

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on March 20, 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. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Excused: 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: SB 105, 3/13/2007; SB 553,
3/13/2007; SB 552, 3/13/2007
Executive Action: SB 210

00:01:50

HEARING ON SB 105

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:58 **SEN. GREG LIND (D), SD 50**, opened the hearing on **SB 105**, Tax break for equipment to sequester carbon dioxide.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:15 Jerome Anderson, Encore Acquisition Company

[EXHIBIT \(tas59a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(tas59a02\)](#)

00:09:44 Mark Lambrecht, PPL Montana

00:13:04 Dave Galt, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association

00:13:50 Todd O'Hare, Rio Tinto Energy

00:15:36 Bud Clinch, Executive Director, Montana Coal Council (MCC)

00:18:39 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:20:23 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

00:28:49 Willie Duffield, Executive Director, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:55 Sen. Kelly Gebhardt to Sen. Lind

00:30:57 Sen. Jeff Essmann to Sen. Lind

00:35:07 Sen. Jim Peterson to Sen. Lind

00:36:29 Sen. Christine Kaufmann to Sen. Lind

00:37:33 Sen. Robert Story to Ms. Hedges (MEIC)
00:39:46 Sen. Story to Sen. Lind
00:43:58 Sen. Story to Mr. Lambrecht, PPL Montana
00:49:03 Sen. Gebhardt to Mr. Anderson, Encore Acquisition &
Company
00:52:28 Sen. Kaufmann to Sen. Lind
00:55:37 Sen. Jim Elliott to Ms. Hedges, MEIC
01:00:17 Sen. Jerry Black to Ms. Hedges, MEIC

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:54 Sen. Lind

EXHIBIT (tas59a03)

HEARING ON SB 553

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:08:48 **SEN. JERRY BLACK (R), SD 14**, opened the hearing on **SB 553**, Revise incentives for certain physicians.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:17:15 Dick Brown, Executive Vice President, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

EXHIBIT (tas59a04)

EXHIBIT (tas59a05)

01:21:29 Rep. Llew Jones, HD 27

01:23:45 Dr. Jay Erickson, Regional Director, Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho (WWAMI) Program

EXHIBIT (tas59a06)

EXHIBIT (tas59a07)

01:29:05 Dr. Sandra MacIntyre, Barrett Hospital and Health Care, Dillon

01:33:05 Steve Hanna, CEO, Dillon Hospital

01:34:46 Rae Stevenson, Third Year Student, WWAMI
01:36:54 Patrick Melby, Montana Medical Association (MMA)
01:37:26 Mark Cross, CEO, Marias Medical Center, Shelby
01:38:59 Emily Lipp Sirota, Office of the Honorable Governor
Brian Schweitzer (Governor's Office)

EXHIBIT (tas59a08)

01:40:34 Kristin Julian, Montana Office of Rural Health
01:42:16 Chuck Hunter, Montana Primary Care Association
01:43:35 Mike Foster, Sisters of Charity Hospitals
01:45:07 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development
Corporation
01:46:14 Frieda Houser, Office of the Commissioner of Higher
Education
01:46:57 Linda Hyman, WWAMI Program

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

01:48:45 Brian Olsen, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)
01:49:01 Sen. Sam Kitzenberg, SD 18

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:50:53 Sen. Gebhardt to Sen. Black
01:54:33 Sen. Gebhardt to John Flink, Montana Hospital
Association (MHA)
01:55:35 Sen. Peterson to Mr. Flink, MHA
01:58:18 Sen. Kaufmann to Sen. Black
02:00:34 Sen. Kaufmann to Dr. Erickson, WWAMI Program
02:03:26 Sen. Essmann to Mr. Olsen, DOR
02:04:23 Sen. Essmann to Laurie Tobol, Office of the
Commissioner of Higher Education

02:05:18 Sen. Essmann to Mr. Olsen, DOR
02:05:56 Sen. Kitzenberg to Sen. Black
02:07:29 Sen. Kim Gillan to Ms. Hyman, WWAMI Program
02:12:21 Sen. Story to Dr. Erickson, WWAMI Program
02:18:16 Sen. Story to Mr. Brown, MHA

Closing by Sponsor:

02:20:30 Sen. Black

HEARING ON SB 552

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:22:02 **SEN. DAN HARRINGTON (D), SD 38**, opened the hearing on **SB 552**, Tax credit for volunteer firefighters.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:24:01 Adrian Miller, Frenchtown Rural Fire District
02:25:15 David Kneebone, Little Basin Creek Volunteer Fire Department
02:31:53 John Semple, Montana Fire Alliance (MFA)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

02:32:47 Brian Olsen, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:33:05 Sen. Story to Mr. Semple, MFA
02:34:37 Sen. Elliott to Mr. Semple, MFA, rereferred to Ms. Miller, Frenchtown Rural Fire District
02:36:38 Sen. Story to Ms. Miller, Frenchtown Rural Fire District
02:37:24 Sen. Elliott to Ms. Miller, Frenchtown Rural Fire District

Closing by Sponsor:

02:37:55 Sen. Harrington

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 210

02:40:15 **Motion:** SEN. GEBHARDT moved that SB 210 DO PASS.

Discussion:

02:40:35 Sen. Elliott

EXHIBIT (tas59a09)

02:41:07 Sen. Gebhardt

02:41:37 **Motion:** SEN. KAUFMANN moved to amend SB 210 with amendment #SB021003.ALH.

EXHIBIT (tas59a10)

02:42:12 Sen. Gillan to Sen. Kaufmann

02:43:20 **Vote:** Motion that #SB0210003.ALH be approved carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:43:31 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. GEBHARDT moved to further amend SB 210 with amendment #SB021002.ALH. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXHIBIT (tas59a11)

02:43:35 **Motion:** SEN. GEBHARDT moved that SB 210 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

02:43:45 Sen. Story to Sen. Elliott

02:44:31 Sen. Gillan

02:45:10 Sen. Story to Mr. Olsen, DOR

02:46:53 Sen. Gillan

02:47:45 Sen. Elliott to David Hunter, Deputy Director, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

02:48:34 Sen. Gebhardt

02:49:42 **Vote: Motion that SB 210 DO PASS AS AMENDED carried
unanimously by voice vote.**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:55 P.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

JE/lo

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tas59aad.pdf](#))