

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN CHASE HIBBARD**, on February 2, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Chase Hibbard, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Kim Gillan, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Bob Story, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Gary Beck (D)  
Rep. Bob Davies (R)  
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)  
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)  
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)  
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)  
Rep. Hal Harper (D)  
Rep. Dan Harrington (D)  
Rep. John L. Holden (R)  
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)  
Rep. Bob Raney (D)  
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)  
Rep. Sam Rose (R)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Rick Dale (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Donna Grace, Committee Secretary  
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted:

HB 393 - 1/29/1999  
HB 405 - 1/29/1999  
HB 403 - 1/29/1999  
SB 61 - 1/29/1999

Executive Action:

HB 365 - Table  
HB 403 - Table  
HB 405 - Discussion

**HEARING ON HB 393**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

Rep. Dan Fuchs, House District 15  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 2}

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Alec Hanson, League of Cities and Towns  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3.3}

Jane Jelinski, Montana Association of Counties  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10.5}

Jan McCall, City of Billings  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.9}

Tim Burton, Chief Financial Office, Lewis & Clark County  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.7}

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16.1}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Fuchs closed  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.8}

HEARING ON HB 405

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Dan Fuchs, House District 15  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3}

Proponents' Testimony:

Montana Citizen  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 6.8}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 8.9}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Fuchs closed.  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16}

HEARING ON HB 403

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Bob Raney, House District 26 **EXHIBIT**(tah26a01)  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 17.1}

Proponents' Testimony:

None.

Opponents' Testimony:

Bob Gilbert, Fort Peck Cabinowners Association  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23.7}

Byron Roberts, Montana Builders Association **EXHIBIT**(tah26a02)  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26.6}

Steve Snezek, Montana Association of Realtors  
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.8}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1.9}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Raney closed.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.6}

HEARING ON SB 61

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Alvin Ellis, Senate District 12. **EXHIBIT**(tah26a03)  
**EXHIBIT**(tah26a04)  
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.5}

Proponents' Testimony:

Dennis Burr, Montana Taxpayers Association.  
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.2}

Alec Hanson, Montana League of Cities and Towns  
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.6}

Letter of Support from Mike Kadas, Mayor, Missoula  
**EXHIBIT**(tah26a05)  
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.6}

Opponents' Testimony:

Ernie Dutton, Montana Association of Realtors  
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.2}

Ronda Carpenter, Montana Housing Providers  
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.4}

Byron Roberts, Montana Builders Association  
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.4}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 14.3}*

Closing by Sponsor:

Sen. Ellis closed.

*{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16.5}*

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 365

Motion:

Rep. Erickson MOVED DO PASS. An amendment to the bill was not moved. **EXHIBIT** (tah26a06)

*{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.8}*

Substitute Motion/Vote:

A motion was made to **TABLE HB 365**. On a voice vote, the **MOTION PASSED**, 19 - 1. Erickson voting no.

*{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4.8}*

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 405

Discussion:

No action was taken on the bill.

*{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 7.3}*

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 403

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Raney MOVED to **TABLE**. On a voice vote, the **MOTION PASSED**, 17 - 3. Somerville, Rehbein and Gillan voting no.

*{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9.6}*

Adjourn. *{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.4}*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:30 A.M.

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REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman

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DONNA GRACE, Secretary

CH/DG

**EXHIBIT (tah26aad)**