

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Mark Blasdel, on January 27, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 152  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Mark Blasdel, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Mike Miller, Vice Chairman (R)  
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. Mike Phillips (D)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)  
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)  
Rep. Max Yates (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Dick Barrett, Vice Chairman (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**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 222, 1/21/2011; HB 247, 1/21/2011; HB 248, 1/21/2011

**HEARING ON HB 247****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:18 Rep. Mike Miller (R), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 247, Provide that income tax deduction under age 18 is subject to school attendance.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:05:45 Steve White, Montana Coalition of Home Educators (MCHE)

**EXHIBIT(tah21a01)**

00:10:00 Rep. Stahl left.

00:15:16 Ron Trippet, self

00:17:22 Jonathan Barbagello, self

00:17:47 Rep. Stahl returned.

00:18:35 Rep. Stahl left.

**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:20:05 Rep. Miller

**HEARING ON HB 248****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:22:04 Rep. Mike Miller (R), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 248, Provide for a tax credit for the purchase of long-term care insurance.

**EXHIBIT(tah21a02)****Proponents' Testimony:**

00:27:09 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association

00:30:23 Rep. Stahl returned.

00:30:52 Claudia Clifford, Advocacy Director, Montana American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:32:49 Rep. Malek

00:32:59 Vice Chairman Miller

00:33:03 Rep. Malek

00:33:20 Rep. Barrett entered.

00:33:51 Vice Chairman Miller

00:34:14 Rep. Malek

00:34:55 Vice Chairman Miller

00:35:01 Rep. Flynn

00:35:21 Vice Chairman Miller  
00:35:27 Rep. Flynn  
00:36:06 Vice Chairman Miller  
00:36:27 Rep. Flynn  
00:36:45 Vice Chairman Miller  
00:36:46 Rep. McClafferty left.  
00:36:55 Rep. Taylor  
00:37:23 Vice Chairman Miller  
00:37:49 Rep. Taylor  
00:38:03 Vice Chairman Miller  
00:38:11 Chairman Blasdel  
00:38:16 Rep. Taylor  
00:38:36 Vice Chairman Miller  
00:38:47 Rep. Hoven  
00:39:08 Vice Chairman Miller  
00:39:10 Rep. Hoven  
00:40:40 Vice Chairman Miller  
00:41:01 Rep. McClafferty returned.  
00:41:34 Rep. Phillips  
00:42:03 Vice Chairman Miller  
00:42:23 Rep. Phillips  
00:42:42 Vice Chairman Miller  
00:42:48 Rep. Phillips  
00:43:28 Vice Chairman Miller  
00:43:41 Rep. Williams  
00:44:24 Vice Chairman Miller

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:45:00 Vice Chairman Miller  
  
00:45:47 Rep. Blasdel  
00:45:54 Rep. Barrett  
  
00:46:12 Recess  
00:58:12 Resume  
00:58:12 Rep. Stahl returned.

**HEARING ON HB 222**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:58:19 Rep. Dick Barrett (D), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 222, Provide withholding of taxes on gain from sales of real estate by nonresidents.  
  
01:04:00 Chairman Blasdel

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:04:16 Dave Ewer, Budget Director, Governor's Office  
01:06:36 Gene Walborn, Department of Revenue (DOR)

[EXHIBIT\(tah21a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah21a04\)](#)

01:23:55 Tara Veazey, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)  
01:26:39 Claudia Clifford, Advocacy Director (AARP)  
01:29:24 Diane Fladmo, Montana Education Association - Montana Federation of  
Teachers (MEA-MFT)  
01:31:38 Olivia Riutta, Outreach Director, Montana Women Vote  
01:34:10 Kristina Davis, Children's Defense Fund (CDF)  
01:35:45 Molly Severtson, Director, Policy Institute  
01:37:01 Anita Roessmann, Disability Rights of Montana  
01:40:29 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network  
01:41:07 Amanda Harrow, Montana Small Business Alliance

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:45:30 Rep. Phillips left.  
01:45:31 Robert Sewell, Montana Land Title Association

