

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mark Blasdel, on March 14, 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. Mike Miller, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Mary McNally (D)
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Rep. Max Yates (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Janna Taylor (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Alan Hale (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (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: SB 172, 3/11/2011; SB 219, 3/11/2011; SB 266, 3/11/2011

HEARING ON SB 219**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:05 Sen. Gary Branae (D), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 219, Revise laws relating to property tax protest.

00:00:23 Rep. Malek arrived

00:00:30 Rep. McClafferty arrived.

00:00:39 Rep. Hale arrived.

00:02:26 Rep. Williams arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:25 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)

00:07:58 Sue Vinton, Board Chair, Lockwood Schools

00:09:56 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

00:11:46 Ed Bartlett, Attorney, Yellowstone County

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

00:12:38 Gene Walborn, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:02 Rep. Barrett

00:13:43 Mr. Vogel, MTSBA

00:15:04 Rep. Barrett

00:15:31 Mr. Walborn, DOR

00:17:27 Rep. Barrett

00:17:38 Mr. Walborn

00:18:46 Rep. Barrett

00:20:01 Ms. Vinton

00:20:30 Rep. Barrett

00:20:48 Ms. Vinton

00:20:58 Vice Chairman Miller

00:21:33 Ms. Wiggers

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:39 Sen. Branae

HEARING ON SB 172**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:26:03 Sen. Bob Lake (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 172, Classify energy storage equipment and compressed air energy storage for taxation.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:22 Van Jamison, Vice President, Gaelectric North America

00:32:53 Rep. Stahl arrived.

00:36:34 Chantel McCormick, Vice President, Grasslands Renewable Energy

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:47 Rep. Barrett
00:39:09 Mr. Jamison
00:39:40 Rep. Barrett
00:40:19 Mr. Jamison
00:41:06 Vice Chairman Miller
00:41:34 Sen. Lake
00:41:54 Vice Chairman Miller
00:42:11 Sen. Lake
00:42:32 Rep. Hoven
00:43:00 Sen. Lake
00:44:08 Rep. Hoven
00:44:28 Sen. Lake
00:45:01 Rep. Williams
00:45:35 Sen. Lake
00:46:05 Rep. Williams
00:46:32 Sen. Lake
00:47:02 Rep. Williams
00:47:38 Mr. Jamison
00:49:59 Rep. O'Neil
00:50:24 Sen. Lake
00:50:44 Mr. Jamison
00:51:23 Rep. Barrett
00:52:47 Sen. Lake
00:52:54 Rep. Barrett
00:53:15 Rep. Knudsen left.
00:53:35 Sen. Lake
00:54:30 Rep. Barrett
00:55:03 Sen. Lake

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:25 Sen. Lake

HEARING ON SB 266

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:57:02 Sen. Alan Olson (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 266, Revise local coal tax gross proceeds tax abatement.

00:57:11 Chairman Blasdel left.
00:57:19 Rep. Barrett left.
00:57:23 Rep. Stahl left.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:58:21 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:59:17 Leo Barry, Attorney, Great Northern Properties

Opponents' Testimony:

00:59:53 Clayton Elliott, Northern Plains Resource Council
01:01:11 Rep. Hale left.
01:01:25 Chairman Blasdel arrived.
01:02:31 Rep. Knudsen arrived.
01:04:15 Rep. Barrett arrived.

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:06 Rep. Hoven
01:05:38 Sen. Olson
01:06:00 Rep. Williams
01:06:17 Mr. Elliott
01:06:43 Rep. Hale arrived.

Closing by Sponsor:

01:06:58 Sen. Olson

ADJOURNMENT

01:09:59 Adjournment: 10:11 a.m.

Lisa Adams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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