

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Alan Redfield, on January 15, 2019 at 9:00 AM, in Room 152  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)  
Rep. Becky Beard, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Zach Brown, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. John Fuller (R)  
Rep. Lola Galloway (R)  
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)  
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)  
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)  
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Chris Bushnell, Committee Secretary  
Megan Moore, 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 28, 1/4/2019; HB 72, 1/4/2019

08:59:36 Chair Redfield

### **HEARING ON HB 28**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:01:15 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 28, Establish fireworks tax to assist with workers' comp for volunteer firefighters.

[EXHIBIT\(tah07a01\)](#)

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

09:11:05 Leonard Lundby, Montana Fire Alliance, Fire Chief Manchester Fire Department  
09:15:38 Chris Hindoien, Rocky Mountain Insurance Services (RMIS)  
09:17:36 Rich Cowger, Montana State Fire Chiefs' Association, Fire Chief Columbus Rural Fire District  
09:18:52 Rep. Zolnikov joined meeting  
09:19:44 Clint Loss, Montana Emergency Medical Services Association  
09:21:07 Bob Drake, Fire Chief, Tri Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

09:24:43 David Anderson, Crazy Dave's Fireworks  
09:28:01 John Cross, Black Raptor Fireworks  
09:32:40 Jeremy Allen, JAM Fireworks  
09:36:01 Matthew Dobler, JAM Fireworks  
09:37:45 Mike Maeder, President Big Sky Pyrotechnic Association  
09:41:59 John Perrella, Perrella's Fireworks  
09:45:03 Roy Rogers, Hong Kong Harry's Fireworks  
09:45:51 Jerald Farley, TNT Fireworks  
09:48:42 Justin Cowell, Self  
09:51:00 Vic Reichenbach, Reichenbach's Fireworks  
09:51:43 Jason Clinkenbeard, Northwest Display Fireworks

#### **Informational Testimony:**

09:55:17 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue (DOR)  
09:56:55 Sonya Germann, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:57:21 Rep. Dunwell  
09:58:23 Lee Baerlocher (DOR)  
09:59:08 Rep. Dunwell  
09:59:34 Lee Baerlocher (DOR)  
09:59:47 Rep. Dunwell  
10:00:11 Roy Rogers, Hong Kong Harry's Fireworks  
10:02:18 Rep. Dunwell  
10:02:30 Lee Baerlocher (DOR)

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10:03:28 Rep. White  
10:04:17 Rep. Fern  
10:04:43 Lee Baerlocher (DOR)

10:05:19 Rep. White  
10:06:23 Lee Baerlocher (DOR)  
10:07:08 Rep. Hertz  
10:07:52 Lee Baerlocher (DOR)  
10:08:34 Rep. Hertz  
10:09:12 Lee Baerlocher (DOR)  
10:09:36 Rep. Hertz  
10:10:07 Lee Baerlocher (DOR)  
10:10:55 Rep. Welch  
10:11:17 Rep. Fern  
10:12:12 Fire Chief Lundby  
10:13:37 Rep. Welch  
10:14:19 Rep. Fern  
10:14:58 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter  
10:15:38 Fire Chief Lundby

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:18:20 Rep. Fern  
10:20:46 Chair Redfield

**HEARING ON HB 72**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:22:11 Rep. Marilyn Marler (D), HD 90, opened the hearing on HB 72, Clarify penalty and interest laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

10:23:55 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

**Informational Testimony:**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:24:47 Rep. Hertz  
10:25:52 Lee Baerlocher, (DOR)  
10:26:09 Rep. Hertz  
10:26:38 Lee Baerlocher, (DOR)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:27:04 Rep. Marler  
10:27:14 Chair Redfield

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:27:34

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Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tah07aad.pdf](#))