

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on January 31, 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. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (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)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Zach Brown, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
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 193, 1/16/2019; HB 232, 1/21/2019

09:00:08 Chair Redfield
09:01:19 Rep. Abbott entered the meeting.
09:05:15 Vice Chair Z. Brown entered the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 232

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:01:32 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 232, Revise assessment of taxes during condemnation proceedings.

EXHIBIT(tah19a01)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

09:10:47 John MacDonald, City of Missoula
09:12:54 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
09:16:12 Rep. Zolnikov entered the meeting.
09:18:28 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:19:54 Rep. Fuller
09:20:24 Rep. Mercer
09:20:38 Rep. Fuller
09:20:50 Rep. Mercer
09:21:38 Rep. Fern
09:22:39 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
09:22:49 Rep. R. Knudsen
09:23:15 Rep. Mercer
09:23:35 Rep. R. Knudsen
09:23:41 Rep. Mercer
09:23:47 Rep. R. Knudsen
09:24:14 Rep. Mercer
09:24:56 Rep. Abbott
09:25:34 Rep. Mercer
09:27:06 Vice Chair Beard
09:28:09 Rep. Mercer
09:29:18 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
09:29:48 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
09:29:58 Rep. Fern
09:30:59 Rep. Mercer
09:32:19 Rep. Fern
09:32:38 Rep. Mercer
09:32:53 Rep. Marler
09:34:05 Rep. Mercer
09:34:10 Rep. Marler
09:34:15 Rep. Mercer
09:35:13 Rep. Hertz
09:35:45 Rep. Mercer

09:36:43 Chair Redfield
09:37:09 Eric Bryson, MACo
09:39:00 Vice Chair Z. Brown
09:39:27 Rep. Kassmier entered the meeting.
09:39:41 Rep. Mercer
09:39:57 Rep. White left the meeting.
09:41:40 Vice Chair Z. Brown
09:42:04 Rep. Mercer

Closing by Sponsor:

09:42:43 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46
09:44:46 Chair Redfield

HEARING ON HB 193

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:45:27 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 193, Establish a carbon tax and distribute revenue.

[EXHIBIT\(tah19a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah19a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah19a04\)](#)

09:51:08 Rep. White entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:58:24 Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center, (MEIC)

[EXHIBIT\(tah19a05\)](#)

10:05:33 Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

10:08:20 Rep. Zolnikov left the meeting.

10:08:51 Jake Brown, Montana Conservation Voters

10:11:27 Bob Filipovich, Self

[EXHIBIT\(tah19a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah19a07\)](#)

10:14:54 Harold Hoem, Montana Elders for a Liveable Tomorrow (MEIC)

10:16:58 Jan Hoem, Montana Elders for a Liveable Tomorrow (MEIC)

10:21:09 Mark Juedman, Self

10:25:25 Julian Adler, Montana Public Interest Research Group

10:29:16 Ruth Swenson, Self

[EXHIBIT\(tah19a08\)](#)

10:35:26 Wyatt Smith, Montana Audubon Society

10:35:50 Steve Gilbert, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

10:36:51 Adam Haight, Montana American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, (Montana AFL- CIO)

10:38:20 David Hoffman, Northwestern Energy

10:39:57 Bob Gilbert, City of Colstrip

10:45:16 John Forkan, Montana State Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters
10:46:37 Alan Olson, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association
10:51:26 Darryl Holzer, Building and Construction Trades, Self
10:54:14 John Johnson, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 400 (IUOE Local 400)
10:54:36 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Dakota Utility Resources (MDUR)
10:56:11 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association, Montana Wood Products Association
10:57:59 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties
11:00:24 Tom Ebezry, Avista Corporation
11:03:53 Gary Wiens, Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association
11:06:12 Robin Arnold, Montana Department of Public Service Regulation, Public Service Commission (PSC)
11:07:02 Kerry Hegreberg, Montana Chamber of Commerce
11:07:36 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayer's Association
11:12:16 Steve Gross, IUOE Local 400

Informational Testimony:

11:13:13 David Klemp, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:13:45 Rep. Fern
11:14:41 David Klemp, DEQ
11:15:22 Rep. Fern
11:16:21 David Klemp, DEQ
11:17:27 Rep. Fern
11:17:52 Rep. Fuller
11:19:03 Rep. Dunwell
11:19:52 Rep. Fuller
11:20:13 Rep. Dunwell
11:21:37 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
11:22:39 Ann Hedges, MEIC

Closing by Sponsor:

11:23:54 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84

11:31:13 Chair Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:31:31

Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah19aad.pdf](#))