

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Mark Blasdel, on January 20, 2011 at 8:00 AM, 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. Alan Hale (R)  
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)  
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)  
Rep. Sue Malek (D)  
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Rep. Mary McNally (D)  
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R)  
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)  
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)  
Rep. Max Yates (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**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: HB 168, 1/14/2011; HB 217, 1/14/2011

**HEARING ON HB 168****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:04 Rep. Harry Klock (R), HD 83, opened the hearing on HB 168, Provide military income tax exemptions.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:13 Chief Master Sergeant Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard Enlisted Association

**EXHIBIT(tah15a01)**

00:17:13 Sergeant First Class Dennis Stoner, Montana National Guard Enlisted Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:18:32 C.A. Daw, Chief Legal Officer of the Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:23:23 Rep. Stahl arrived.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:24:30 Dr. Stephanie Morrison, Revenue Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFA)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:25:06 Rep. Barrett

00:25:14 Dr. Morrison, LFA

00:25:35 Rep. Barrett

00:25:46 Dr. Morrison

00:27:03 Rep. Barrett

00:27:24 Dr. Morrison

00:28:01 Rep. Phillips

00:28:31 Rep. Klock

00:28:40 Rep. Taylor

00:29:07 CMS Hagan

00:31:52 Rep. Hoven

00:32:04 CMS Hagan

00:32:14 Rep. Hoven

00:32:42 CMS Hagan

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:34:05 Rep. Klock

00:35:30 Rep. Phillips

00:36:00 Chairman Blasdel

00:36:18 Rep. Stahl

00:36:36 Rep. Phillips

00:37:49 Rep. Stahl

00:37:56 Rep. Phillips

00:38:12 Rep. Stahl

**HEARING ON HB 217**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:38:20 Rep. Mike Miller (R), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 217, Extend property tax exemption for disabled veterans to include assessments.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:40:02 Wayne Walker, Self

00:47:23 Roger Hagan, Department of Montana American Legion

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:48:01 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana County Taxpayers Association

00:51:19 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

00:52:04 Cindy Swank, Self

**[EXHIBIT\(tah15a02\)](#)**

**Informational Testimony:**

00:57:04 Rocky Haralson, Regional Manager, Property Assessment, Department of Revenue

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:57:43 Rep. Knudsen

00:57:49 Rep. Miller

00:57:55 Rep. Knudsen

00:58:00 Rep. Miller

00:58:07 Rep. Barrett

00:58:38 Rep. Miller

00:58:45 Rep. Barrett

00:59:09 Rep. Barrett

00:59:14 Rep. Miller

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:59:19 Rep. Miller

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:00:38      Adjournment      09:00:38 am

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Lisa Adams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([tah15aad.pdf](#))**