

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on February 15, 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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 44, 2/9/2007; SB 403, 2/9/2007;
SB 418, 2/9/2007
Executive Action: HB 44, SB 403, SB 430

00:00:03

HEARING ON HB 44

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:32 **REP. BILL MCCHESENEY (D), HD 40**, opened the hearing on **HB 44**, Remove references to school bond contingency loan fund.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:24 Bob Christofferson, Montana Department of Administration (DOA)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:02:29 Rep. McChesney

HEARING ON SB 403

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:38 **SEN. GREG LIND (D), SD 50**, opened the hearing on **SB 403**, Revise property tax exemption for disabled veterans.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:05:18 Debbie Jurcich, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:42 Sen. Robert Story to Ms. Jurcich, DOR

00:08:26 Sen. Jim Peterson to Ms. Jurcich, DOR

00:09:40 Sen. Story to Ms. Jurcich, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:10 Sen. Lind

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 44

00:13:49 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. STORY moved that HB 44 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. ESSMANN, SEN. HARRINGTON, SEN. SCHMIDT, and SEN. GILLAN were excused. SEN. ESSMANN will carry.

HEARING ON SB 418

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:01 SEN. DAN WEINBERG (D), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 418, Revise distribution of lodging facility use taxes.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:03 Jan Metzmaker, Director, Whitefish Convention and Visitors Bureau

EXHIBIT (tas34a01)

00:23:00 Rhonda Fitzgerald for Frederick Jones, President, Winter Sports, Inc.

EXHIBIT (tas34a02)

EXHIBIT (tas34a03)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:26:57 Betsy Baumgart, Travel Montana, Montana Department of Commerce

00:27:20 Jim McKeon, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:42 Sen. Christine Kaufmann to Sen. Weinberg

00:30:15 Sen. Peterson to Ms. Baumgard, Travel Montana

00:32:36 Sen. Story to Ms. Baumgard, Travel Montana

00:34:31 Sen. Peterson to Ms. Fitzgerald, Glacier Country, rereferred to Ms. Metzmaker, Whitefish Convention and Visitors Bureau

00:36:44 Sen. Peterson to Ms. Metzmaker, Whitefish Convention and Visitors Bureau

00:37:23 Sen. Story to Ms. Metzmaker, Whitefish Convention and Visitors Bureau

00:37:40 Sen. Jim Elliott to Ms. Fitzgerald, Glacier Country

00:42:11 Sen. Story to Ms. Fitzgerald, Glacier Country

00:42:34 Sen. Story to Mr. McKeon, DOR

00:45:14 Sen. Story to Ms. Metzmaker, Whitefish Convention and Visitors Bureau

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:44 Sen. Weinberg

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 403

00:48:53 **Motion:** SEN. GEBHARDT moved that SB 403 DO PASS.

Discussion:

00:49:05 Sen. Peterson to Ms. Jurcich, DOR

00:52:59 Sen. Story to Ms. Jurcich, DOR

00:54:26 **Vote:** Motion that SB 403 DO PASS carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. HARRINGTON, SEN. SCHMIDT and SEN. GILLAN were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 430

00:56:32 **Motion:** SEN. ELLIOTT moved that SB 430 DO PASS.

Discussion:

00:56:49 Sen. Elliott

00:57:18 Sen. Story

00:58:00 **Vote:** Motion that SB 430 DO PASS carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. HARRINGTON, SEN. SCHMIDT and SEN. GILLAN were excused.

Discussion:

00:58:35 Sen. Story

00:59:23 Sen. Elliott to Sen. Gebhardt

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:05 A.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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