

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Mark Blasdel, on January 4, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 405  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Mark Blasdel, Chair (R)  
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)  
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)  
Sen. Sue Malek (D)  
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)  
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Scott Sales (R)  
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch  
Olivia Hopkins, 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:** Organizational Meeting

**Introductions**

00:00:54 Chairman Blasdel  
00:01:13 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**EXHIBIT(tas03a01)**

00:03:30 Chairman Blasdel  
00:03:54 Olivia Hopkins, committee secretary  
00:04:12 Stephanie Morrison, revenue analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
00:05:50 Chairman Blasdel  
00:06:02 Ms. Morrison, LFD  
00:06:40 Chairman Blasdel  
00:06:47 Sen. Malek  
00:07:56 Sen. Tempel  
00:08:42 Sen. Richmond  
00:10:08 Sen. Webb  
00:11:19 Sen. Barrett  
00:12:03 Sen. Pomnichowski  
00:12:45 Sen. Hoven  
00:13:32 Sen. Cohenour  
00:14:29 Sen. McClafferty  
00:15:02 Chairman Blasdel

**Rules of Procedure**

00:15:52 Mr. Coles, LSD

**EXHIBIT(tas03a02)**

00:16:58 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **THE COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RULES OF PROCEDURE.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:17:09 Chairman Blasdel

00:18:05 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **THE COMMITTEE ACCEPT PROXY VOTES.**

**Discussion**

00:18:19 Sen. Pomnichowski  
00:19:02 Chairman Blasdel  
00:20:08 Sen. Barrett

00:20:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:21:16 Chairman Blasdel  
00:22:03 Sen. Barrett  
00:22:07 Chairman Blasdel  
00:22:47 Mr. Coles  
00:22:50 Chairman Blasdel

**Public Comment**

00:24:55 Sen. Cohenour  
00:25:03 Chairman Blasdel  
00:25:12 Ms. Morrison  
00:25:42 Chairman Blasdel  
00:26:14 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)  
00:26:49 Sen. Tempel  
00:27:18 Chairman Blasdel

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:32 a.m.

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Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([tas03aad.pdf](#))**