

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order:

CHAIRMAN BOB LAKE, on January 13, 2009 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Art Noonan (D)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Jennifer O'Loughlin, 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 113, 1/8/2009; HB 115, 1/8/2009; HB 180, 1/8/2009

Executive Action: None

Chairman Lake explained that Reps. Hoven, Jopek, Pomnichowski and Stahl will be on the joint reappraisal subcommittee and will return to the hearing by 10:00.

HEARING ON HB 113

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:13 **REP. DAN VILLA (D), HD 86**, opened the hearing on **HB 113**, Revise taxation of new or expanded business enterprise property.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:09 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties

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00:13:32 Alan Peura, Deputy Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:15:35 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:05 Rep. Barrett

00:17:55 Rep. Villa

00:18:02 Rep. Barrett

00:18:50 Rep. Villa

00:20:15 Rep. Wiseman

00:21:06 Rep. Villa

00:21:44 Rep. Wiseman

00:22:02 Rep. Villa

00:22:40 Rep. Wiseman

00:23:09 Rep. Villa

00:24:06 Rep. Wiseman

00:24:38 Rep. Villa

00:25:44 Rep. Sonju

00:26:01 Rep. Villa
00:26:23 Rep. Sonju
00:26:45 Rep. Villa
00:27:08 Rep. Wiseman
00:27:20 Rep. Villa
00:27:33 Rep. Wiseman
00:27:41 Rep. Villa
00:27:48 Rep. Hoven entered the room.
00:29:04 Rep. McAlpin
00:29:16 Rep. Villa
00:30:02 Chairman Lake
00:30:48 Rep. Villa
00:31:14 Chairman Lake
00:31:24 Rep. Villa said he will request a new fiscal note.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:20 Rep. Villa
00:34:25 Chairman Lake called a recess for 9:55.
00:37:00 Rep. Pomnichowski entered the room.
00:41:50 Rep. Stahl entered the room.
00:48:47 Rep. Jopek entered the room.
00:54:48 Chairman Lake called the meeting back to order.

HEARING ON HB 115

00: 55:00 Action deferred on HB 115.

HEARING ON HB 180

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:55:08 **REP. JP POMNICHOWSKI (D), HD 63**, opened the hearing on **HB 180**, Montana-based business technology districts.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:00:11 Linda Stoll, Missoula County
EXHIBIT (tah07a02)

01:01:00 Harold Blattie

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:02:19 Rep. Barrett
01:03:09 Rep. Pomnichowski
01:03:36 Rep. Wiseman
01:03:49 Rep. Pomnichowski
01:04:40 Rep. Wiseman
01:04:51 Rep. Pomnichowski
01:05:05 Rep. Hoven
01:05:15 Rep. Pomnichowski
01:05:48 Rep. Butcher
01:06:33 Mr. Martin
01:07:00 Rep. Butcher
01:07:31 Chairman Lake
01:07:44 Mr. Martin
01:07:51 Chairman Lake
01:08:09 Rep. Cohenour
01:08:46 Rep. Pomnichowski
01:09:05 Mr. Blattie
01:10:14 Chairman Lake
01:11:04 Rep. Wiseman
01:11:18 Chairman Lake

Closing by Sponsor:

01:11:27 Rep. Pomnichowski

ADJOURNMENT

01:12:47 Adjournment: 10:15 A.M.

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

JENNIFER O'LOUGHLIN, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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