

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Bruce Tutvedt, on March 26, 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)
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Charlene Rich, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 394, 3/20/2013; SB 398, 3/20/2013

Executive Action: SB 398, Amended Only
SB 282, Amended Only

HEARING ON SB 394**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:26:23 Sen. Art Wittich (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on SB 394, Generally revise income tax laws and decrease taxes.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:29:16 Dan Villa, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
[EXHIBIT\(tas65a01\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00:32:37 Brian Olson, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:32:51 Sen. Thomas
00:34:19 Dan Villa, OBPP
00:35:22 Sen. Peterson
00:35:30 Dan Villa
00:36:11 Chairman Tutvedt
00:36:18 Sen. Thomas
00:39:42 Sen. Wittich
00:39:59 Sen. Barrett
00:40:43 Sen. Wittich
00:42:40 Sen. Barrett
00:43:12 Sen. Wittich
00:43:20 Sen. Phillips
00:43:54 Sen. Wittich
00:44:48 Sen. Malek
00:47:18 Sen. Wittich
00:49:19 Sen. Thomas
00:50:16 Sen. Wittich
00:51:16 Sen. Arthun
00:51:33 Sen. Wittich
00:51:42 Chairman Tutvedt
00:52:12 Sen. Wittich
00:53:24 Sen. Peterson
00:54:56 Sen. Wittich
00:56:21 Sen. Barrett
00:59:49 Sen. Wittich
01:00:01 Sen. Jergeson
01:00:57 Sen. Wittich

Closing by Sponsor:

01:02:06 Sen. Wittich

01:02:50 Chairman Tutvedt turned over Chair responsibilities to Vice Chair Fred Thomas.

HEARING ON SB 398**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:03:07 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 398, Revise property tax revaluation process and the taxation of property.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:11:52 Mike Kadas, Department of Revenue (DOR)

01:18:10 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)

01:19:09 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmer's Union (MFU)

01:20:42 Greg Chilcott, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:22:14 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

01:27:26 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) and Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

Informational Testimony:

01:31:00 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:33:10 Sen. Taylor

01:33:46 Mike Kadas, DOR

01:34:20 Sen. Taylor

01:35:50 Mike Kadas

01:37:36 Sen. Taylor

01:38:07 Alan Peura, Department of Revenue (DOR)

01:39:39 Sen. Peterson

01:46:10 Mike Kadas

01:47:12 Sen. Peterson

01:47:34 Dan White, Department of Revenue (DOR)

01:50:03 Sen. Kaufmann

01:50:42 Nicole Rolf, MFBF, MSGA

01:53:34 Sen. Kaufmann

01:53:50 Nicole Rolf

01:53:58 Sen. Kaufmann

01:54:29 Alan Peura, DOR

01:55:16 Sen. Kaufmann

01:55:45 Alan Peura
01:58:06 Sen. Thomas
01:58:26 Joe Roberts, MAR
01:59:23 Sen. Arthun
01:59:29 Sen. Tutvedt
02:02:05 Sen. Arthun
02:02:30 Alan Peura
02:03:26 Sen. Phillips
02:04:35 Rocky Haralson, Department of Revenue (DOR)
02:06:45 Sen. Phillips
02:07:53 Mike Kadas
02:08:08 Sen. Thomas
02:08:48 Mike Kadas
02:09:28 Sen. Jergeson
02:11:51 Sen. Tutvedt
02:12:19 Sen. Jergeson
02:17:56 Nicole Rolf
02:19:04 Sen. Arthun left the hearing.
02:19:13 Sen. Taylor
02:19:41 Alan Peura
02:21:11 Sen. Malek
02:21:45 Joe Roberts
02:25:19 Sen. Peterson
02:26:40 Joe Roberts
02:28:15 Sen. Thomas
02:33:33 Sen. Tutvedt
02:34:21 Sen. Taylor
02:35:27 Sen. Tutvedt
02:36:31 Sen. Thomas
02:37:01 Sen. Tutvedt
02:38:13 Sen. Thomas
02:43:22 Alan Peura
02:44:09 Sen. Thomas
02:46:22 Mike Kadas
02:47:33 Sen. Malek
02:53:51 Alan Peura
02:53:57 Sen. Kaufmann

Closing by Sponsor:

02:54:30 Sen. Tutvedt
02:55:00 Sen. Tutvedt resumed the role as Chair.

Note: Sen. Arthun, Sen. Barrett, Sen. Essmann and Sen. Wittich were not present for executive action.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 398

02:57:09 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 398 DO PASS.**

02:57:31 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 398 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(tas65a02)

Discussion:

02:57:47 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
03:00:33 Sen. Peterson

03:02:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

Discussion:

03:04:37 Sen. Taylor
03:04:41 Sen. Thomas
03:07:37 Sen. Jergeson
03:10:36 Sen. Kaufmann
03:10:55 Jaret Coles, LSD

03:11:33 Without objection from the committee, Chairman Tutvedt postponed further action on SB 398.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 282

03:15:02 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 282 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
(previously amended on March 19, 2013)

03:16:00 **Motion:** Sen. Tutvedt moved that **SB 282 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(tas65a03)

Discussion:

03:17:10 Jaret Coles,
03:20:41 Sen. Kaufmann
03:21:04 Chairman Tutvedt
03:21:38 Sen. Kaufmann
03:22:34 Sen. Taylor

03:23:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

03:25:06 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 282 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(tas65a04)

Discussion:

03:25:15 Jaret Coles

03:26:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

03:28:09 **Motion:** Sen. Tutvedt moved that **SB 282 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(tas65a05)

Discussion:

03:29:40 Jaret Coles

03:29:48 Sen. Malek

03:30:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-1 by voice vote with Sen. Taylor voting no.

03:32:20 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Thomas moved to strike item 2 from Amendment sb028208.ajc. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

EXHIBIT(tas65a06)

03:33:08 Without objection from the committee, Chairman Tutvedt postponed further action on SB 282.

Committee Business:

03:33:11 Sen. Jergeson

03:33:28 Chairman Tutvedt

03:34:58 Jaret Coles

03:34:43 Chairman Tutvedt

03:34:58 Sen. Kaufmann

03:35:11 Chairman Tutvedt

03:35:45 Sen. Phillips

03:36:02 Chairman Tutvedt

03:36:32 Sen. Phillips

03:36:47 Chairman Tutvedt

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:14 am

Charlene Rich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas65aad.pdf](#))