

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Bob Lake, on February 19, 2007 at 10:10 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. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Carol Lambert (R)

Members Absent: None.

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:
Executive Action: HB 564; HB 552; HB 501; HB 529
HB 599

00:01:44 Vice Chair Sonju assumed position as Chairman

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 529

00:01:52 **Motion:** Rep. Lake moved that **HB 529 DO PASS.**

00:02:03 Without objection, Rep. Lake **WITHDREW HIS MOTION on HB 529.**

00:02:36 Rep. Lake assumed position as Chairman

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 599

00:03:33 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 599 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:03:42 Rep. Erickson

00:04:20 Rep. Grinde

00:04:43 Without objection, Rep. Sonju **WITHDREW HIS MOTION on HB 599.**

Discussion:

00:04:56 Rep. MacLaren

00:05:02 Rep. Erickson

00:05:50 Chairman Lake

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 564

00:09:43 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 563 DO PASS.**

00:10:22 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 564 BE AMENDED. [EXHIBIT \(tah37a01\)](#)**

Discussion:

00:10:46 Jeff Martin, Legislative Services Division

00:11:35 Rep. Butcher left hearing

00:12:32 Rep. Pomnichowski

00:13:00 Jeff Martin

00:16:06 Rep. McAlpin

00:17:05 Rep. MacLaren

00:18:16 Rep. McAlpin

00:18:32 Jeff Martin

00:18:55 Rep. Cohenour

00:20:49 Chairman Lake

00:21:22 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with Reps. Lambert and Butcher voting by proxy.

00:21:39 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 564 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:21:54 Rep. Erickson

[EXHIBIT \(tah37a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(tah37a03\)](#)

00:23:31 Butcher returned to hearing

00:26:03 Rep. Sonju

00:27:03 Rep. Cohenour

00:28:37 Rep. Hilbert

00:29:12 Rep. Sonju

00:29:42 Rep. Cohenour

00:30:10 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** 12-6 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, Hamilton, and McAlpin voting no and Rep. Lambert voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 552

00:31:30 **Motion:** Rep. Erickson moved that **HB 552 DO PASS.**

00:32:35 **Motion:** Rep. Erickson moved that **HB 552 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT \(tah37a04\)](#)

Discussion:

00:32:50 Jeff Martin

00:41:10 Rep. Erickson

00:41:41 Jeff Martin

00:44:01 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Lambert voting by proxy.

00:44:16 **Motion:** Rep. Erickson moved that **HB 552 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:44:29 Rep. Erickson

00:46:28 Rep. Butcher

00:47:49 Rep. MacLaren left the hearing

00:48:40 Chairman Lake

00:48:47 Rep. Ross

00:50:24 Rep. Cohenour

00:51:57 Rep. Grinde

00:52:32 Rep. Nooney

00:53:14 Rep. Ross

00:53:30 Rep. Erickson

00:53:37 Jeff Martin

00:53:47 Rep. Cohenour

00:54:23 Chairman Lake

00:55:13 Rep. Erickson

00:57:34 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 8-10 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, McAlpin, Hamilton, Jopek, and Pomnichowski voting aye with Reps. Lambert and MacLaren voting by proxy.

00:58:32 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Mcalpin moved that **HB 552 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with Reps. Lambert and MacLaren voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 501

00:59:43 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 501 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:59:53 Rep. Cohenour

01:00:21 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cohenour made a substitute motion that **HB 501 BE TABLED. SUBSTITUTE MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with Reps. Lambert and MacLaren voting by proxy.

01:01:59 Rep. Erickson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:17 A.M.

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah37aad.pdf](#))