

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Lake, on April 2, 2009 at 9:00 A.M.,
in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (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: SB 491, 3/27/2009;
SB 510, 3/27/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 491

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:19 Sen. Dave Lewis (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 491, Revise status of subdivision property tax for health insurance premiums.

00:04:50 With Vice Chairman Taylor's' permission, Sen. Lewis left the room.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:21 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties

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00:12:26 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association

00:14:17 Alec Hanson, Montana League of Cities and Towns

00:18:10 Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County Commissioner

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:19:14 Kay Gray, Accounting Systems Officer, Local Government Services, Department of Administration

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:35 Vice Chairman Taylor closed the hearing.

HEARING ON SB 510

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:54 Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 510, Abatement of half of coal gross proceeds tax for new underground mine.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:48 John Demichiei, CHECK Signal Peak
00:25:46 Evan Barrett, Chief Development Officer, Governor's
Office
00:30:08 Bob Gilbert, Musselshell County, City of Roundup
00:32:29 Rep. Tom Berry, HD 45
00:33:13 Willy Duffield, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and
Coal Producing Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

00:33:44 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:57 Rep. Miller
00:34:20 Mr. Martin
00:34:29 Rep. McAlpin
00:34:48 Sen. Gebhardt
00:35:30 Rep. McAlpin
00:35:35 Sen. Gebhardt
00:36:06 Rep. Hoven
00:36:20 Sen. Gebhardt
00:37:02 Rep. Wiseman
00:37:24 Mr. Baerlocher
00:38:21 Rep. Wiseman
00:38:51 Mr. Baerlocher
00:39:54 Rep. Wiseman
00:40:16 Mr. Baerlocher
00:40:41 Rep. Wiseman
00:42:10 Mr. Barrett
00:45:22 Rep. Barrett
00:45:49 Mr. Barrett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:46:13 Sen. Gebhardt
00:48:01 Vice Chairman Taylor closed the hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

00:48:21 Adjournment: 10:00 A.M.

Jennifer O'Loughlin, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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