

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chairman Jeff Essmann, on February 10, 2009 at
8:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jeff Essmann, Chairman (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, 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 301, 1/28/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 301

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:22 Sen. Mike Cooney (D), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 301, Tax credit for alternative energy capital investment.

EXHIBIT (tas31a01)

Written testimony (Opponent) submitted by David Ewer, Budget and Program Planning, Office of the Governor

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:45 David Scrimm, self

EXHIBIT (tas31a02)

EXHIBIT (tas31a03)

00:13:34 Brad Griffin, representing Montana Retail Association (MRA)

00:16:52 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association

00:18:06 Russ Forba, Jefferson County resident

EXHIBIT (tas31a04)

00:22:16 Kyla Wiens, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

00:22:47 Linda Gryczan, representing National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) also speaking for Dale Horton, NCAT

EXHIBIT (tas31a05)

00:26:08 Former U.S. Representative Rick Hill, representing Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)

00:26:56 Casey Perkins, representing Montana Audubon Society

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:46 Sen. Story

00:28:07 Sen. Cooney

00:28:37 Sen. Story

00:28:56 David Scrimm

00:29:17 Sen. Story

00:30:07 Sen. Cooney

00:30:20 Sen. Kaufmann

00:30:59 Sen. Cooney

00:33:07 Sen. Brown

00:33:26 Russ Forba

00:34:21 Sen. Gillan

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: (Con't)

00:40:11 Sen. Cooney
00:41:36 Sen. Erickson
00:42:46 Sen. Cooney
00:43:00 Sen. Brown
00:43:14 Sen. Cooney
00:44:18 Chairman Essmann
00:44:44 Brad Griffin (MRA)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:47 Sen. Cooney

Additional Exhibits:

[EXHIBIT \(tas31a06\)](#)

Relating to SB 280 heard in committee on January 28, 2009.

[EXHIBIT \(tas31a07\)](#)

Relating to SB 244 heard in committee on February 4, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:00 A.M.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([tas31aad.pdf](#))