

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on January 30, 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. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Zach Brown, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (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 195, 1/16/2019; HB 226, 1/21/2019
Executive Action: HB 148

09:01:30 Chair Redfield

HEARING ON HB 195

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:03:07 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 195, Provide for local option luxury sales tax to fund infrastructure.

09:04:09 Vice Chair Z. Brown entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:12:33 Tim Burton, Director, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

09:18:00 Rep. Abbott left the meeting.

09:18:05 Rep. Smith left the meeting.

09:19:49 Mayor Bill Cole, Billings

09:23:01 John MacDonald, City of Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(tah18a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah18a02\)](#)

09:25:06 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway entered the meeting.

09:26:23 Amy Grmoljez, City of Bozeman

09:28:55 Rocky Haralson, Montana County Treasure's Association

09:30:14 Dan Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce

09:31:14 Gwen Jones, Missoula City Council

09:35:15 Darryl James, Montana Infrastructure Coalition

[EXHIBIT\(tah18a03\)](#)

09:41:05 Ed Bartlett, Bozeman Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

09:43:39 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association

09:52:20 Brad Longcake, Montana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association (MPMCSA)

09:54:24 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayer's Association (MTA)

09:56:26 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

09:59:14 E.J. Redding, Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce

09:59:32 Vice Chair Z. Brown left the meeting.

09:59:43 Riley Johnson, Enterprise Rent-a-Car

10:00:44 Rep. Smith entered the meeting.

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:02:06 Rep. White

10:03:21 Rep. Fern

10:04:10 Rep. White

10:05:50 Rep. Fern

10:08:11 Rep. Dunwell

10:09:12 Tim Burton, MLCT

10:09:45 Rep. Marler

10:10:20 Rep. Fern
10:10:28 Rep. Marler
10:10:45 Rep. Fern
10:12:17 Charles Drimal, Greater Yellowstone Coalition
10:13:24 Rep. R. Knudsen
10:13:52 Rep. Fern
10:14:53 Rep. R. Knudsen
10:15:12 Rep. Fern
10:16:14 Rep. R. Knudsen
10:17:28 Mayor Cole, Billings
10:19:35 Rep. R. Knudsen
10:21:08 Rep. Fern
10:21:51 Vice Chair Z. Brown entered the meeting.
10:22:14 Rep. Smith left the meeting.
10:23:32 Vice Chair Beard
10:23:38 Rep. Abbott entered the meeting.
10:24:24 Rep. Fern
10:24:57 Vice Chair Beard
10:25:16 Rep. Fern
10:26:06 Rep. Fuller
10:26:39 Rep. Fern
10:29:14 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
10:31:18 Chair Redfield
10:31:33 Rep. Fern
10:31:36 Chair Redfield
10:31:46 Rep. Fern

Closing by Sponsor:

10:32:42 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5

10:36:05 Rep. Welch left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 226**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:38:27 Rep. Brad Tschida (R), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 226, Exempt certain shooting ranges from property taxation.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:41:22 Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association (MSSA)
10:47:55 Randy Stemple, Western Montana Fish and Game Association (WMFGA)
10:50:36 Michael Chandler, Western Montana Fish and Game Association (WMFGA)
10:54:31 Garrett Bacon, Self
10:55:20 Cindy Hamilton, Self
10:55:48 Tim Sowa, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

10:56:52 Dan Whyte, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

[EXHIBIT\(tah18a04\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

11:00:50 Cory Hofland, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:01:14 Vice Chair Brown
11:01:41 Rep. Tschida
11:02:15 Gary Marbut, MSSA
11:03:46 Rep. Abbott
11:04:00 Gary Marbut, MSSA
11:04:50 Rep. Fern
11:05:23 Rep. Tschida
11:05:40 Gary Marbut, MSSA
11:07:43 Rep. Dunwell
11:10:47 Cory Hofland, DOR
11:11:19 Rep. White
11:13:01 Dan Whyte, DOR
11:13:22 Rep. Smith entered the meeting.
11:13:40 Rep. Welch entered the meeting.
11:14:11 Rep. White
11:15:33 Rep. Tschida
11:16:34 Vice Chair Z. Brown
11:17:36 Gary Marbut, MSSA
11:18:12 Vice Chair Z. Brown
11:19:08 Michael Chandler, WMFGA
11:21:38 Rep. Marler
11:23:45 Gordy Conn, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Closing by Sponsor:

11:24:59 Rep. Brad Tschida (R), HD 97

11:27:42 Chair Redfield

11:28:22 Recessed

11:42:50 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 148

11:43:12 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 148 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:43:28 Rep. Abbott

11:44:21 Rep. Fern

11:45:16 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

11:45:44 Rep. Fuller

11:46:01 Vice Chair Brown

11:47:54 Chair Redfield

11:48:15 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Marler and Rep. B. Smith voting no. Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

11:49:06 Chair Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:49:33

Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah18aad.pdf](#))