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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Lake, on February 13, 2009 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. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (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. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)

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 501, 2/9/2009; HB 508, 2/9/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 501

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:23 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on
HB 501, Tax credit for employer contributions to health
savings account.

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Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:10 Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield
00:08:56 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:00 Tom Bilodeau, MEA-MFT

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:46 Rep. Miller
00:15:19 Mr. Bilodeau

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:35 Rep. MacLaren
00:18:11 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.
00:18:15 Chairman Lake passed the gavel to Rep. Taylor.

HEARING ON HB 508

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:25 Rep. Bob Lake (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HB 508, Require Dept of Revenue to provide certain information on website; RSS feed.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:54 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association
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00:27:22 Rep. Stahl left the room.

00:29:20 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau

00:30:10 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:30:39 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Realtors, Montana Retail Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:33:00 Alan Peura, Deputy Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:45:46 C.A. Daw, Chief Legal Counsel, DOR

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:54:04 Rep. Miller

00:54:28 Rep. Lake

00:54:54 Rep. Hoven

00:55:16 Rep. Lake

00:55:26 Rep. Cohenour

00:55:47 Mr. Peura

00:56:23 Vice Chairman Taylor

00:57:22 Mr. Peura

00:58:04 Vice Chairman Taylor

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:22 Rep. Lake

01:02:22 Vice Chairman Taylor closed the hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

01:03:42 Adjournment: 9:05 A.M.

Jennifer O'Loughlin, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([tah34aad.pdf](#))