

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Nancy Ballance, on February 3, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 102 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)  
Rep. Ryan Osmundson, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)  
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)  
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)  
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)  
Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R)  
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)  
Rep. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Pat Noonan, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)  
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)  
Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)  
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)  
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Katya Grover, Committee Secretary  
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch

**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 166, 1/28/2015; HB 169, 1/28/2015  
Executive Action: HB 166; HB 169

00:01:10 Chair Ballance  
 00:01:35 Cuffe arrived.  
 00:01:41 Rep. Ehli

**EXHIBIT(aph24a01)**

00:04:30 Rep. Woods and Rep. Peppers arrived.  
 00:05:16 Rep. McCarthy arrived.  
 00:08:52 Rep. Mehlhoff arrived.  
 00:10:16 Chair Ballance  
 00:10:57 Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
 00:11:37 Chair Ballance  
 00:11:46 Rep. Tropila  
 00:12:34 Rep. Ehli  
 00:12:59 Chair Ballance  
 00:13:11 Rep. Ehli  
 00:13:19 Chair Ballance

**HEARING ON HB 166**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:13:53 Rep. Keith Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 166, Lower state individual income tax rates.

**EXHIBIT(aph24a02)**

00:17:30 Rep. Noonan arrived.  
 00:18:25 Chair Ballance

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:18:34 Bob Story, Montana Tax Payers Association (MTPA)  
 00:19:38 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCOC)  
 00:20:29 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)  
 00:20:36 Rep. Ellis and Rep. Hollandsworth arrived.  
 00:21:00 John Quandt, Americans For Prosperity Montana (AFPM)  
 00:21:33 Dan Happel, self  
 00:22:09 Chair Ballance

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:22:21 Mike Kadas, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

**EXHIBIT(aph24a03)**

00:28:34 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)  
 00:30:44 Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)  
 00:32:25 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:33:24 Rep. Ehli  
00:34:27 Mike Kadas, DOR  
00:35:00 Rep. Ehli  
00:35:37 Mike Kadas, DOR  
00:36:21 Rep. Cuffe  
00:37:27 Mike Kadas, DOR  
00:37:45 Rep. Cuffe  
00:37:53 Mike Kadas, DOR  
00:37:59 Rep. Cuffe  
00:38:13 Mike Kadas, DOR  
00:38:32 Rep. Cuffe  
00:38:40 Chair Ballance  
00:38:44 Rep. Cuffe  
00:39:34 Mike Kadas, DOR  
00:39:43 Rep. Cuffe  
00:39:48 Mike Kadas, DOR  
00:39:54 Rep. Cuffe  
00:39:57 Mike Kadas, DOR  
00:40:02 Rep. Brodehl  
00:40:41 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC  
00:41:13 Rep. Brodehl  
00:41:42 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC  
00:42:16 Rep. Brodehl  
00:42:32 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC  
00:42:41 Rep. Brodehl  
00:43:26 Rep. Ellis  
00:44:32 Chair Ballance  
00:44:55 Bob Story, MTPA  
00:45:59 Rep. Ellis  
00:46:34 Bob Story, MTPA  
00:47:35 Rep. Dudik arrived.  
00:48:33 Rep. Peppers  
00:49:04 Mike Kadas, MDOR  
00:49:10 Rep. McCarthy  
00:49:38 Rep. Regier  
00:49:47 Rep. McCarthy  
00:50:01 Rep. Regier  
00:50:15 Rep. McCarthy  
00:50:35 Rep. Regier  
00:50:38 Rep. Hollandsworth  
00:51:38 Rep. Tropila  
00:51:47 Rep. Hollandsworth  
00:52:02 Rep. McCarthy  
00:52:09 Rep. Brodehl  
00:52:48 Mike Kadas, DOR  
00:53:20 Rep. Brodehl  
00:53:30 Rep. Glimm  
00:53:50 Rep. Tropila  
00:55:11 Glenn Oppel, MCOG

00:56:17 Rep. Tropila  
00:57:38 Chair Ballance  
00:58:01 Rep. Tropila  
00:59:23 Rep. Regier  
00:59:50 Rep. Woods  
01:00:12 Chair Ballance  
01:00:24 Rep. Woods  
01:00:36 Chair Ballance  
01:00:38 Rep. Dudik  
01:00:57 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
01:01:26 Rep. Dudik  
01:02:02 Rep. Regier  
01:02:09 Rep. Dudik  
01:02:40 Rep. Regier  
01:03:37 Rep. Dudik  
01:04:23 Rep. Regier  
01:04:49 Rep. Dudik  
01:05:09 Rep. Regier  
01:06:59 Chair Ballance  
01:08:06 Mike Kadas, DOR  
01:08:22 Chair Ballance  
01:09:04 Mike Kadas, DOR  
01:09:31 Chair Ballance

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:09:41 Rep. Regier  
  
01:09:55 Chair Ballance

**HEARING ON HB 169**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:10:09 Rep. Art Wittich (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 169, Revise individual income tax laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:15:24 John Quandt, Americans for Prosperity Montana (AFPM)  
01:16:25 Dan Happel, self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:17:20 Mike Kadas, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)  
01:18:19 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)  
01:19:47 Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)  
01:21:19 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:22:03 Rep. Woods

**EXHIBIT(aph24a04)**

01:24:34 Rep. Wittich

01:27:12 Rep. Woods

01:28:22 Rep. Dudik

01:29:27 Chair Ballance

01:30:06 John Quandt, AFPM

01:30:17 Chair Ballance

01:30:50 Rep. Wittich

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:31:39 Rep. Wittich

01:32:58 Chair Ballance

01:33:10 Recess

01:50:01 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 166**01:50:25 **Motion:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 166 DO PASS.****Discussion:**

01:50:33 Rep. McCarthy

01:52:40 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Mehlhoff, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Tropila and Rep. Woods voting no.**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 169**01:54:08 **Motion:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 169 DO PASS.**01:54:18 **Motion:** Rep. Woods moved that **HB 169 BE AMENDED.****Discussion:**

01:58:29 Rep. Dudik

01:59:26 Rep. Glimm

01:59:49 Rep. Tropila

02:01:54 Rep. Osmundson

02:02:13 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Mehlhoff, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Tropila and Rep. Woods voting aye.

02:04:25 Chair Ballance

02:04:29

**Vote:** Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Mehlhoff, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Tropila and Rep. Woods voting no.

**ADJOURNMENT**

02:04:59      Adjournment

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Katya Grover, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([aph24aad.pdf](#))**