

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Mark Blasdel, on January 25, 2011 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 152  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Mark Blasdel, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Dick Barrett, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)  
Rep. Alan Hale (R)  
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)  
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)  
Rep. Sue Malek (D)  
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Rep. Mary McNally (D)  
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)  
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)  
Rep. Max Yates (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Mike Miller, Vice Chairman (R)

**Members Absent:** Rep. Mike Phillips (D)

**Staff Present:** Lisa Adams, Committee Secretary  
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

**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 223, 1/21/2011; HB 224, 1/21/2011

**HEARING ON HB 224****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:00 Rep. Frank Smith (D), HD 31, opened the hearing on HB 224, Provide that cigarette papers are taxable as tobacco-related product.

00:01:51 Rep. Phillips arrived.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:03:42 Rep. Smith

**HEARING ON HB 223****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:04:13 Rep. Dick Barrett (D), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 223, Replace residential property tax assistance with property tax circuit breaker.

**EXHIBIT(tah19a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:21:43 Tara Veazey, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:24:53 Cindy Swank, self

**EXHIBIT(tah19a02)**

00:26:11 Rep. Fitzpatrick left the room.

00:28:23 Rep. Fitzpatrick returned.

00:28:30 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:32:32 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

00:36:11 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Realtors

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:40:10 Rep. Stahl

00:40:19 Mr. Blattie, MACo

00:40:26 Rep. Stahl

00:41:11 Rep. Phillips left the room.

00:41:39 Mr. Blattie

00:43:02 Rep. Stahl

00:43:13 Ms. Wiggers, Montana County Treasurer's Association

00:43:19 Rep. Stahl

00:43:23 Ms. Wiggers

00:44:04 Rep. Stahl  
00:44:50 Ms. Wiggers  
00:45:50 Rep. Stahl  
00:46:32 Ms. Wiggers  
00:47:49 Rep. Stahl  
00:47:54 Rep. Malek  
00:48:02 Rep. Barrett  
00:48:10 Rep. Malek  
00:49:00 Rep. Barrett  
00:49:27 Rep. Randall left the room.  
00:50:31 Rep. Hoven  
00:50:38 Rep. Barrett  
00:50:42 Rep. Hoven  
00:51:05 Rep. Barrett  
00:52:44 Rep. Williams  
00:52:50 Rep. Barrett  
00:52:54 Rep. Williams  
00:53:05 Rep. Barrett  
00:54:14 Rep. Randall returned.  
00:55:09 Rep. Hoven  
00:55:24 Rep. Barrett  
00:55:31 Rep. Hoven  
00:55:53 Rep. Barrett

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:57:57 Rep. Barrett

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:00:11      Adjournment 10:01am

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Lisa Adams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([tah19aad.pdf](#))**