

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Bruce Tutvedt, on March 7, 2013 at 8:00 AM, in Room 405 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Bruce Tutvedt, Chair (R)  
Sen. Fred Thomas, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)  
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)  
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)  
Sen. Sue Malek (D)  
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)  
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)  
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Ron Arthun (R)  
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)  
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch  
Charlene Rich, 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 89, 2/26/2013; HB 195, 2/26/2013

**Executive Action:** HB 89, Be Concurred in.  
HB 66, Be Concurred in.

**HEARING ON HB 195****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:14:34 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 195, Revise laws related to taxation of certain forest land.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:18:22 Sen. Phillips  
00:19:04 Rep. Ingraham  
00:19:26 Sen. Kaufmann  
00:19:58 Rep. Ingraham  
00:20:31 Chairman Tutvedt

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:22:00 Rep. Ingraham

**HEARING ON HB 89****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:22:40 Rep. Ryan Lynch (D), HD 74, opened the hearing on HB 89, Allow de minimus refund of abandoned property or closed estates.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:24:36 Steve Austin, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:26:46 Sen. Barrett  
00:27:29 Rep. Lynch  
00:27:39 Sen. Barrett  
00:28:16 Cathy Fitzgerald, Department of Revenue (DOR)  
00:29:43 Sen. Barrett  
00:29:54 Cathy Fitzgerald, DOR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:30:19 Rep. Lynch

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 89**

00:32:29 **Motion:** Sen. Peterson moved that **HB 89 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:32:39 Sen. Taylor

00:33:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Arthun, Sen. Essmann and Sen. Wittich were excused. Sen. Barrett will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 66**

00:34:31 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **HB 66 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:35:03 Sen. Taylor

00:35:42 Sen. Barrett

00:36:29 Sen. Arthun entered the hearing.

00:36:42 Sen. Peterson

00:36:57 Sen. Barrett

00:37:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Essmann and Sen. Wittich were excused. Sen. Taylor will carry the bill.

**Committee Business**

00:39:34 Sen. Peterson

00:40:16 Sen. Taylor

00:40:24 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:41:14 Sen. Arthun

00:41:38 Sen. Jergeson

00:42:11 Chairman Tutvedt

00:43:33 Sen. Barrett

00:45:02 Sen. Phillips

00:46:09 Sen. Barrett

00:47:15 Sen. Peterson

00:48:32 Sen. Arthun

00:49:16 Sen. Taylor

00:50:33 Sen. Tutvedt

00:51:01 Sen. Jergeson

00:51:39 Sen. Barrett

00:54:01 Sen. Peterson

00:54:30 Sen. Barrett

00:57:01 Sen. Thomas

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 8:45 am

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Charlene Rich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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