

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Alan Redfield, on January 24, 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. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. John Fuller (R)  
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)  
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)  
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Zach Brown, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (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 144, 1/17/2019; HB 213, 1/17/2019

09:01:38 Chair Redfield  
09:02:46 Vice Chair Z. Brown entered the meeting  
09:02:58 Dan Villa, Director, Montana Board of Investments, Department of Commerce (DOC)  
09:06:15 Rep. White entered the meeting  
09:07:50 Vice Chair Beard  
09:08:04 Director Villa, (DOC)  
09:08:29 Vice Chair Beard  
09:08:32 Rep. Galt entered the meeting  
09:08:54 Director Villa, (DOC)  
09:09:14 Vice Chair Beard  
09:09:39 Director Villa, (DOC)  
09:10:07 Vice Chair Beard  
09:10:15 Rep. Zolnikov entered the meeting  
09:10:27 Director Villa, (DOC)  
09:10:58 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
09:11:23 Director Villa, (DOC)

### **HEARING ON HB 213**

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

09:12:00 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 213, Revise the tax rate for certain oil production.

[EXHIBIT\(tah14a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah14a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah14a03\)](#)

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

09:17:48 Patrick Montalban, Montana Oil & Gas Operations, Inc. (MOGO Inc.)

[EXHIBIT\(tah14a04\)](#)

09:21:38 Rep. Galt left the meeting

09:30:34 Mac McDermott, M C R, LLC

[EXHIBIT\(tah14a05\)](#)

09:32:51 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

09:33:44 Vice Chair Brown left the meeting

09:35:14 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

09:35:46 Sen. Tom Richmond, SD 28, Yellowstone County, Self

09:37:51 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Companies

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Informational Testimony:**

09:38:50 Lee Baerlocher, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

09:39:53 Vice Chair Z. Brown entered the meeting

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

09:40:28 Rep. Dunwell

09:41:32 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

09:41:55 Rep. Dunwell

09:42:22 Lee Baerlocher, DOR  
09:42:46 Rep. Smith  
09:43:12 Patrick Montalban, MOGO Inc.  
09:44:26 Rep. Smith  
09:44:45 Patrick Montalban, MOGO Inc.  
09:45:56 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
09:46:43 Patrick Montalban, MOGO Inc.  
09:47:57 Alan Olson, MPA  
09:49:50 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter  
09:50:31 Sen. Richmond, SD 28, Yellowstone County, Self  
09:53:23 Rep. Z. Brown  
09:53:41 Alan Olson, MPA  
09:54:05 Rep. Z. Brown  
09:54:17 Alan Olson, MPA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:54:52 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18  
09:57:27 Vice Chair Beard assumed the chair

**HEARING ON HB 144****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:58:53 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 144, Eliminate certain tax credits.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

10:01:16 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association  
10:01:58 Rep. Zolnikov entered the meeting  
10:03:58 Bruce Tutvedt, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

10:06:40 Kathy Juedeman, Self  
10:10:02 Mark Juedeman, Self  
10:13:39 B.D. Erikson, Self  
10:16:36 Brad Van Wert, Harvest Solar of Montana  
10:19:06 Andrew Valainis, Montana Renewable Energy Association (MREA)  
10:22:09 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)  
10:23:35 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services (NCILS)  
10:26:53 Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)  
10:28:21 Sara Howell, Montana Women Vote  
10:30:37 Garrett Lankford, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)  
10:31:14 Robert Filipovich, Self  
10:34:32 Brian Fadie, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)  
10:37:27 Madie Westrom, Montana Preservation Alliance

**EXHIBIT(tah14a06)****EXHIBIT(tah14a07)**

10:40:55 Julian Adler, Montana Public Interest Research Group

10:44:41 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

[EXHIBIT\(tah14a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah14a09\)](#)

10:50:19 Jake Brown, Montana Conservation Voters

10:51:03 Jeff Fox, Renewable Northwest

10:53:56 Betsy Brandborg, SBS Solar

10:57:21 Bradley Layton, Self

11:02:20 Gene Walbourn, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

11:04:11 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

11:05:10 Rep. Zolnikov

11:06:41 Gene Walbourn, DOR

11:07:19 Rep. Zolnikov

11:07:33 Vice Chair Brown

11:08:06 Rep. Redfield

11:10:41 Vice Chair Brown

11:11:28 Rep. Redfield

11:12:02 Rep. Fuller

11:13:08 Brad Van Wert, Harvest Solar

11:15:04 Rep. Marler

11:17:27 Rep. Redfield

11:18:10 Rep. Fern

11:18:52 Rep. Redfield

11:20:00 Rep. Fern

11:20:25 Rep. Redfield

**Closing by Sponsor:**

11:21:00 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 59

11:22:02 Chair Redfield assumed the chair

11:23:09 Rep. Fern

11:23:37 Megan Moore, Legal Services Division (LSD)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:23:54

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Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tah14aad.pdf](#))