

**MINUTES OF THE
REVENUE AND TAXATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, May 20, 2009 – 10:45 a.m. – Room 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Wayne L. Niederhauser, Senate Chair
Rep. Todd E. Kiser, House Chair
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Sen. Ross I. Romero
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Sen. John L. Valentine
Rep. Tim M. Cosgrove
Rep. John Dougall
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Gage Froerer
Rep. Kevin S. Garn
Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Wayne A. Harper

Rep. Gregory H. Hughes
Rep. Christine A. Johnson
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Stephen E. Sandstrom
Rep. Evan J. Vickers
Rep. R. Curt Webb

Staff Present:

Mr. Phillip V. Dean, Policy Analyst
Mr. Bryant R. Howe, Assistant Director
Ms. Angela D. Oakes, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Rebecca L. Rockwell, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Phalin L. Flowers, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Niederhauser called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Committee members and staff introduced themselves.

MOTION: Rep. Dougall moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble, Rep. Hughes, and Rep. Kiser absent for the vote.

Mr. Dean distributed and discussed "Study Items Assigned to the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee from 2009 General Session H.J.R. 21, 'Master Study Resolution'" and "Studies Required to be Conducted by the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee."

2. Working Groups

Sen. Niederhauser explained that, because there will be one less interim meeting held during 2009, much of the Committee's work will be done in three working groups.

The first working group, which will study local option sales and use taxes to fund transportation, will consist of Sen. Romero, Sen. Niederhauser, Sen. Valentine, Rep. Cosgrove, Rep. Duckworth, Rep. Vickers, and Rep. Webb.

The second working group, which will study property tax issues, will consist of Sen. Bramble, Rep. Froerer, Rep. Garn, Rep. Harper, Rep. Kiser, and Rep. Moss.

The third working group, which will study tax penalties and interest, will consist of Sen. Stephenson, Rep. Dougall, Rep. Gibson, Rep. Hughes, Rep. Johnson, and Rep. Sandstrom.

3. Economic Trends and Revenue Collection Update

Mr. Dean and Mr. Howe distributed and discussed "Utah Economic Update." Mr. Dean discussed Utah's population, housing market, and revenue changes. Mr. Howe discussed past and present employment trends and changes in construction permits and valuation.

Mr. Dean distributed and discussed "Revenue Summary: Ten Months FY 2008-09."

4. Recent Federal Tax Law Changes

Mr. Dean discussed "The Economic Stimulus Agreement - Section II: Tax Provisions" and "Estimated Budget Effects of the Revenue Provisions Contained in Titles I. and III. of H.R. 598, the 'American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009,'" which were included in the mailing packet. He also distributed and discussed "Division B - Tax, Unemployment, Health, State Fiscal Relief, & Other Provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - Title I - Tax Provisions."

Dr. Andrea Wilko, Chief Economist, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, discussed the potential revenue impacts of recent federal tax law changes.

5. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Kiser moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Romero, Rep. Garn, Rep. Hughes, and Rep. Sandstrom absent for the vote.

Chair Niederhauser adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.