

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Bruce Tutvedt, on April 7, 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. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)

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: HB 616, 4/1/2011; HB 641, 4/1/2011

Executive Action: HB 641 ~ Be Concurred In

HEARING ON HB 616**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:51 Rep. Lee Randall (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 616, Correct erroneous agriculture land values, provide remedy, create Ag Committee.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:40 Nancy Schlepp, representing The Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)

00:03:40 John Youngberg, representing Montana Farm Bureau Association (MFBA)

[EXHIBIT\(tas78a01\)](#)

00:04:22 Ron Devlin, Devlin Ranch Company

[EXHIBIT\(tas78a02\)](#)

00:12:46 Jay Bodner, representing Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

00:13:38 Clayton Elliott, representing The Bull Mountain Land Alliance and the Northern Plains Resource Council

00:15:45 Jim Brown, representing The Montana Wool Growers Association

00:16:07 Sen. Eric Moore, SD 20

Opponents' Testimony:

00:16:52 Alan Peura, Deputy Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

[EXHIBIT\(tas78a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas78a04\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00:31:00 Department of Revenue: Dallas Reese, Ed Caplis, Cynthia Monteau Moore

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:15 Sen. Lake

00:34:02 Alan Peura, DOR

00:34:51 Sen. Lake

00:35:39 Dallas Reese, DOR

00:42:44 Sen. Lake

00:43:08 Dallas Reese

00:44:48 Sen. Wittich

00:45:24 Rep. Randall

00:45:43 Sen. Wittich

00:47:22 Alan Peura

00:48:19 Sen. Gillan arrived at the committee meeting

00:48:32 Dallas Reese

00:51:05 Sen. Wittich

00:52:06 Dallas Reese

00:53:32 Sen. Wittich

00:54:06 Alan Peura

00:54:35 Sen. Kaufmann

00:55:41 Dallas Reese

00:57:23 Sen. Kaufmann
00:58:08 Rep. Randall
00:58:45 Chairman Tutvedt
00:59:22 Jay Bodner, MSGA
01:00:22 Chairman Tutvedt
01:00:31 Jay Bodner
01:00:50 Sen. Arthun
01:01:15 Jay Bodner
01:01:52 Chairman Tutvedt
01:02:14 John Youngberg, MFBA
01:02:51 Chairman Tutvedt
01:02:58 John Youngberg
01:03:38 Chairman Tutvedt
01:04:05 Ron Devlin
01:04:24 Chairman Tutvedt
01:04:59 Dallas Reese
01:09:36 Chairman Tutvedt
01:10:19 Dallas Reese
01:12:58 Chairman Tutvedt
01:13:01 Alan Peura
01:13:37 Sen. Kaufmann
01:13:46 Chairman Tutvedt
01:14:44 Alan Peura
01:15:23 Chairman Tutvedt

Closing by Sponsor:

01:15:37 Rep. Lee Randall
[EXHIBIT\(tas78a05\)](#)

01:18:10 Recess

HEARING ON HB 641

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:25:02 Rep. Betsy Hands (D), HD 99, opened the hearing on HB 641, Review tax expenditures.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:29:38 Ed Caplis, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:29:57 Chairman Tutvedt
01:30:16 Rep. Hands
01:31:24 Chairman Tutvedt
01:31:49 Ed Caplis, DOR
01:32:29 Sen. Arthun
01:32:40 Ed Caplis
01:32:58 Chairman Tutvedt
01:33:21 Ed Caplis
01:34:02 Sen. Lake
01:34:42 Ed Caplis
01:35:03 Sen. Kaufmann
01:35:47 Rep. Hands

Closing by Sponsor:

01:36:59 Rep. Betsy Hands
01:38:27 Nancy Schlepp, MTA

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 641

(Senators Van Dyk, Essmann, Peterson, Erickson, Vincent, and Wittich excused)

01:38:57 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lake moved that **HB 641 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Lake will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:45 a.m.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas78aad.pdf](#))