

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Bruce Tutvedt, on January 13, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bruce Tutvedt, Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Lake, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Ron Arthun (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 1, 1/13/2011; SB 6, 1/13/2011;
SB 12, 1/13/2011; SB 75, 1/13/2011

Executive Action: SB 12 Do Pass

HEARING ON SB 75**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:55 Sen. Jon Sonju (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 75, Allow flexible hours for local property tax operations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:59 Alan Peura, Deputy Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)
[EXHIBIT\(tas10a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:06:20 Cele Pohle, Powell County Commissioner
[EXHIBIT\(tas10a02\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:28 Sen. Wittich
00:11:01 Alan Peura, DOR
00:12:08 Sen. Lake
00:12:29 Alan Peura
00:16:14 Sen. Lake
00:16:22 Alan Peura
00:18:45 Sen. Erickson
00:19:13 Alan Peura
00:21:03 Sen. Erickson
00:21:27 Alan Peura
00:21:58 Rocky Haralson, Regional Manager, Region IV, DOR
00:25:35 Sen. Gillan
00:26:09 Alan Peura
00:26:55 Chairman Tutvedt
00:27:16 Alan Peura

Closing by Sponsor:

00:28:49 Sen. Sonju

HEARING ON SB 6**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:29:37 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 6, Fee for PowerPoint presentation to Legislature or committee.

[EXHIBIT\(tas10a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas10a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:50 Sen. Lake
00:36:01 Sen. Keane
00:36:13 Sen. Erickson
00:37:03 Terry Johnson, Principal Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
00:38:25 Sen. Kaufmann
00:39:05 Sen. Keane
00:42:09 Sen. Gillan
00:42:25 Sen. Keane
00:42:45 Chairman Tutvedt
00:42:59 Sen. Keane

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:34 Sen. Keane

HEARING ON SB 12

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:43:48 Sen. Ron Erickson (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 12, Repeal obsolete business equipment property tax reimbursement.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:46:14 Chairman Tutvedt
00:46:26 Sen. Erickson
00:47:05 Lee Heiman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:47:22 Chairman Tutvedt

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:25 Sen. Erickson

00:47:37 Chairman Tutvedt passed the Chair duties to Vice Chairman Sen. Lake.

HEARING ON SB 1

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:48:01 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 1, Amend assessment of rural special improvement districts.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:49:38 Sen. Wittich
00:50:51 Sen. Tutvedt
00:54:04 Sen. Wittich
00:54:45 Vice Chair Lake
00:55:16 Sen. Tutvedt
00:55:44 Lee Heiman, LSD
00:56:21 Vice Chair Lake
00:56:54 Lee Heiman
00:57:38 Vice Chair Lake
00:57:59 Sen. Tutvedt

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:31 Sen. Tutvedt
00:59:09 Chairman Tutvedt resumed responsibilities of Chairman.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 12

00:59:24 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Erickson moved that **SB 12 DO PASS**. Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

General Committee Business:

01:01:00 Chairman Tutvedt

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:05 a.m.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas10aad.pdf](#))