

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mark Blasdel, on March 16, 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. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Sue Malek (D)
Rep. Mary McNally (D)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)
Rep. Max Yates (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (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 240, 3/10/2011; HB 512, 3/10/2011

HEARING ON HB 240**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:14 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 240, Revise eminent domain laws.

EXHIBIT(tah59a01)

00:02:28 Rep. Knudsen arrived.
00:02:34 Rep. McClafferty arrived.
00:04:20 Rep. Barrett left.
00:05:47 Chairman Blasdel and Rep. Phillips left.
00:06:25 Rep. Phillips arrived.
00:06:34 Rep. Barrett arrived.
00:07:56 Chairman Blasdel arrived.
00:09:54 Rep. Fitzpatrick left.
00:12:04 Chairman Blasdel
00:12:11 Rep. Flynn
00:12:38 Rep. Phillips
00:13:25 Chairman Blasdel
00:13:45 Rep. Phillips
00:13:55 Chairman Blasdel
00:14:11 Vice Chairman Miller left.
00:14:41 Rep. Barrett
00:14:46 Rep. Flynn
00:15:14 Vice Chairman Miller arrived.
00:16:07 Rep. Williams
00:16:30 Chairman Blasdel
00:16:49 Rep. Williams

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:07 Chuck Hahn, self
00:21:43 Hertha Lund, Attorney, Landowners for Fair Condemnation Practices, Bozeman
00:25:25 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
00:26:11 Rep. O'Neil arrived.
00:27:03 Tim Ravndal, Lewis & Clark Conservative Tea Party Group, Helena
00:27:52 Chris Stephens, self
00:30:28 Clint McRae, rancher, Colestrip

EXHIBIT(tah59a02)

00:31:49 Rep. Phillips left.
00:34:14 Bob Haseman, self
00:34:15 Rep. Phillips arrived.
00:37:24 Rep. Randall left.
00:37:51 Errol Rice, Montana Stockgrowers Association
00:38:28 Rep. Randall arrived.
00:38:36 Chuck Denowh, Policy Director, United Property Owners of Montana
00:39:12 Bill Petrovish, self, Broadwater County
00:42:39 Rep. Stahl left.
00:42:58 Rep. Randall left.
00:43:12 Carol Lambert, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)
00:43:42 Rep. Barrett left.

00:43:47 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union
00:44:48 Rachel Roberts, Concerned Citizens Montana
00:45:46 Clayton Elliott, Northern Plains Resource Council

Opponents' Testimony:

00:46:38 Ken Morrison, TransCanada
00:46:53 Rep. Randall arrived.
00:48:15 Rep. Barrett arrived.
00:49:03 John Fitzpatrick, NorthWestern Energy
01:00:53 Rep. Stahl arrived.
01:04:08 John Alke, Montana Alberta Tie Limited (MATL)
01:11:00 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives Association
01:13:29 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Taxpayers Association
01:15:16 Mark Baker, Anderson, Baker and Swanson, Denbury Resources
01:19:02 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:20:31 Rep. Barrett
01:21:56 Mr. Alke, MATL
01:22:01 Rep. Barrett
01:22:13 Rep. Phillips left.
01:22:54 Mr. Alke
01:24:11 Rep. Hale left.
01:25:24 Rep. Barrett
01:25:29 Rep. Phillips arrived.
01:25:40 Rep. Flynn
01:27:01 Rep. Randall left.
01:27:47 Rep. Barrett
01:28:06 Rep. Flynn
01:28:39 Ms. Lund
01:29:25 Rep. Barrett
01:30:11 Ms. Lund
01:30:53 Rep. Hale arrived.
01:31:37 Rep. Barrett
01:31:55 Rep. Randall arrived.
01:32:20 Ms. Lund
01:33:18 Rep. Malek
01:33:59 Rep. Flynn

EXHIBIT(tah59a03)

01:38:58 Rep. Malek
01:39:21 Mr. Alke
01:41:03 Rep. Malek
01:43:00 Rep. Phillips
01:43:58 Rep. Flynn
01:45:02 Rep. Phillips
01:45:28 Rep. Flynn
01:45:34 Rep. Barrett
01:46:54 Rep. Stahl left.

