

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Bruce Tutvedt, on February 14, 2011 at 10:00 A.M., in Room 303 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. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

Members Excused:

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

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 282, 2/8/2011

HEARING ON SB 282**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:44 Sen. Dave Lewis (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 282, Provide for student scholarship organizations and tax credits for donations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:58 Jeff Laszloffy, President, Montana Family Foundation

[EXHIBIT\(tas36a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas36a02\)](#)

00:10:35 Pat Wagman, former School Board Trustee, Livingston, former Legislator

[EXHIBIT\(tas36a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas36a04\)](#)

00:12:54 Thane Johnson, attorney, Columbia Falls

00:18:14 Theresa Fry, Helena

00:19:26 Donna Smillie, Principal, St. Andrews School, Helena

00:24:03 Laef Olson, Gallatin County resident

00:26:55 Susan Gianforte, Co-Founder, Right Now Technologies, Bozeman

00:28:59 Glenn Bliss, Great Falls

00:31:34 Bowen Greenwood, Executive Director, Montana Republican Party

00:33:02 Barbara Rush, Teacher, Retired, Helena School District

[EXHIBIT\(tas36a05\)](#)

00:34:19 Bob Fowler, Student, St. Andrews School, Helena

00:38:01 Sharon Nason, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, parent

00:40:46 Pat McCain

00:42:08 Ivan Small, Crow Tribe member, Director, St. Labre Indian Catholic Schools

00:44:21 Dale Buwalda, Foundation for Educational Choice

[EXHIBIT\(tas36a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas36a07\)](#)

00:49:58 Tim Keller, Attorney, Institute for Justice

00:52:35 Helena Lee, Helena resident

[EXHIBIT\(tas36a08\)](#)

00:53:09 Ashely Oliverio, parent

Opponents' Testimony:

00:53:25 Eric Feaver, representing MEA/MFT

[EXHIBIT\(tas36a09\)](#)

01:08:24 Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Superintendent of Public Instruction

01:13:15 Bob Vogel, representing Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

01:18:30 Tara Veazey, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

01:21:51 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent of Schools, Helena School District

01:26:07 Chris Cavazos, Montana State AFL/CIO

01:26:59 Darrell Rud, Executive Director, School Administrators of Montana

01:28:29 Mark Lambrecht, Executive Director, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

01:30:56 Scott Crichton, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

[EXHIBIT\(tas36a10\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

01:32:40 Dan Dodds, Department of Revenue (DOR)

01:33:25 Chairman Tutvedt

01:34:01 Dan Dodds, DOR

EXHIBIT(tas36a11)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:40:06 Sen. Kaufmann

01:40:30 Sen. Lewis

01:41:18 Sen. Kaufmann

01:41:24 Eric Feaver, MEA/MFT

01:42:07 Sen. Kaufmann

01:42:51 Sen. Lewis

01:43:42 Sen. Kaufmann

01:43:57 Sen. Lewis

01:44:04 Sen. Erickson

01:44:31 Sen. Lewis

01:45:15 Sen. Erickson

01:45:28 Sen. Lewis

01:46:24 Chairman Tutvedt

01:46:38 Sen. Lewis

01:47:12 Chairman Tutvedt

01:47:22 Lee Heiman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:47:28 Sen. Lewis

01:47:52 Sen. Branae

01:48:32 Pat Wagman

01:49:31 Sen. Branae

01:49:45 Pat Wagman

01:50:13 Sen. Wittich

01:51:06 Scott Crichton, ACLU

01:52:43 Sen. Wittich

01:53:26 Tim Keller

01:54:49 Sen. Gillan

01:56:03 Sen. Lewis

01:59:45 Sen. Gillan

02:00:06 Sen. Lewis

02:00:55 Sen. Gillan

02:01:51 Eric Feaver

02:03:01 Sen. Van Dyk

02:03:52 Sen. Lewis

02:04:42 Sen. Van Dyk

02:05:21 Eric Feaver

02:06:59 Chairman Tutvedt

02:07:56 Sen. Erickson

02:08:14 Tara Veazey, MBPC

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02:08:36 Sen. Lewis

02:09:06 Sen. Wittich

02:10:09 Eric Feaver
02:11:14 Sen. Wittich
02:12:02 Eric Feaver

Closing by Sponsor:

02:13:20 Sen. Dave Lewis

Additional Exhibit:

EXHIBIT(tas36a12)

Individual Income Tax Credit information relating to SB 253 heard in committee
February 11, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:15 P.M.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas36aad.pdf](#))