

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Miller, on February 6, 2013 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Miller, Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly Flynn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Douglas Coffin (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Kris Hansen (R)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Mary McNally (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)
Rep. Nancy Wilson (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Megan Moore, Legislative Branch
Rebecca Shaw, 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 332, 1/29/2013
Executive Action: HB 153

HEARING ON HB 332**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:16:36 Rep. Mary McNally (D), HD 49, opened the hearing on HB 332, Revise tax laws to increase the business equipment tax threshold.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:01 Dan Villa, Budget Director, Office of the Governor (GOV)
00:24:30 Nancy Schlepp, Montanan Taxpayers Association
00:25:10 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:25:58 Ed Bartlett, Billings Chamber of Commerce - Convention and Visitors Bureau
00:27:35 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)
00:28:48 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:28:52 Tom Hopgood, Executive Director, Montana Mining Association
00:29:26 John Barrows, Montana Newspaper Association
00:29:53 Anna Doran, Owner, Big Dipper Ice Cream
00:31:00 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union
00:31:28 Jack Walsh, Montana Building Association
00:32:01 John Prinkee, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:33:29 Ed Caplis, Director of Tax Policy, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:57 Rep. Coffin
00:35:02 Ed Caplis, DOR
00:35:04 Rep. White
00:35:51 Ed Caplis, DOR
00:36:21 Rep. Hoven
00:36:50 Ed Caplis, DOR
00:37:02 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:37:43 Riley Johnson, NFIB
00:38:32 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:38:39 Dan Villa, GOV
00:40:09 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:40:55 Dan Villa, GOV
00:41:22 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:41:46 Dan Villa, GOV
00:41:50 Rep. Randall
00:42:51 Rep. McNally
00:43:49 Rep. Flynn
00:44:16 Rep. McNally
00:44:22 Rep. Flynn
00:44:56 Rep. McNally
00:45:42 Rep. Williams
00:46:27 Ed Caplis, DOR

00:47:01 Chair Miller
00:47:52 Ed Caplis, DOR
00:47:58 Dan Villa, GOV

Closing by Sponsor:

00:49:45 Rep. McNally

00:52:40 Chair Miller

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 153

00:52:47 **Motion:** Rep. Knudsen moved that **HB 153 BE REMOVED FROM TABLED.**

Discussion:

00:53:33 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:53:46 Rep. Knudsen

00:54:35 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 153 BE REMOVED FROM TABLED** carried 14-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Hoven, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Pomnichowski, Rep. Williams, Rep. Wilson and Rep. Zolnikov voting no.

00:56:32 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:56:50 Rep. Schwaderer
00:57:03 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:58:20 Rep. Coffin
01:00:01 Rep. Lieser
01:01:45 Rep. Williams
01:02:05 Rep. Hoven

01:03:03 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Flynn moved that **HB 153 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 16-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Pomnichowski, Rep. Williams and Rep. Zolnikov voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:05:03

Rebecca Shaw, Secretary

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