

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Bruce Tutvedt, on April 5, 2013 at 10:00 A.M., 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. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Art Wittich (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (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: SJ 23, 4/3/2013

Executive Action: HB 19, Be Concurred In
SJ 23, Do Pass

00:07:00 Chairman Tutvedt turned over the Chair responsibilities to Vice Chair Sen. Thomas.

HEARING ON SJ 23

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:22 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SJ 23, Study resolution on the tax appeal process.

00:11:20 Sen. Phillips left the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:53 Mike Kadas, Department of Revenue (DOR)
00:13:46 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)
00:14:17 Tom Ebzery, Centrally Assessed Utilities, Colstrip
00:16:50 Ron Devlin, NorthWestern Energy (NWE)
00:18:00 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)
00:18:21 Jessica Nolan, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:18:54 Dave McAlpin, State Tax Appeal Board (STAB)
00:19:19 Samantha Sanchez, State Tax Appeal Board (STAB)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:51 Sen. Barrett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:25 Sen. Tutvedt

00:22:02 Sen. Tutvedt resumed responsibilities as the Chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 19

Discussion:

00:23:07 Sen. Tutvedt
00:23:21 Mike Kadas, DOR

00:24:14 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **HB 19 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:24:45 Sen. Thomas
00:26:58 Gene Walborn, Department of Revenue (DOR)
00:27:07 Sen. Arthun
00:27:30 Sen. Barrett
00:28:02 Chairman Tutvedt
00:28:14 Sen. Arthun

00:28:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Essmann, Sen. Peterson, Sen. Phillips and Sen. Wittich were excused. Sen. Thomas will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 23

00:29:31 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SJ 23 DO PASS**. Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Essmann, Sen. Peterson, Sen. Phillips and Sen. Wittich were excused.

Committee Business:

00:31:05 Chairman Tutvedt
00:32:04 Sen. Taylor
00:33:01 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:33:30 Chairman Tutvedt

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:28 am

Charlene Rich, Secretary

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