

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Miller, on February 5, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Miller, Chair (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Nancy Wilson (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Kerry White (R)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Megan Moore, Legislative Branch
Erica Siate, 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 310, 1/31/2015; HB 266, 1/28/2015; HB 276, 1/28/2015

00:01:20 Chair Miller

HEARING ON HB 276

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:59 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 276, Constitutional amendment prohibiting an income tax if there is a sales tax.

[EXHIBIT\(tah26a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:24 John Quandt, Americans for Prosperity, Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

00:07:24 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

00:10:14 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT

00:11:28 Mike Kadas, Director, Department of Revenue

00:13:33 Tom Towe, self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:17 Rep. Dunwell

00:15:33 Tom Towe, self

00:16:51 Rep. Williams

00:17:05 Rep. Hertz

00:18:13 Rep. Zolnikov

00:18:40 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

00:19:21 Rep. Jacobson

00:20:05 Stephanie Morrison, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:20:14 Rep. Zolnikov

00:20:28 Tom Towe, self

00:21:13 Rep. Zolnikov

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:34 Rep. Hertz

00:22:18 Rep. Schwaderer entered the meeting

HEARING ON HB 266

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:47 Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 266, Referendum to lower individual income tax rates.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:30 Joe Balyeat, Americans for Prosperity, Montana

[EXHIBIT\(tah26a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:26:43 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association
00:29:07 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT
00:31:04 Mike Kadas, Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)
00:33:14 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center
00:36:21 Sheena Rice, Montana Organizing Project
00:36:46 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network
00:37:28 Amanda Harrow, self
00:40:13 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:41:18 Rep. Zolnikov
00:41:52 Rep. Schwaderer
00:42:14 Rep. Wilson
00:43:22 Rep. Schwaderer
00:44:13 Rep. Williams
00:46:02 Joe Balyeat, Americans for Prosperity, Montana
00:46:18 Rep. Williams
00:46:31 Joe Balyeat, Americans for Prosperity, Montana
00:47:11 Rep. Williams
00:49:16 Joe Balyeat, Americans for Prosperity, Montana
00:49:30 Rep. Cook
00:49:59 Rep. Schwaderer
00:50:25 Rep. Cook
00:51:48 Rep. Schwaderer
00:52:24 Rep. Redfield
00:53:03 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center
00:53:17 Rep. Dunwell
00:54:11 Mike Kadas, DOR
00:57:17 Rep. Dunwell
00:57:58 Rep. Schwaderer
00:59:02 Rep. Dunwell
00:59:16 Rep. Schwaderer
00:59:29 Rep. Smith
01:00:04 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT
01:04:36 Rep. McClafferty
01:05:43 Tom Towe, self

Closing by Sponsor:

01:06:44 Rep. Schwaderer

01:07:34 Recess
01:26:34 Reconvened

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:26:55 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 310, Establish an oil and gas trust fund.

[EXHIBIT\(tah26a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:34:06 Tom Towe, self

[EXHIBIT\(tah26a04\)](#)

01:38:15 Rep. White entered the meeting.

01:44:03 Adam Haight, Northern Plain Resource Council

01:45:43 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center

01:47:18 Adam Haight, Northern Plain Resource Council

[EXHIBIT\(tah26a05\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:47:48 Jon Metropoulos, Montana Association of Oil and Gas Counties

01:50:01 Bob Gilbert, Phillips, Dawson, Musselshell, and Rosebud Counties

01:56:08 Cary Hegreberg, Executive Director, Montana Contractors Association

02:00:28 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:03:02 Rep. Z. Brown

02:03:47 Rep. Jacobson

02:05:18 Rep. Williams

02:05:48 Rep. Jacobson

02:05:58 Rep. Zolnikov

02:07:02 Rep. Jacobson

02:08:00 Rep. Zolnikov

02:09:03 Rep. Jacobson

02:10:56 Rep. Custer

02:12:16 Rep. Jacobson

02:13:43 Rep. Hertz

02:14:16 Rep. Jacobson

02:15:35 Rep. Hertz

02:16:09 Rep. Jacobson

02:17:50 Rep. Hertz

02:18:05 Rep. Jacobson

02:18:19 Rep. Z. Brown

02:18:51 Tom Towe, self

02:20:30 Rep. Lieser

02:20:59 Tom Towe, self

02:22:34 Rep. Williams

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Closing by Sponsor:

02:26:03 Rep. Jacobson

02:31:45 Chair Miller

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:31:55

Erica Siate, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah26aad.pdf](#))