

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mark Blasdel, on March 22, 2017 at 8:00 AM, 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:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 255, 3/17/2017; SB 348, 3/17/2017; SB 349, 3/17/2017

00:00:44 Chairman Blasdel

HEARING ON SB 349

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:59 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 349, Authorize empowerment zones on or near Montana reservations.

00:01:07 Sen. McClafferty entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:16 Harold Blattie, director, Montana Association of Counties

00:04:27 Sen. Cohenour entered the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:06:10 Lee Baerlocher, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:27 Sen. Tempel

00:06:51 Sen. Webb

00:07:09 Sen. Barrett

00:07:35 Sen. Webb

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:49 Sen. Webb

00:09:10 Chairman Blasdel

HEARING ON SB 348

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:09:24 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 348, Revise laws related to schedule II drugs.

[EXHIBIT\(tas59a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:29 Ed Bartlett, Billings Chamber of Commerce and Bozeman Chamber of Commerce

00:21:40 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:28:05 Marcie Bough, Montana Board of Pharmacy (MBP)
00:37:01 Tony King, Montana Pharmacy Association (MPA)
00:38:56 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association (MRA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:34 Sen. Cohenour
00:41:19 Sen. Webb
00:42:14 Sen. Cohenour
00:43:12 Mr. Griffin, MRA
00:43:55 Mr. King, MPA
00:44:34 Sen. Cohenour
00:45:28 Mr. King
00:46:12 Sen. Barrett
00:47:35 Sen. Webb
00:47:59 Mr. King
00:49:07 Sen. Barrett
00:49:45 Ms. Bough, MBP
00:55:12 Sen. Barrett
00:56:25 Ms. Branscum, MMA
00:59:05 Sen. Barrett
01:00:29 Ms. Branscum
01:00:40 Sen. Cohenour
01:01:17 Ms. Bough
01:04:54 Sen. Cohenour
01:05:30 Ms. Bough
01:08:36 Sen. Pomnichowski
01:17:11 Ms. Bough
01:17:34 Sen. Pomnichowski
01:18:47 Mr. King
01:19:53 Sen. Richmond
01:20:12 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:20:22 Sen. Richmond
01:20:29 Mr. Coles, LSD
01:20:39 Sen. Richmond
01:21:12 Sen. Webb
01:25:33 Sen. Richmond
01:25:51 Sen. Webb
01:26:04 Sen. Malek
01:26:40 Sen. Webb

Closing by Sponsor:

01:26:55 Sen. Webb

Discussion:

01:31:54 Chairman Blasdel
01:32:01 Sen. Cohenour
01:32:37 Chairman Blasdel
01:33:15 Sen. Barrett

HEARING ON SB 255**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:33:54 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 255, Revise landlord and tenant laws regarding collection of judgment against tenant.

[EXHIBIT\(tas59a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:39:10 John Sinrud, self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:44:47 Chairman Blasdel

[EXHIBIT\(tas59a03\)](#)

01:44:58 Greg Mohr, Montana Magistrates Association
01:48:50 Katy Westhoff, Montana Public Interest Research Group

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:50:58 Sen. Webb

Discussion:

01:52:26 Chairman Blasdel
01:53:00 Sen. Malek
01:53:22 Stephanie Morrison, Legislative Fiscal Division
01:57:05 Sen. Tempel
01:57:35 Chairman Blasdel
01:58:06 Sen. McClafferty
01:58:21 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

[EXHIBIT\(tas59a04\)](#)

02:00:39 Chairman Blasdel
02:00:57 Mr. Coles, LSD
02:01:10 Chairman Blasdel
02:03:18 Sen. Pomnichowski

02:03:43	Mr. Coles
02:04:17	Sen. Pomnichowski
02:04:42	Mr. Coles
02:05:41	Sen. Cohenour
02:06:14	Mr. Coles
02:07:25	Sen. Cohenour
02:07:54	Chairman Blasdel
02:08:02	Sen. Cohenour
02:08:48	Sen. Barrett
02:08:09	Chairman Blasdel

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:10 AM

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas59aad.pdf](#))