

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Miller, on March 12, 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. 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)

Members Excused: Rep. Kris Hansen (R)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

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: SB 136, 3/7/2013; SB 138, 3/7/2013

00:17:35 Chair Miller
[EXHIBIT\(tah53a01\)](#)
00:17:38 Rep. Hansen entered.

HEARING ON SB 136

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:17:49 Sen. Cliff Larsen (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 136, Revise veterans home loan program laws.
00:18:59 Rep. Zolnikov entered.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:27:03 Jim Higgins, Montana National Guard Association (MNGA)
00:31:55 Steve Turkiewicz, President/Chief Executive Officer, Board of Directors, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)
00:33:12 Jack Walsh, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:36:33 Bruce Brensdal, Executive Director, Montana Board of Housing (MBoH)
[EXHIBIT\(tah53a02\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:44 Rep. McNally
00:39:32 Sen. Larsen
00:40:21 Rep. Coffin
00:41:00 Sen. Larsen
00:41:01 Rep. Coffin
00:41:06 Sen. Larsen
00:41:33 Rep. Coffin
00:41:54 Sen. Larsen
00:42:01 Rep. Hoven
00:43:01 Steve Turkiewicz, MBA
00:43:13 Bruce Brensdal, MBoH
00:43:56 Rep. Hoven
00:43:59 Bruce Brensdal, MBoH
00:45:01 Rep. Flynn
00:45:37 Sen. Larsen
00:47:11 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:48:02 Bruce Brensdal, MBoH
00:49:14 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:49:44 Bruce Brensdal, MBoH
00:50:25 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:50:46 Bruce Brensdal, MBoH
00:51:03 Rep. Hoven
00:52:27 Bruce Brensdal, MBoH
00:52:30 Rep. Hoven
00:52:53 Bruce Brensdal, MBoH
00:53:31 Rep. Jacobson

00:53:59 Bruce Brensdal, MBoH
00:54:04 Rep. Jacobson
00:55:10 Bruce Brensdal, MBoH
00:56:03 Chair Miller
00:56:14 Bruce Brensdal, MBoH
00:56:19 Chair Miller
00:56:35 Bruce Brensdal, MBoH

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:27 Sen. Larsen

HEARING ON SB 138

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:00:10 Sen. Art Wittich (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on SB 138, Extend class 14 tax classification to all new generating and fuel facilities.

EXHIBIT(tah53a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:05:25 Henry Kriegel, Deputy State Director, Americans for Prosperity Montana (AFP)
01:07:33 Ron Devlin, NorthWestern Energy

Opponents' Testimony:

01:08:46 Kyla Maki, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
01:15:52 Clayton Elliott, Community Organizer, Northern Plains Resource Council
01:18:11 Ross Prosperi, Director, Montana Conservation Voters

Informational Testimony:

01:18:40 Lee Baerlocher, Bureau Chief, Business Tax and Valuation Bureau, Business and Income Tax Division, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:18:55 Rep. Hansen
01:19:44 Ron Devlin, Northwestern Energy
01:21:13 Rep. Hansen
01:21:53 Ron Devlin, Northwestern Energy
01:22:54 Rep. White
01:24:27 Kyla Maki, MEIC
01:24:39 Rep. White
01:25:22 Kyla Maki, MEIC
01:27:14 Rep. Wilson
01:27:56 Sen. Wittich
01:29:48 Rep. Wilson
01:29:53 Sen. Wittich
01:30:53 Rep. Knudsen
01:32:57 Kyla Maki, MEIC
01:35:38 Rep. Knudsen
01:35:44 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
01:36:45 Rep. Knudsen
01:37:12 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

01:37:22 Rep. Hoven
01:38:17 Sen. Wittich
01:39:16 Rep. Jacobson
01:40:34 Sen. Wittich
01:43:01 Rep. Jacobson
01:44:20 Sen. Wittich
01:46:06 Rep. McNally
01:47:06 Sen. Wittich
01:47:48 Rep. McNally
01:47:55 Sen. Wittich
01:49:03 Rep. McNally
01:49:24 Sen. Wittich
01:51:10 Rep. McNally
01:51:51 Sen. Wittich
01:52:05 Rep. Williams
01:53:02 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
01:53:19 Rep. Williams
01:53:35 Sen. Wittich
01:56:15 Rep. Williams
01:56:23 Sen. Wittich
01:57:03 Rep. Williams
01:57:10 Henry Kriegle, AFP
01:57:43 Rep. Coffin
01:58:15 Kyla Maki, MEIC
01:58:43 Rep. Coffin
01:58:50 Kyla Maki, MEIC
01:59:40 Rep. Schwaderer
02:00:52 Sen. Wittich
02:00:57 Rep. Schwaderer
02:01:54 Sen. Wittich
02:02:27 Rep. Coffin
02:02:37 Sen. Wittich
02:03:36 Rep. Schwaderer
02:03:41 Chair Miller
02:03:52 Rep. Coffin
02:04:59 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

02:05:22 Sen. Wittich

02:07:03 Chair Miller

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:08:19

Rebecca Shaw, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah53aad.pdf](#))