

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Lake, on March 9, 2009 at 10:00 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. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Art Noonan (D)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Jennifer O'Loughlin, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: None

Executive Action: HB 261; HB 487; HB 501; HB 540;
HB 588; HB 630

00:02:37 Chairman Lake

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 48700:03:28 **Motion:** Rep. Taylor moved that **HB 487 DO PASS.**00:03:42 **Motion:** Rep. Hoven moved that **HB 487 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (tah52a01)**Discussion**

00:04:05 Rep. Hoven

00:05:01 Mr. Martin, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:06:06 Rep. Stahl

00:07:44 Chairman Lake

00:07:50 Rep. Cohenour

00:08:25 Mr. Martin

00:08:57 Rep. Wiseman

00:09:36 Mr. Martin

00:10:15 Rep. Wiseman

00:11:07 Mr. Martin

00:12:45 Rep. Cohenour

00:13:23 Mr. Martin

00:14:00 Rep. Wiseman called the question.

00:14:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep.
McAlpin, Rep. Noonan and Rep. Vincent voted by proxy.00:15:28 **Motion:** Rep. Taylor moved that **HB 487 DO PASS AS**
AMENDED.**Discussion:**

00:15:42 Rep. Jopek

00:16:47 Mr. Martin

00:17:02 Rep. Jopek

00:17:15 Mr. Martin

00:17:32 Rep. Jopek

00:18:09 Mr. Martin
00:18:14 Rep. Jopek
00:18:38 Mr. Martin
00:19:04 Rep. Stahl
00:20:23 Rep. Wiseman
00:21:40 Chairman Lake
00:21:49 Rep. Butcher
00:22:51 Brad Griffin, Montana Equipment Dealers Association
00:25:28 Rep. Barrett
00:25:55 Rep. Hoven

00:26:58 Rep. Stahl called the question.

00:27:03 Rep. Cohenour
00:27:27 Chairman Lake

00:27:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. McAlpin, Rep. Noonan and Rep. Vincent voted by proxy.

00:28:31 Chairman Lake requested an updated fiscal note.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 415

00:28:52 **Motion:** Rep. Taylor moved that **HB 415 DO PASS.**

00:30:39 Chairman Lake noted that the amendments to HB 415 need additional work.

00:31:04 Rep. Taylor withdrew the motion.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 501

01:31:20 **Motion:** Rep. Taylor moved that **HB 501 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:31:36 Rep. Cohenour

00:32:19 **Vote:** Motion failed 10-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Blasdel, Rep. Butcher, Rep. Hoven, Rep. Lake, Rep. Miller, Rep. Randall, Rep. Sonju, Rep. Stahl, Rep. Taylor, and Rep. Vincent voting aye. Rep. McAlpin, Rep. Noonan and Rep. Vincent voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 261

- 00:34:00 **Motion:** Rep. Taylor moved that **HB 261 DO PASS.**
- 00:34:19 Mr. Martin pointed out that the committee had already adopted amendments to HB 261.
- 00:34:51 **Motion:** Rep. Taylor moved that **HB 261 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

- 00:35:01 Rep. Cohenour
- 00:35:37 Rep. Stahl
- 00:36:20 Rep. Wiseman
- 00:36:45 Mr. Martin
- 00:37:40 Rep. Wiseman
- 00:37:47 Mr. Martin
- 00:39:15 Rep. Wiseman
- 00:39:29 Mr. Martin
- 00:39:38 Rep. Wiseman
- 00:39:54 Mr. Martin
- 00:40:00 Rep. Wiseman
- 00:40:25 Rep. Sonju called the question on HB 261 as amended.
- 00:40:31 Rep. Hoven
- 00:41:07 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Blasdel, Rep. Butcher, Rep. Hoven, Rep. Lake, Rep. Miller, Rep. Randall, Rep. Stahl, Rep. Taylor, and Rep. Vincent voting aye. Rep. McAlpin, Rep. Noonan and Rep. Vincent voted by proxy.
- 00:42:46 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 261 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried 16-4 by voice vote, with Rep. Butcher, Rep. Hoven, Rep. Stahl, and Rep. Vincent voting no. Rep. McAlpin, Rep. Noonan and Rep. Vincent voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 540

- 00:44:08 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 540 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

- 00:44:25 Rep. Jopek

00:44:32 Rep. Cohenour called the question.

00:44:46 **Vote:** Motion failed 10-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Grinde, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Hoven, Rep. McAlpin, Rep. Miller, Rep. Pomnichowski, Rep. Roundstone, Rep. Sonju, Rep. Vincent, and Rep. Wiseman voting aye. Rep. McAlpin, Rep. Noonan and Rep. Vincent voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 588

00:46:59 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 588 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:47:43 Rep. Cohenour

00:48:15 Mr. Martin

00:48:41 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 588 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (tah52a02)

00:48:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:49:11 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 588 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

00:49:20 Rep. Butcher called the question.

00:49:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 562

00:50:02 Rep. Cohenour announced that she is working on amendments to HB 562.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 353

00:50:32 Mr. Martin announced that he needs to do conflict checks on Senate bills.

00:51:08 Chairman Lake

00:51:18 Mr. Martin

00:51:25 Rep. Cohenour

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 624

00:52:37 **Motion:** Rep. Taylor moved that **HB 624 DO PASS.**

00:52:47 Mr. Martin said that the bill needs a fiscal note.

00:53:20 Rep. Taylor withdrew the motion.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 630

00:54:19 **Motion:** Rep. Taylor moved that **HB 630 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:54:30 Rep. Cohenour

00:55:03 Rep. Stahl

00:55:15 Rep. Sonju called the question.

00:55:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. McAlpin, Rep. Noonan and Rep. Vincent voted by proxy.

00:56:15 Chairman Lake ended executive action.

00:57:10 Rep. Jopek outlined upcoming joint reappraisal committee action.

ADJOURNMENT

01:00:25 Adjournment: 09:25 A.M.

Jennifer O'Loughlin, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

[EXHIBIT \(tah52a03\)](#)

Additional Documents:

[EXHIBIT \(tah52aad.pdf\)](#)