

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Bruce Tutvedt, on March 20, 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. Ron Arthun (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. 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: SB 385, 3/15/2013

**Executive Action:** SB 280, Do Pass as Amended

**HEARING ON SB 385****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:10:56 Sen. Jason Priest (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 385, Reduce sales tax rates and redistribute proceeds to provide funding for tourism.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:15:32 Andy Sabatini, self  
[EXHIBIT\(tas60a01\)](#)

00:19:40 Mona Jamison, Big Sky Resort Area District (BSRAD)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:22:17 Sen. Barrett  
00:23:08 Sen. Priest  
00:24:32 Sen. Jergeson  
00:25:59 Chairman Tutvedt  
00:26:16 Mona Jamison, BSRAD  
00:26:35 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association (MLHA)  
00:30:34 Sen. Barrett  
00:31:05 Stuart Doggett, MLHA  
00:31:12 Sen. Phillips  
00:34:02 Sen. Priest  
00:34:10 Sen. Kaufmann  
00:34:38 Sen. Priest  
00:35:41 Sen. Barrett  
00:36:58 Sen. Priest  
00:37:09 Sen. Jergeson  
00:40:37 Sen. Priest  
00:42:43 Sen. Malek  
00:45:33 Sen. Priest  
00:47:09 Sen. Taylor  
00:47:29 Sen. Priest  
00:47:55 Sen. Phillips  
00:49:06 Andy Sabatini  
00:49:53 Sen. Jergeson  
00:50:09 Sen. Barrett  
00:51:31 Andy Sabatini, self  
00:52:42 Chairman Tutvedt  
00:52:49 Stuart Doggett  
00:53:40 Sen. Thomas  
00:54:30 Sen. Priest

00:55:15 Sen. Thomas  
00:56:10 Mona Jamison

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:56:42 Sen. Priest

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 280**

00:58:37 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 280 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**  
(Previously amended on 3/15/2013)

00:59:57 **Motion:** Sen. Jergeson moved that **SB 280 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(tas60a02\)](#)

**Discussion:**

01:01:18 Sen. Jergeson  
01:03:49 Chairman Tutvedt  
[EXHIBIT\(tas60a03\)](#)

01:04:30 Sen. Barrett  
01:07:43 Sen. Malek  
01:08:03 Sen. Thomas  
01:09:24 Sen. Jergeson

01:12:41 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Jergeson, Sen. Kaufmann, Sen. Malek and Sen. Phillips voting aye. Sen. Essmann and Sen. Wittich voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

01:13:42 Sen. Thomas  
01:14:35 Sen. Barrett  
01:14:40 Sen. Kaufmann  
01:16:02 Sen. Phillips  
01:16:16 Sen. Thomas  
01:18:56 Sen. Phillips  
01:20:45 Sen. Taylor  
01:21:58 Sen. Kaufmann  
01:22:58 Sen. Malek  
01:23:33 Sen. Thomas

01:26:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Jergeson, Sen. Kaufmann, Sen. Malek and Sen. Phillips voting no. Sen. Essmann and Sen. Wittich voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:28

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Charlene Rich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([tas60aad.pdf](#))**