

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Taylor Brown, on March 9, 2009 at
8:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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: Sen. Jeff Essmann, Chairman (R)

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: HB 24, 2/20/2009; HB 21, 2/20/2009;
HB 163, 2/21/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 24

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:33 Rep. Penny Morgan (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HB 24, Recodify individual income tax laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:52 Lee Heiman, Legislative Services Division, LSD
[EXHIBIT \(tas52a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:47 Sen. Black
00:04:57 Lee Heiman, LSD

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:21 Rep. Morgan

HEARING ON HB 21

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:46 Rep. Sue Dickenson (D), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 21, Repeal termination date for recycling tax incentives.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:08 Will Selser, representing Montana Recycling Association (MRA)
00:10:46 Matt Elsaesser, S.A.V.E. Foundation
00:11:27 Jessie Luther, representing Anheuser Busch Corporation
00:11:52 Will Selser speaking for Elaine Taylor, Montana Beverage Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:12:30 Louise (Lou) Moore, Chief, Energy and Pollution Prevention Bureau, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:01 Sen. Erickson
00:14:29 Lou Moore, DEQ
00:15:53 Sen. Tutvedt
00:16:28 Lou Moore
00:17:08 Sen. Tutvedt
00:17:13 Will Selser, MRA
00:18:45 Sen. Story
00:19:08 Lou Moore
00:20:22 Sen. Kaufmann
00:20:42 Elaine Taylor, representing Montana Beverage
Association
00:21:32 Sen. Tutvedt
00:21:52 Lou Moore
00:22:48 Sen. Gebhardt
00:23:09 Lou Moore

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:35 Rep. Dickenson

HEARING ON HB 163**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:27:50 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on
HB 163, Revise tax incentives for motion picture
industry.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:20 Anthony Preite, Director, Department of Commerce (COM)
00:33:09 Betsy Baumgart, Administrator, Promotion Division (COM)
EXHIBIT (tas52a02)
EXHIBIT (tas52a03)
EXHIBIT (tas52a04)
00:41:43 Rep. Bob Ebinger, HD 62
00:43:36 David Smith, President and Chief Executive Office,
Bozeman Chamber of Commerce
00:45:19 Aimee Grmoljez, representing Motion Picture Association
EXHIBIT (tas52a05)
00:46:24 Anna Marie Moe, (COM) speaking for Montana Tourism
Advisory Council
EXHIBIT (tas52a06)
00:47:04 Allison Whitmer, also speaking for Christine Schuman
EXHIBIT (tas52a07)
00:52:42 Drew Geiger, representing Montana Car Rental
Association

Proponents' Testimony: (Con't)

00:53:35 Jon Bennion, representing Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:54:26 Eric Ristau, Partner, Firewater Film Company, Missoula
00:56:26 Damien Ristau, Partner, Firewater Film Company
00:57:27 Stuart Doggett, representing Montana Innkeepers
Association
00:58:36 Mark Baker, representing Kalispell Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:00:34 Sen. Kaufmann
01:01:02 Betsy Baumgart, COM
01:03:12 Sen. Black
01:04:00 Betsy Baumgart
01:05:58 Sen. Tutvedt
01:06:26 Eric Ristau, Firewater Film Company
01:08:04 Sen. Black
01:08:22 Eric Ristau
01:13:02 Vice Chair Brown
01:13:29 Betsy Baumgart
01:13:52 Sten Iversen, Film Office Program Manager, COM
01:17:23 Vice Chair Brown
01:17:48 Sten Iversen

Closing by Sponsor:

01:20:23 Rep. Cohenour

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:25 A.M.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([tas52aad.pdf](#))