

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Bruce Tutvedt, on January 14, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 303  
Capitol

#### SENATE 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. Jim Peterson (R)  
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)  
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)  
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)

**Members Absent:** None

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

**HOUSE ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Members Excused:** Rep. Dick Barrett (D)

**Staff Present:** Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch  
Lisa Adams, House 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:**

Joint Meeting ~ Senate Taxation Committee and House Taxation  
Committee: Tax Committee Training ~ Taxpayer Perspective

[EXHIBIT\(tas11a01\)](#)

**MONTANA BUDGET AND POLICY CENTER**

00:01:48 Tara Veazey, Montana Budget and Policy Center

[EXHIBIT\(tas11a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas11a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas11a04\)](#)

**HEADWATERS ECONOMICS**

00:16:25 Mark Haggerty, Headwaters Economics, Bozeman

[EXHIBIT\(tas11a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas11a06\)](#)

**STATE TAX APPEAL BOARD**

00:34:51 Karen Powell, Chair, Montana State Tax Appeal Board

[EXHIBIT\(tas11a07\)](#)

**APPRAISAL OVERVIEW**

00:41:00 Myles Watts, Professor of Agricultural Economics and Economics, Montana State University (MSU)

[EXHIBIT\(tas11a08\)](#)

01:00:21 Sen. Lake  
01:00:57 Dr. Watts  
01:01:10 Sen. Lake  
01:01:25 Dr. Watts  
01:03:01 Sen. Peterson  
01:04:04 Dr. Watts  
01:06:20 Sen. Arthun  
01:06:46 Dr. Watts  
01:07:20 Sen. Erickson  
01:07:59 Dr. Watts  
01:08:51 Sen. Erickson  
01:09:00 Dr. Watts  
01:09:43 Chairman Tutvedt  
01:10:13 Dr. Watts  
01:11:15 Rep. Stahl  
01:11:41 Dr. Watts  
01:13:05 Rep. Hoven  
01:13:33 Dr. Watts  
01:14:10 Rep. Hoven  
01:14:22 Dr. Watts

**CENTRALLY ASSESSED OVERVIEW**

01:14:50 Mike Green, Attorney, Crowley Fleck PLLP

[EXHIBIT\(tas11a09\)](#)

01:33:21 Sen. Kaufmann

**COMPLIANCE COSTS OF AUDITS**

01:34:15 George S. Olson, C.P.A., representing Montana Society of CPA's  
01:43:35 Sen. Gillan  
01:44:23 George S. Olson  
01:46:09 Sen. Gillan  
01:46:40 George Olson  
01:47:15 Sen. Erickson  
01:47:42 George S. Olson  
01:48:21 Sen. Erickson  
01:48:33 George S. Olson

**ADMINISTRATIVE RULE MAKING PROCESS**

01:49:10 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)  
[EXHIBIT\(tas11a10\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(tas11a11\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(tas11a12\)](#)  
01:57:06 Rep. Barrett  
01:57:21 Nancy Schlepp, MTA

**Committee Questions and Responses:**

01:58:05 Rep. Barrett  
01:58:09 Chairman Tutvedt  
01:59:03 Mike Green, Crowley Fleck  
02:00:05 Chairman Tutvedt  
02:00:14 Mike Green  
02:01:39 Sen. Wittich  
02:03:49 Samantha Sanchez, Montana State Tax Appeal Board  
02:08:05 Sen. Wittich  
02:08:20 Tara Veazey  
02:10:15 Sen. Wittich  
02:10:45 Rep. Barrett  
02:11:26 Tara Veazey  
02:11:59 Rep. Barrett  
02:12:15 Tara Veazey  
02:12:31 Dan Bucks, Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)  
02:13:11 Sen. Erickson  
02:14:22 Tara Veazey  
02:17:26 Sen. Erickson  
02:17:47 Tara Veazey  
02:18:42 Rep. Malek  
02:19:33 Alan Peura, Deputy Director, DOR  
02:20:02 Dan Bucks, Director, DOR  
02:20:41 Rep. Malek  
02:20:57 Dan Bucks, DOR  
02:24:02 Chairman Tutvedt

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

02:24:30 Alan Peura, DOR

[EXHIBIT\(tas11a13\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas11a14\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas11a15\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas11a16\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas11a17\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas11a18\)](#)

02:35:50 Chairman Tutvedt

02:36:54 Alan Peura

02:38:36 Chairman Tutvedt

02:38:48 Alan Peura

02:39:49 Rep. Barrett

02:40:21 Alan Peura

02:40:50 Rep. Taylor

02:41:20 Alan Peura

02:42:14 Chairman Tutvedt

02:42:32 Chairman Blasdel

02:44:07 Alan Peura

02:45:54 Rep. Stahl

02:46:16 Alan Peura

02:47:27 Chairman Tutvedt

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment:  
10:50 a.m.

02:47:53

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Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([tas11aad.pdf](#))**