

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on February 1, 2019 at 9:00 AM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)
Rep. Zach Brown, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
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)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Becky Beard, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Chris Bushnell, Committee Secretary
Megan Moore, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 269, 1/25/2019
Executive Action: HB 16, HB 24, HB 195, HB 216, HB 226

09:06:09 Chair Redfield
09:07:20 Recessed
09:48:48 Reconvened with Vice Chair Beard, Rep. Abbott, and Rep. Kerr-Carpenter.

HEARING ON HB 269

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:49:03 Rep. Derek Skees (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 269, Constitutional amendment for taxpayer protection act to limit tax types.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

09:52:15 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayer's Association (MTA)
09:52:23 Rep. Dunwell
09:52:50 Bob Story, MTA
09:57:28 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

EXHIBIT(tah20a01)

10:02:59 Jason Rittal, Director, Montana Association of Cities and Counties (MACo)
10:04:19 Tim Burton, Director, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
10:07:17 Darryl James, Director, Montana Infrastructure Coalition (MIC)
10:10:20 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

Informational Testimony:

10:12:26 Aaron McNay, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:12:45 Rep. Zolnikov
10:13:17 Director Rittal, MACo
10:13:26 Rep. Zolnikov
10:14:08 Director Rittal, MACo
10:14:47 Rep. White
10:15:22 Rep. Skees, HD 11

Closing by Sponsor:

10:16:07 Rep. Derek Skees (R), HD 11
10:20:55 Chair Redfield

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 16

10:21:18 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
10:22:02 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 16 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE**. Motion carried 15-1 by voice vote with Rep. Zolnikov voting no.
10:23:06 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. White moved to **RECONSIDER THE MOTION** on previous amendment to **HB 16**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

10:24:08 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 16 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(tah20a02)

Discussion:

10:24:25 Rep. Welch
10:25:44 Rep. White
10:26:30 Rep. Dunwell

10:26:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-2 by voice vote with Rep. R. Knudsen and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

10:27:18 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 16 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:27:28 Rep. Fern
10:28:50 Rep. Welch
10:29:38 Vice Chair Z. Brown
10:30:22 Rep. Beard

Vote: Motion carried 13-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Redfield, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 24

10:33:30 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 24 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:33:39 Rep. Dunwell
EXHIBIT(tah20a03)

10:34:25 Vice Chair Z. Brown
10:34:38 Chair Redfield
10:35:59 Rep. Fern

10:36:40 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-3 by voice vote with Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter and Rep. Marler voting no. Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 195

10:37:17 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 195 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:37:27 Vice Chair Z. Brown
10:38:11 Rep. Marler
10:38:56 Rep. Fern
10:40:12 Rep. White
10:41:11 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

10:41:48 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-13 by roll call vote with Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter and Rep. Marler voting aye. Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

10:42:51 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. White made a substitute motion that **HB 195 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

10:43:18 Vice Chair Z. Brown

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 216

10:43:47 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 216 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

10:43:58 Rep. Z. Brown

10:44:46 Rep. White

10:44:57 **Motion:** Rep. Dunwell moved that **HB 216 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(tah20a04\)](#)

Discussion:

10:45:12 Rep. Dunwell

10:46:11 Rep. White

10:46:44 Rep. Abbott

10:47:07 Rep. Fuller

10:47:25 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

10:48:07 Rep. Fern

10:49:09 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-14 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. B. Smith and Rep. Zolnikov voting aye. Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

10:50:28 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Marler and Rep. B. Smith voting aye. Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

10:51:49 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. White moved that **HB 216 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 226

10:52:27 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 226 DO PASS**.

10:52:40 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 226 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(tah20a05\)](#)

Discussion:

10:52:58 Chair Redfield

10:53:14 Vice Chair Z. Brown

10:53:28 Chair Redfield
10:53:42 Vice Chair Z. Brown
10:54:15 Sheldon-Galloway
10:54:32 Chair Redfield

10:54:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

10:55:10 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 226 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:55:19 Rep. Marler
10:56:06 Rep. White
10:57:32 Rep. Abbott

10:58:47 **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 and Rep. Hertz voted by proxy.

11:00:01 Rep. White
11:00:51 Chair Redfield
11:01:38 Rep. White
11:02:58 Rep. Dunwell
11:04:09 Chair Redfield
11:05:12 Rep. White
11:06:06 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
11:06:54 Chair Redfield
11:07:56 Rep. Fern
11:08:41 Rep. Smith
11:08:57 Chair Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:09:07

Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah20aad.pdf](#))