

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Mark Blasdel, on March 3, 2011 at 9:00 A.M., 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. 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. Steve Lavin (R)

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

**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 398, 2/18/2011; HJ 13, 2/18/2011

**HEARING ON HB 398****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:04 Rep. Chuck Hunter (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 398, Revise tax laws to allow tax credits related to alternative fuel motor vehicles.

00:02:41 Rep. McNally left.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:09 Dan Frakes, Manager of Advanced Technology and Fuel Policies, General Motors (GM)

00:07:52 Rep. McNally arrived.

00:10:39 John MacDonald, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers

00:11:33 Mona Jamison, GM

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**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:15:14 Steve Wade, Montana Contractor's Association

00:15:52 Rep. Stahl arrived.

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:16:52 Rep. Barrett

00:17:10 Mr. Frakes, GM

00:18:35 Rep. Barrett

00:19:02 Mr. Frakes

00:19:43 Rep. Barrett

00:20:07 Mr. Frakes

00:20:31 Rep. Phillips

00:21:01 Mr. Frakes

00:21:51 Rep. Phillips

00:22:50 Mr. Frakes

00:23:40 Rep. Phillips

00:24:18 Mr. Frakes

00:25:06 Rep. Phillips

00:25:47 Rep. Hunter

00:26:14 Rep. Phillips

00:26:24 Rep. Hunter

00:26:28 Rep. Phillips

00:26:58 Rep. Hunter

00:27:21 Rep. Taylor

00:27:54 Mr. Frakes

00:28:26 Rep. Taylor

00:28:45 Rep. Hunter

00:29:05 Rep. Taylor

00:29:11 Rep. Hunter

00:29:19 Rep. Taylor

00:29:33 Rep. Hunter

00:29:45 Ms. Jamison

00:30:16 Rep. Yates  
00:30:41 Mr. Frakes  
00:31:39 Rep. Yates  
00:31:58 Mr. Frakes  
00:32:44 Rep. Yates  
00:33:34 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
00:33:50 Mr. Frakes  
00:34:35 Rep. Knudsen  
00:35:15 Rep. Hunter  
00:35:48 Rep. Phillips  
00:36:07 Rep. Hunter  
00:36:18 Rep. Phillips  
00:36:36 Mr. Frakes  
00:37:27 Rep. Hale  
00:37:40 Mr. Frakes  
00:37:46 Rep. Hale  
00:37:50 Mr. Frakes  
00:38:07 Rep. Barrett  
00:38:08 Rep. Randall left.  
00:38:33 Mr. Frakes  
00:38:45 Rep. Barrett  
00:39:12 Mr. Frakes  
00:39:47 Rep. Barrett  
00:40:02 Mr. Frakes  
00:40:40 Rep. Barrett  
00:41:08 Rep. Hunter  
00:41:22 Vice Chairman Miller  
00:41:29 Rep. Randall arrived.  
00:41:46 Rep. Hunter  
00:42:04 Mr. Frakes  
00:42:17 Vice Chairman Miller  
00:42:35 Mr. Frakes  
00:42:49 Rep. Hale  
00:43:08 Rep. Hunter  
00:43:22 Mr. Frakes

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:44:15 Rep. Hunter  
  
00:45:06 Chairman Blasdel left.  
00:45:20 Chairman Blasdel arrived.  
  
00:45:25 Recessed.  
00:52:00 Resumed.

**HEARING ON HJ 13**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:52:56 Rep. Kris Hansen (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HJ 13, Interim study of state income tax and sales tax.

00:57:01 Vice Chairman Miller arrived.  
00:58:36 Chairman Blasdel left.  
01:01:13 Chairman Blasdel arrived.  
01:04:30 Rep. Flynn arrived.  
01:09:56 Rep. McClafferty arrived.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:11:21 Holly Franz, Montana Society of CPAs

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:12:08 Vice Chairman Miller  
01:12:34 Rep. Hansen  
01:13:18 Rep. Phillips  
01:14:23 Rep. Hansen  
01:14:25 Rep. Knudsen left.  
01:19:05 Rep. Barrett  
01:20:18 Rep. Hansen  
01:20:27 Rep. Barrett  
01:20:38 Rep. Hansen  
01:21:04 Rep. Williams  
01:22:02 Rep. Hansen  
01:22:26 Rep. Williams  
01:22:35 Rep. Hansen  
01:23:25 Rep. Williams  
01:23:49 Rep. Hansen  
01:23:55 Rep. Knudsen arrived.  
01:25:10 Rep. Malek  
01:25:55 Rep. Hansen  
01:26:51 Rep. Randall left.  
01:27:04 Rep. Malek  
01:27:40 Rep. Hansen  
01:28:27 Rep. Malek  
01:28:43 Rep. Hansen  
01:29:38 Rep. Malek  
01:30:21 Rep. Hansen  
01:31:29 Rep. Malek  
01:31:34 Rep. Hansen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:32:01 Rep. Hansen

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:33:52      Adjournment: 10:35 am

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Lisa Adams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tah48aad.pdf](#))