

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on March 13, 2007 at 9:00 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. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Lois O'Connor, 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 75, 3/6/2007; HB 748, 3/6/2007;
HB 623, 3/6/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:44

HEARING ON HB 75

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:49 **REP. BILL MCCHESENEY (D), HD 40**, opened the hearing on **HB 75**, Statutorily appropriate bentonite tax proceeds.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:20 Willie Duffield, Executive Director, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties

00:04:04 Amy Sassano, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

00:04:23 Steve Austin, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:05 Sen. Robert Story to Mr. Austin, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:56 Rep. McChesney

HEARING ON HB 748

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:06:33 **REP. JON SONJU (R), HD 7**, opened the hearing on **HB 748**, Directing Department of Revenue to revise energy tax credit rules.

EXHIBIT (tas53a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:59 Patrick Judge, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

00:12:54 Linda Gryczan, National Center for Appropriate Technology

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:13:44 Shona McHugh, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

EXHIBIT (tas53a02)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:30 Sen. Jerry Black to Rep. Sonju

00:16:30 Sen. Story

00:16:37 Sen. Kim Gillan to Rep. Sonju rereferred to Ms. McHugh,
DOR

00:24:01 Sen. Gillan to David Hunter, Deputy Director, Montana
Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:26:39 Sen. Story to Mr. Hunter, DOR

00:30:07 Sen. Story to Ms. McHugh, DOR

00:32:26 Sen. Jim Elliott to Ms. McHugh, DOR

00:33:09 Sen. Kelly Gebhardt

00:34:09 Sen. Christine Kaufmann to Ms. McHugh, DOR

00:34:50 Sen. Elliott to Ms. McHugh, DOR, rereferred to Mr.
Hunter, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:56 Rep. Sonju

HEARING ON HB 623

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:40:55 **REP. ALAN OLSON (R), HD 45**, opened the hearing on **HB
623**, Revise tax lien sale law.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:35 Sen. Essmann to Rep. Olson

00:43:51 Sen. Kaufmann to Rep. Olson

00:44:56 Sen. Gebhardt to Rep. Olson

00:45:36 Sen. Elliott to Rep. Olson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:46:16 Rep. Olson

Discussion:

00:46:41 Sen. Gebhardt to Sen. Elliott

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:52 A.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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