

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Miller, on February 11, 2015 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Miller, Chair (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Rob Cook (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. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)
Rep. Nancy Wilson (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kathleen Williams, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Megan Moore, Legislative Branch
Erica Siate, Committee Secretary
Stephanie Morrison, 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 325, 2/4/2015; HB 341, 2/4/2015; HB 359, 2/4/2015

00:00:01 Chair Miller
00:02:09 Chair Hertz

HEARING ON HB 325

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:29 Rep. Mike Miller (R), HD 80, opened the hearing on HB 325, Revise property tax laws for active duty military.

00:03:05 Rep. Williams entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:08:56 Ronda Wiggers, County Treasurer

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:17 Rep. Wilson
00:09:43 Rep. Miller
00:09:52 Rep. Wilson
00:09:58 Rep. Miller
00:10:07 Rep. Dunwell
00:10:27 Rep. Miller
00:10:52 Rep. Flynn
00:11:05 Ed Caplis, Department of Revenue (DOR)
00:11:15 Rep. Flynn
00:11:21 Ed Caplis, DOR
00:12:07 Rep. Williams
00:12:49 Rep. Miller

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:04 Rep. Miller

00:13:41 Chair Hertz
00:13:47 Chair Miller

HEARING ON HB 277

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:03 Rep. Christy Clark (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 277, Provide for an apprenticeship tax credit.

[EXHIBIT\(tah31a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:54 Pam Bucy, Director, Department of Labor & Industry (DLI)

[EXHIBIT\(tah31a02\)](#)

00:25:14 Nan LeFebvre, State Workforce Investment Board
 00:29:41 Margaret Morgan, Montana Independent Electrical Contractors Association
 00:32:01 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 233 (IBEW)

EXHIBIT(tah31a03)

00:33:54 John Forkan, Montana Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters
 00:34:57 Ron Devlin, Northwestern Energy and Montana Water Well Drillers Association
 00:36:36 John Cech, Deputy Commissioner, Montana Board of Regents for Higher Education
 00:38:19 John Quandt, self
 00:40:26 Sheena Rice, Montana Organizing Project
 00:41:18 Garrett Lankford, Montana Association of Students
 00:41:53 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association
 00:45:52 Mark Maki, Training Director, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 233 (IBEW)
 00:48:41 Jess LaBuff, Boilermakers Local 11

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:49:41 Rep. Schwaderer
 00:51:11 Pam Bucy, DLI
 00:52:19 Rep. Jacobson
 00:53:22 Rep. Clark
 00:55:05 Rep. Williams
 00:56:02 Pam Bucy, DLI

EXHIBIT(tah31a04)

00:58:12 Rep. Williams
 00:58:15 Pam Bucy, DLI
 00:58:20 Rep. Williams
 00:58:49 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue (DOR)
 00:59:24 Rep. Williams
 00:59:52 Pam Bucy, DLI
 01:01:04 Rep. Williams
 01:01:11 Pam Bucy, DLI
 01:01:25 Rep. Williams
 01:01:38 Rep. Clark
 01:02:00 Rep. Redfield
 01:02:27 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association
 01:03:14 Rep. Hertz
 01:04:28 Pam Bucy, DLI
 01:06:36 Rep. Hertz
 01:06:42 Rep. Schwaderer
 01:07:52 Pam Bucy, DLI
 01:08:54 Darrell Holzer, Department of Labor & Industry (DLI)
 01:10:17 Rep. Dunwell

01:11:32 Rep. Clark
 01:11:48 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
 01:12:36 Chair Miller

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:41 Rep. Clark
[EXHIBIT\(tah31a05\)](#)

HEARING ON HB 341**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:16:03 Rep. Bill Harris (R), HD 29, opened the hearing on HB 341, Provide tax benefits to employers and students for higher education expenses.

[EXHIBIT\(tah31a06\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:19:25 Sheena Rice, Montana Organizing Project

[EXHIBIT\(tah31a07\)](#)

01:23:13 Rep. Z. Brown

01:26:49 Braden Fitzgerald, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

01:28:24 Garrett Lankford, Montana Associated Students

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:29:09 Rep. Hertz

01:30:10 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue (DOR)

01:31:24 Rep. Hertz

01:31:45 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

01:32:05 Rep. Williams

01:33:00 Sheena Rice, Montana Organizing Project

01:33:56 Rep. Williams

01:34:07 Rep. Harris

01:35:20 Chair Miller

01:35:27 Sheena Rice, Montana Organizing Project

01:36:31 Rep. Hertz

01:37:07 Sheena Rice, Montana Organizing Project

01:38:17 Rep. Hertz

01:38:47 Sheena Rice, Montana Organizing Project

01:39:50 Rep. Schwaderer

01:41:21 Rep. Z. Brown

01:42:59 Rep. Dunwell

01:43:46 Rep. Zolnikov entered the meeting.

01:44:02 Braden Fitzgerald, MontPIRG

01:44:42 Rep. Dunwell

01:45:01 Rep. Harris

01:45:57 Rep. Schwaderer left the meeting.

01:47:00 Rep. Williams
01:47:57 Sheena Rice, Montana Organizing Project

01:48:50 Rep. Jacobson
01:49:51 Rep. Harris
01:51:04 Chair Miller
01:51:11 Sheena Rice, Montana Organizing Project

Closing by Sponsor:

01:51:53 Rep. Harris

HEARING ON HB 359**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:54:39 Rep. Ed Lieser (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 359, Revise laws related to inflation indexing of income taxes.

01:55:48 Rep. Flynn left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:00:08 Ed Caplis, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

02:02:26 Dan Dodds, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:02:41 Rep. Williams
02:03:14 Ed Caplis, DOR
02:04:03 Rep. Williams
02:04:19 Ed Caplis, DOR
02:04:53 Rep. Hertz
02:05:19 Ed Caplis, DOR
02:05:55 Rep. Hertz
02:06:14 Ed Caplis, DOR
02:08:09 Rep. Z. Brown
02:08:44 Dan Dodds, DOR
02:09:01 Rep. Olszewski
02:10:16 Rep. Cook
02:10:32 Chair Miller
02:11:04 Ed Caplis, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

02:11:32 Rep. Lieser

02:11:49 Chair Miller

02:13:28 Rep. Z. Brown

ADJOURNMENT

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Erica Siate, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah31aad.pdf](#))