**EXHIBIT(tah21a05)**

01:51:36 John Steinhoff, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountant's (MSCPA)  
01:53:03 William Gowen, member, Montana Land Title Association  
01:57:18 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Taxpayer's Association  
01:59:55 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Bankers Association  
02:00:31 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

**EXHIBIT(tah21a06)**

02:02:23 Rep. Phillips returned.  
02:06:03 Ron Tripett, business owner

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:09:23 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
02:09:32 Rep. Barrett  
02:09:37 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
02:09:52 Rep. Barrett  
02:10:55 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
02:11:02 Mr. Walborn, DOR  
02:11:09 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
02:11:16 Mr. Walborn  
02:12:46 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
02:13:02 Mr. Walborn  
02:13:38 Vice Chairman Miller  
02:13:54 Mr. Sewell  
02:13:59 Vice Chairman Miller  
02:14:06 Mr. Sewell  
02:14:19 Vice Chairman Miller  
02:14:33 Mr. Sewell  
02:15:28 Vice Chairman Miller  
02:15:44 Mr. Roberts, MAR  
02:15:49 Vice Chairman Miller  
02:16:05 Mr. Roberts  
02:16:29 Vice Chairman Miller  
02:16:32 Mr. Walborn  
02:16:35 Vice Chairman Miller

02:17:02 Mr. Walborn  
02:18:04 Vice Chairman Miller  
02:18:08 Mr. Walborn  
02:18:11 Vice Chairman Miller  
02:18:26 Mr. Walborn  
02:19:01 Vice Chairman Miller  
02:19:03 Rep. Malek  
02:19:15 Mr. Roberts  
02:19:24 Rep. Malek  
02:20:25 Mr. Roberts  
02:21:45 Rep. Malek  
02:22:00 Mr. Roberts  
02:22:25 Rep. Malek  
02:22:35 Mr. Walborn  
02:22:38 Rep. Malek  
02:22:55 Mr. Walborn  
02:23:25 Rep. Malek  
02:23:54 Mr. Walborn  
02:24:26 Rep. Hoven  
02:24:34 Mr. Walborn  
02:24:36 Rep. Hoven  
02:24:48 Mr. Walborn  
02:25:24 Vice Chairman Miller, Rep. Flynn, Rep. Randall, and Rep. Fitzpatrick left.  
02:26:24 Rep. Hoven  
02:26:34 Mr. Walborn  
02:27:55 Rep. Hoven  
02:27:59 Rep. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Flynn, and Rep. Randall returned.  
02:28:18 Mr. Walborn  
02:28:43 Rep. Hoven  
02:28:56 Mr. Walborn  
02:29:04 Rep. Hoven  
02:29:22 Mr. Walborn  
02:30:57 Rep. Hoven  
02:31:04 Mr. Walborn  
02:31:44 Rep. Lavin left.  
02:33:11 Rep. Hale left.  
02:33:16 Rep. Hoven  
02:33:34 Mr. Walborn  
02:34:37 Rep. McNally  
02:35:22 Mr. Walborn  
02:35:29 Rep. Hale and Rep. Lavin returned.  
02:36:01 Rep. McNally  
02:36:23 Mr. Walborn  
02:36:46 Rep. Flynn  
02:37:06 Mr. Walborn  
02:37:15 Rep. Flynn  
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02:39:53 Rep. Flynn  
02:40:03 Mr. Walborn  
02:40:15 Rep. Knudsen  
02:40:24 Rep. Barrett  
02:40:28 Rep. Knudsen  
02:40:57 Rep. Barrett  
02:41:49 Rep. Williams  
02:41:59 Mr. Walborn  
02:42:02 Rep. Williams  
02:42:14 Mr. Walborn

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:42:39 Rep. Barrett

02:43:23 Rep. Miller returned.

02:46:33 Chairman Blasdel

**ADJOURNMENT**

02:47:05      Adjournment 10:48 am

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Lisa Adams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tah21aad.pdf](#))