00:05:08 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with
Rep. Pomnichowski voting by proxy.

00:05:30 **Motion:** Rep. Blasdel moved that **HB 40 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (tah26a02)

Discussion:

00:06:39 Rep. Blasdel

00:07:37 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with
Rep. Pomnichowski voting by proxy.

00:08:08 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 40 DO PASS AS**
AMENDED.

Discussion:

00:08:18 Rep. MacLaren
00:08:44 Rep. Lambert

00:08:53 Rep. Pomnichowski arrived at hearing

00:09:09 Rep. Butcher
00:10:15 Rep. Cohenour
00:11:11 Rep. MacLaren

00:12:07 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** 17-1 by roll call vote with Rep.
Butcher voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 166

00:13:15 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 166 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:13:28 Jeff Martin

00:14:55 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 166 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (tah26a03)

Discussion:

00:15:27 Jeff Martin

00:22:02 Rep. Cohenour

00:22:28 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

00:22:44 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 166 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

00:22:55 **Motion:** Rep. Butcher moved that **HB 166 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (tah26a04)

Discussion:

00:24:00 Rep. Butcher

00:25:57 Rep. McAlpin

00:26:07 Rep. Jopek

00:26:44 Rep. Butcher

00:27:59 Jeff Martin

00:29:31 Rep. Butcher

00:30:34 Rep. Cohenour

00:31:43 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 2-16 by roll call vote with Reps. Butcher and Lake voting aye.

00:32:48 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 166 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:33:01 Rep. Erickson

00:33:59 Rep. Butcher

00:37:25 Rep. McAlpin

00:37:41 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 8-10 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, Hamilton, Jopek, McAlpin, and Pomnichowski voting aye.

00:38:34 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 166 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 216

00:39:29 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 216 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:39:59 Rep. Vincent

[EXHIBIT \(tah26a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(tah26a06\)](#)

00:41:47 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Vincent made a substitute motion that **HB 216 BE TABLED.**

00:41:59 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** 10-8 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, Hamilton, Jopek, McAlpin, and Pomnichowski voting no.

Discussion:

00:43:08 Rep. McAlpin

00:43:16 Rep. Erickson

00:43:36 Rep. Cohenour

00:44:06 Chairman Lake

00:44:34 Rep. Jopek

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 490

00:45:31 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 490 DO PASS.**

00:46:22 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 490 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT \(tah26a07\)](#)

Discussion:

00:46:39 Jeff Martin

00:47:09 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

00:47:23 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 490 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:47:41 Rep. Ross

00:48:27 Rep. Cohenour withdrew the motion.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 337

00:49:34 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 337 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:49:40 Rep. Cohenour
00:51:30 Rep. Blasdel
00:51:57 Jeff Martin

00:52:32 **Motion:** Rep. Blasdel moved that **HB 337 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (tah26a08)

Discussion:

00:53:05 Rep. MacLaren
00:53:15 Rep. Cohenour
00:54:04 Rep. Blasdel
00:54:55 Rep. Cohenour
00:55:10 Chairman Lake

00:55:17 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

00:55:29 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 337 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:55:41 Rep. Sonju

00:56:06 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

00:56:19 Recess
01:10:18 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 474

01:11:05 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 474 BE TABLED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 481

01:11:57 **Motion:** Rep. Lambert moved that **HB 481 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:12:19 Rep. Lambert

01:12:35 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** unanimously by voice vote.

01:12:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 481 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 327

01:13:24 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 327 BE TABLED. MOTION CARRIED** 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. Jopek voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 258

01:15:12 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 258 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:16:19 Rep. Lambert

01:16:37 Jeff Martin

01:17:08 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 258 BE AMENDED. EXHIBIT (tah26a09)**

Discussion:

01:17:25 Rep. Hilbert

01:17:46 Jeff Martin

01:20:09 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

01:20:25 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 258 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:20:33 Rep. Grinde
01:21:01 Rep. Hilbert
01:22:04 Rep. McAlpin
01:22:21 Rep. Grinde
01:22:48 Rep. Jopek
01:23:38 Rep. Cohenour
01:24:50 Rep. Ross
01:25:18 Rep. Pomnichowski
01:26:12 Rep. Erickson
01:27:20 Rep. Nooney
01:27:41 Jeff Martin
01:27:52 Rep. Nooney
01:28:22 Rep. Sonju
01:29:08 Rep. Cohenour
01:30:26 Rep. Hil
01:32:14 Rep. Butcher

01:34:32 Rep. MacLaren left the hearing

01:34:49 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 8-10 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, Hamilton, Jopek, McAlpin, and Pomnichowski voting aye and Rep. MacLaren voting by proxy.

01:35:40 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 258 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. MOTION CARRIED** by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 315

01:36:12 **Motion:** Rep. Grinde moved that **HB 315 BE TABLED.**

01:36:46 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 8-10 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, Hamilton, Jopek, McAlpin, and Pomnichowski voting aye and Rep. MacLaren voting by proxy.

01:37:41 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 315 DO PASS. MOTION CARRIED** 10-8 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, Hamilton, Jopek, McAlpin, And Pomnichowski voting no and Rep. MacLaren voting by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:40 A.M.

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah26aad.pdf](#))