01:47:08 Rep. Flynn
01:47:55 Rep. Barrett
01:48:29 Rep. Flynn
01:49:49 Rep. Barrett
01:50:13 Rep. Flynn
01:50:34 Vice Chairman Miller
01:51:00 Rep. Flynn
01:52:04 Vice Chairman Miller
01:52:17 Rep. Flynn
01:52:44 Vice Chairman Miller
01:52:57 Rep. Flynn
01:53:16 Rep. Hoven
01:53:31 Rep. Flynn
01:54:36 Rep. Yates
01:54:50 Dennis Lopatch for Ms. Lund.
01:55:15 Rep. Yates
01:56:19 Mr. Alke
01:58:02 Rep. Yates
01:58:34 Mr. Alke
01:59:06 Rep. Yates
01:59:09 Rep. Stahl arrived.
01:59:25 Mr. Alke
01:59:44 Rep. Stahl left.
02:00:39 Rep. Yates
02:00:43 Rep. Stahl arrived.
02:01:08 Rep. McClafferty left.
02:01:19 Rep. McNally left.
02:01:26 Mr. Alke
02:01:39 Vice Chairman Miller left.
02:02:53 Rep. Yates
02:03:07 Rep. Knudsen left.
02:05:15 Mr. Alke
02:06:03 Rep. Hoven
02:06:18 Rep. McNally and Rep. McClafferty arrived.
02:06:41 Vice Chairman Miller arrived.
02:06:57 Rep. Taylor left.
02:08:18 Rep. Flynn
02:08:23 Rep. Taylor arrived.
02:10:27 Rep. Malek
02:11:00 Mr. Hardy
02:11:29 Chairman Blasdel left.
02:12:52 Rep. Malek
02:13:20 Mr. McRae
02:14:16 Rep. Malek
02:14:29 Chairman Blasdel arrived.
02:14:39 Mr. Baker
02:15:16 Rep. O'Neil
02:15:31 Chairman Blasdel
02:15:43 Rep. Hoven
02:16:39 Mr. Alke

02:19:01 Rep. Yates
02:19:51 Mr. Fitzpatrick
02:20:48 Rep. Yates
02:22:24 Mr. Fitzpatrick
02:23:11 Rep. Yates
02:23:51 Mr. Fitzpatrick
02:26:32 Rep. Phillips
02:27:30 Rep. Flynn
02:27:35 Rep. Randall left.
02:28:49 Vice Chairman Miller
02:29:37 Mr. Fitzpatrick

Closing by Sponsor:

02:30:39 Rep. Flynn

HEARING ON HB 512

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:34:51 Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 512, Portion of new coal severance and oil & gas production taxes to school flex.

02:34:57 Rep. Barrett left.

02:36:41 Rep. Flynn left.

02:37:22 Rep. Barrett arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:38:04 Dee Brown, self, Hungry Horse

EXHIBIT(tah59a04)

02:39:51 Willie Duffield, Montana Oil, Gas and Coal Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:42:24 Vice Chairman Miller
02:42:54 Rep. O'Neil
02:43:07 Mr. Duffield
02:43:28 Rep. Knudsen
02:43:50 Mr. Duffield
02:44:05 Rep. Malek
02:44:25 Mr. Duffield
02:44:57 Rep. Taylor
02:45:33 Ms. Brown
02:46:07 Rep. Phillips
02:47:11 Rep. O'Neil
02:47:19 Ms. Brown
02:47:27 Chairman Blasdel left.
02:47:39 Rep. Phillips

02:48:06 Rep. O'Neil

Closing by Sponsor:

02:48:42 Rep. O'Neil

02:49:26 Vice Chairman Miller

02:49:28 Chairman Blasdel arrived.

02:49:51 Chairman Blasdel

02:50:11 Rep. Barrett

02:50:32 Chairman Blasdel

02:50:50 Rep. Barrett

02:51:09 Chairman Blasdel

02:51:33 Rep. Barrett

ADJOURNMENT

02:51:53 Adjournment: 10:53 am

Lisa Adams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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