

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Bob Lake, on March 23, 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. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, 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 492, 3/14/2007; SB 507,
3/14/2007; SB 514, 3/14/2007
Executive Action: HB 824; HB 801; HB 258

HEARING ON SB 514

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:29 Sen. Joe Balyeat (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 514, Revise individual income tax related to interest, penalty, & federal tax refunds.

[EXHIBIT \(tah62a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:42 Shirley J. Warehime, CPA, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants also speaking for Walter J. Kero, CPA, Chair State Taxation Committee, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants

[EXHIBIT \(tah62a02\)](#)

00:13:37 Holly Franz, representing Montana Society of CPAs

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:14:34 Gene Walborn, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:32 Rep. Cohenour

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:49 Sen. Joe Balyeat

HEARING ON SB 492

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:25:58 Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 492, Exempt certain local government property transactions from appraisal.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:27:27 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT \(tah62a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(tah62a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:31:03 Jackie Corday, Missoula, Parks and Open Space Purchaser

Informational Testimony:

00:35:27 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:08 Rep. Lambert

00:38:29 Jackie Corday

00:39:14 Rep. Erickson

00:39:47 Jackie Corday

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:01 Sen. Kelly Gebhardt

HEARING ON SB 507

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:45:56 Sen. Bob Story (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 507, Revise park district election laws.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:50:01 Larry Jahn, Beartooth Park District Member

Informational Testimony:

00:54:31 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:12 Rep. Cohenour
00:56:12 Larry Jahn
00:57:07 Chairman Lake
01:01:13 Rep. Cohenour
01:03:35 Rep. MacLaren
01:04:06 Sen. Story
01:05:36 Rep. Lambert
01:05:43 Rep. Jopek
01:06:10 Sheryl Wood
01:06:20 Rep. Butcher
01:08:32 Larry Jahn
01:13:36 Rep. Cohenour
01:14:37 Larry Jahn
01:14:51 Rep. Cohenour

Closing by Sponsor:

01:15:29 Sen. Bob Story

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 801

01:23:21 **Motion:** Rep. MacLaren moved that **HB 801 DO PASS.**

01:23:46 **Motion:** Rep. MacLaren moved that **HB 801 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (tah62a05)

Discussion:

01:24:24 Jeff Martin, Legislative Services Division
01:25:46 Rep. Erickson
01:26:04 Rep. McAlpin
01:26:19 Rep. Erickson
01:26:36 Rep. MacLaren
01:27:47 Rep. Cohenour
01:27:54 Jeff Martin
01:28:03 Chairman Lake
01:29:34 Rep. MacLaren
01:29:56 Rep. Cohenour
01:30:04 Jeff Martin
01:30:30 Chairman Lake
01:30:40 Rep. Cohenour
01:30:55 Rep. MacLaren

EXHIBIT (tah62a06)

01:32:01 Rep. Cohenour
01:32:41 Rep. Grinde
01:33:31 Jeff Martin
01:33:42 Rep. Cohenour

Discussion: (Con't)

01:33:50 Rep. Erickson
01:34:15 Rep. MacLaren
01:34:55 Rep. Ross
01:35:28 Rep. MacLaren
01:36:34 Jeff Martin
01:37:07 Rep. MacLaren
01:37:29 Rep. Cohenour
01:37:55 Jeff Martin
01:44:47 Rep. Jopek
01:45:18 Chairman Lake
01:45:41 Jeff Martin
01:46:05 Chairman Lake
01:46:47 Rep. Jopek
01:47:43 Jeff Martin
01:48:24 Rep. Lambert
01:48:42 Rep. Butcher
01:49:17 Rep. Cohenour
01:49:47 Rep. Sonju
01:50:02 Chairman Lake
01:50:19 Jeff Martin
01:51:10 Rep. MacLaren
01:51:21 Rep. Erickson
01:51:55 Chairman Lake
01:52:31 Rep. MacLaren
01:52:46 Rep. Erickson
01:53:14 Rep. Butcher

01:53:42 **Vote:** MOTION CARRIED unanimously by voice vote.

01:54:12 Without objection, Rep. MacLaren requested to suspend further action on HB 801.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 824

01:54:35 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 824 DO PASS.**

01:55:30 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 824 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (tah62a07)

Discussion:

01:56:01 Chairman Lake
01:56:49 Rep. Jopek
01:57:34 Rep. Butcher
01:58:30 Rep. Hilbert
01:58:49 Jeff Martin
01:59:23 Chairman Lake

Discussion: (Con't)

02:00:39 Jeff Martin
02:01:07 Rep. Ross
02:01:38 Rep. Cohenour

02:02:45 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

02:03:49 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lambert moved that **HB 824 DO PASS AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED** 16-2 by voice vote with Reps. Grinde and McAlpin voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 258

02:04:43 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 258 BE RECONSIDERED.**

Discussion:

02:06:36 Rep. Cohenour
EXHIBIT (tah62a08)
02:07:51 Rep. Erickson
02:08:52 Chairman Lake

02:09:39 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 8-10 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, Hamilton, Jopek, McAlpin, and Pomnichowski voting aye.

Discussion:

02:10:36 Jeff Martin
02:11:03 Rep. Erickson
02:11:45 Chairman Lake

Additional Exhibits:**EXHIBIT (tah62a09)**

Pertaining to HB 822 heard on March 21, 2007.

EXHIBIT (tah62a10)

Pertaining to SB 284 heard on March 22, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:30 A.M.

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah62aad.pdf](#))