

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on February 12, 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. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (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. Kerry White (R)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (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 194, 1/29/2019; HB 340, 2/5/2019; HB 386, 2/5/2019

09:01:17 Chair Redfield

HEARING ON HB 386

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:02:26 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 386, Revising the procedure for cancelling delinquent taxes on commercial property.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:04:44 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)

09:05:43 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

09:06:36 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12

HEARING ON HB 340

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:06:59 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 340, Revising the residential property tax credit for the elderly.

09:08:58 Rep. Dunwell entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:10:13 Brad Tschida, Self

09:12:59 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)

Opponents' Testimony:

09:14:26 Gene Walborn, Director, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:16:07 Rep. White

09:17:14 Director Walborn, DOR

09:18:04 Rep. White

09:18:18 Director Walborn, DOR

09:18:34 Rep. Fern

09:19:03 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92

09:19:11 Rep. Fern

09:19:24 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92

09:19:45 Rep. Fern

09:20:22 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92

09:21:49 Rep. Dunwell

09:22:17 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92
09:24:50 Rep. R. Knudsen
09:25:18 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92
09:26:57 Chair Redfield
09:27:16 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92
09:28:48 Rep. Marler
09:29:47 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92
09:31:42 Vice Chair Beard
09:32:37 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92

Closing by Sponsor:

09:34:33 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92

HEARING ON HB 194

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:36:48 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 194, Revise lodging and rental car taxes including local option.

[EXHIBIT\(tah29a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah29a02\)](#)

09:39:38 Rep. Welch entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:49:20 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center

09:51:51 Mark Anderlik, Montana Public Health and Social Services Coalition

Opponents' Testimony:

09:54:55 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association

09:58:22 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)

10:01:56 Melissa Lewis, Travel Technology Association

[EXHIBIT\(tah29a03\)](#)

10:05:36 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

10:06:12 Riley Johnson, Enterprise Rent-a-Car

Informational Testimony:

10:08:05 Lee Baerlocher, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

10:08:22 David Jacobs, Montana Department of Transportation (DOT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:08:43 Rep. White

10:09:46 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84

10:09:55 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

10:10:16 Rep. White

10:11:27 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

10:11:34 Rep. Abbott

10:11:57 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

10:12:15 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

10:12:59 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

10:13:35 Rep. Fern
10:14:13 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association
10:15:52 Rep. Fern
10:16:28 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
10:17:52 Rep. Abbott
10:18:01 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
10:18:48 Rep. White
10:19:42 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
10:20:47 Rep. White
10:21:18 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
10:21:42 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
10:22:33 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
10:22:42 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
10:22:53 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
10:23:42 Chair Redfield
10:23:59 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

10:24:25 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84

10:30:05 Chair Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:30:25

Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah29aad.pdf](#))