

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Bruce Tutvedt, on January 25, 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. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jim Peterson (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 172, 1/14/2011; SB 22, 1/14/2011

Executive Action: SB 166 Do Pass

HEARING ON SB 172**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:50 Sen. Bob Lake (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 172, Classify energy storage equipment and compressed air energy storage for taxation.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:27 Mona Jamison, Attorney, representing Gaelectric, LLC

EXHIBIT(tas19a01)

00:08:49 Dave Hoffman, PPL Montana

00:11:02 John Fitzpatrick, representing NorthWestern Energy

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:55 Tim Ravndal, Helena Tea Party

00:12:29 Bill Petrovish, Board Member, Concerned Citizens of Montana (CCM)

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:13:25 Sen. Wittich

00:14:31 Mona Jamison

00:15:10 Van Jamison, Vice President, Strategic Operations, Gaelectric, LLC, without objection from the committee

00:19:46 Sen. Wittich

00:19:55 Van Jamison

00:20:09 Sen. Wittich

00:21:34 Alan Peura, Deputy Director, Department of Revenue (DOR), without objection from the committee

00:22:04 Sen. Kaufmann

00:22:33 Sen. Lake

00:23:05 Van Jamison

00:23:46 Sen. Kaufmann

00:24:22 Van Jamison

00:24:35 Sen. Kaufmann

00:24:51 Sen. Lake

00:25:31 Chairman Tutvedt

00:25:48 Lee Heiman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:26:52 Sen. Lake

00:27:10 Sen. Arthun

00:27:44 Sen. Lake

00:28:23 Sen. Essmann

00:29:32 Dave Hoffman, PPL

00:30:42 Sen. Essmann

00:31:18 Dave Hoffman

00:31:40 Sen. Essmann

00:32:04 Sen. Erickson

00:33:09 Lee Heiman, LSD
00:33:32 Sen. Kaufmann
00:33:55 Van Jamison
00:35:33 Sen. Kaufmann
00:36:01 Van Jamison
00:37:42 Sen. Kaufmann
00:38:23 Bill Petrovish, CCM

EXHIBIT(tas19a02)

00:39:35 Sen. Kaufmann
00:39:45 Sen. Wittich
00:40:21 Van Jamison
00:41:24 Sen. Erickson
00:41:52 Van Jamison
00:42:17 Sen. Erickson
00:42:58 Chairman Tutvedt
00:43:08 Alan Peura, DOR
00:43:21 Chairman Tutvedt

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:42 Sen. Lake

HEARING ON SB 22

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:44 Sen. Jeff Essmann (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 22, Allow public disclosure of certain information in commercial realty transfer.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:07:53 Alan Peura, Deputy Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

EXHIBIT(tas19a03)

EXHIBIT(tas19a04)

01:17:33 Sue Hoell, Real Estate Broker, Certified Appraiser, Helena

EXHIBIT(tas19a05)

01:21:48 John Barrows, Executive Director, Montana Newspaper Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:23:04 Joe Roberts, representing Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

01:29:10 Laurie Koutnik, Realtor, member of Helena Association of Realtors

01:38:46 Grant Bonnice, Realtor, Landmark Company, Helena

01:43:46 William Gowen, member, Montana Land Title Association (MLTA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:45:30 Sen. Lake
01:45:57 Alan Peura, DOR
01:46:24 Sen. Lake
01:47:19 Alan Peura
01:47:59 Rocky Haralson, DOR, without objection from the committee
01:48:54 Sen. Lake
01:49:33 Rocky Haralson, DOR
01:50:48 Sen. Lake
01:51:19 Rocky Haralson
01:52:02 Sen. Wittich
01:52:39 William Gowen
01:52:57 Sen. Wittich
01:53:35 Laurie Koutnik
01:55:11 Sen. Wittich
01:55:39 Laurie Koutnik
01:57:48 Sen. Wittich
01:58:55 Alan Peura
02:00:07 Sen. Erickson
02:01:33 Sen. Essmann
02:03:05 Sen. Erickson
02:03:24 Sen. Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

02:04:55 Sen. Essmann

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 166

(Senators Peterson and Gillan are absent from meeting)

02:10:08 **Motion:** Sen. Lake moved that **SB 166 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:10:17 Chairman Tutvedt

02:10:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Senators Peterson and Gillan voting by proxy.

Comment Concerning SB 22:

02:11:55 Sen. Essmann

Additional Exhibits Submitted by the Department of Revenue:

EXHIBIT(tas19a06)

Information relating to SB 70 heard in committee on January 18, 2011

EXHIBIT(tas19a07)

Information relating to SB 94 heard in committee on January 19, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:15 a.m.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas19aad.pdf](#))