

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on February 5, 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. 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. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

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 240, 1/29/2019; HB 288, 1/29/2019; HB 292, 1/29/2019;
SB 28, 1/29/2019

09:00:20 Chair Redfield

HEARING ON HB 240

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:01:30 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 240, Revise reporting requirements for third-party settlement organizations.

EXHIBIT(tah23a01)

09:02:40 Rep. Abbott entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:08:49 Shona McHugh, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:11:16 Rep. Fern

09:12:13 Shona McHugh, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

09:12:51 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61

09:15:39 Recessed

09:18:08 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 288

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

9:18:14 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 288, Generally revise Achieving Better Life Experience Act.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:20:32 Jon Bennion, ABLE Oversight Committee

09:25:37 Kat Patterson, ABLE Oversight Committee

09:28:14 Rep. Fern left the meeting.

09:29:44 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Speech, Language and Hearing Association

09:30:22 Ethan Martin, Self

09:30:40 Novelene Martin, Montana Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

09:31:15 Jackie Jones, Montana Association of Community Disability Services (MACDS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:32:26 Rep. Welch

09:32:58 Kat Patterson, ABLE Oversight Committee

09:34:37 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
09:35:06 Kat Patterson, ABLE Oversight Committee
09:35:17 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
09:35:23 Kat Patterson, ABLE Oversight Committee

Closing by Sponsor:

09:36:41 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81

HEARING ON HB 292**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:39:07 Rep. Barry Usher (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 292, Extend funding to Coal Board.

[EXHIBIT\(tah23a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah23a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah23a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:42:54 Senator Duane Ankney (R), SD 20
09:46:16 Nicole Borner, Musselshell County Commissioner
09:52:01 Sandy Jones, Mayor, Roundup

[EXHIBIT\(tah23a05\)](#)

09:54:31 Adam Carlson, Commissioner Musselshell County
[EXHIBIT\(tah23a06\)](#)

09:56:22 Bob Gilbert, City of Colstrip, Musselshell County Rosebud County
[EXHIBIT\(tah23a07\)](#)

09:59:15 Alan Olson, Self
10:00:47 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
10:01:50 Tim Burton, Executive Director Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
10:02:32 Cody Fergeson, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)
10:03:11 Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
10:05:00 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties
10:06:39 John Rogers, Southeastern Montana Development Corporation
10:08:22 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers' Association (MTA)

Opponents' Testimony:

10:09:37 Tom Livers, Director, Office of Budget and Programming (OBPP)

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:11:26 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
10:12:00 Bob Gilbert, City of Colstrip, Rosebud County, Musselshell County
10:12:25 Director Livers, OBPP
10:13:29 Rep. Dunwell
10:14:51 Rep. Barry Usher (R), HD 40
10:15:10 Rep. Dunwell

10:15:32 Rep. Barry Usher (R), HD 40
10:15:46 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
10:16:16 Director Livers, OBPP
10:16:35 Rep. Dunwell
10:17:18 Rep. Barry Usher (R), HD 40
10:18:50 Rep. Dunwell
10:19:22 Director Livers, OBPP

Closing by Sponsor:

10:20:01 Rep. Barry Usher (R), HD 40

HEARING ON SB 28**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:23:27 Sen. Tom Richmond (R) SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 28, Revise taxation of certain incremental oil production.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:30:50 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association
10:33:29 Matt Dahan, Denbury Resources

EXHIBIT(tah23a08)

10:36:07 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties
10:36:44 Bridger Mahlun, Montana Chamber of Commerce
10:37:10 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers' Association (MTA)
10:37:49 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association (TSRA)
10:38:37 Ed Bartlett, Continental Resources Company
10:39:59 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony:

10:40:56 Cody Ferguson, (NPRC)

Informational Testimony:

10:43:59 Keith Broussard, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:44:19 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
10:44:50 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association
10:45:07 Rep. Dunwell
10:46:27 Keith Broussard, DOR
10:47:15 Rep. Dunwell
10:47:33 Keith Broussard, DOR
10:47:56 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Closing by Sponsor:

10:48:18 Sen. Tom Richmond (R) SD 28

10:50:33 Chair Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:51:01

Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah23aad.pdf](#))