

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on February 21, 2019 at 8:30 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. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Zach Brown, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
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 385, 2/15/2019; HB 458, 2/15/2019; HB 489, 2/15/2019

08:31:21 Chair Redfield

HEARING ON HB 489

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:32:29 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 489, Repeal certificate of public advantage.

[EXHIBIT\(tah37a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:37:46 Kendall Cotton, Montana Commission of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:40:07 Rep. Marler
08:40:25 Rep. Galt
08:40:42 Rep. Dunwell
08:41:26 Rep. Regier
08:41:41 Kendall Cotton, CSI
08:42:41 Vice Chair Beard
08:43:02 Kendall Cotton, CSI
08:43:23 Rep. Fern
08:43:51 Kendall Cotton, CSI
08:44:26 Rep. Fern
08:44:56 Kendall Cotton, CSI
08:45:38 Rep. Fern
08:46:05 Kendall Cotton, CSI
08:47:13 Rep. Marler
08:47:54 Rep. Dunwell
08:48:23 Rep. Regier
08:48:38 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
08:49:33 Kendall Cotton, CSI
08:50:37 Rep. Fuller entered the meeting.
08:50:54 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
08:51:02 Kendall Cotton, CSI
08:52:05 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
08:52:46 Kendall Cotton, CSI
08:53:37 Rep. Abbott, Rep. Zolnikov, and Rep. Smith entered the meeting.

Closing by Sponsor:

08:54:23 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4

HEARING ON HB 385**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:55:17 Rep. Wylie Galt (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 385, Authorize blackjack to be played in licensed establishments.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

08:57:43 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association of Montana (GIA)

09:00:53 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

[EXHIBIT\(tah37a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah37a03\)](#)

09:06:35 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association

09:08:17 Angela Nunn, Montana Department of Justice (DOJ)

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

09:11:58 Rep. Fern

09:12:57 Neil Peterson, GIA

09:13:46 Rep. Fern

09:14:16 Rep. Galt

09:14:52 Rep. Fern

09:15:17 Rep. Galt

09:15:58 Chair Redfield

09:16:09 John Iverson, MTA

09:16:56 Chair Redfield

09:17:10 Neil Peterson, GIA

Closing by Sponsor:

09:17:56 Rep. Wylie Galt (R), HD 30

HEARING ON HB 458**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:20:04 Rep. Connie Keogh (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 458, Revise tax laws related to opportunity zones.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:22:10 Ross Keogh, Self

[EXHIBIT\(tah37a04\)](#)

09:27:18 Ken Fichtler, Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED)

09:29:05 Brent Campbell, WGM Group

09:30:09 Aidan Myhre, Montana BioScience Alliance

09:32:04 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)

[EXHIBIT\(tah37a05\)](#)

09:33:51 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce
09:35:07 Patrick Browne, BioCarbon Technology

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:37:53 Lee Baerlocher, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)
09:38:14 Jennifer Olson, Montana Department of Commerce (DOC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:38:49 Rep. Fern
09:39:42 Ross Keogh, Self
09:40:13 Rep. Fern
09:40:34 Ross Keogh
09:40:39 Rep. Fern
09:41:06 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
09:41:15 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
09:41:49 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
09:41:57 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
09:42:19 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
09:43:03 Rep. Dunwell
09:43:47 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
09:44:47 Rep. Dunwell
09:45:21 Ken Fichtler, GOED
09:46:19 Chair Redfield
09:46:55 Ken Fichtler, GOED
09:48:09 Chair Redfield
09:48:45 Ken Fichtler, GOED
09:49:16 Rep. Marler
09:50:10 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen
09:50:50 Ken Fichtler, GOED
09:51:07 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen
09:51:35 Ken Fichtler, GOED
09:51:38 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen
09:52:21 Ken Fichtler, GOED
09:52:53 Rep. Fern
09:54:00 Ken Fichtler, GOED
09:54:12 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
09:54:36 Ken Fichtler, GOED
09:54:43 Rep. White
09:55:47 Ken Fichtler, GOED
09:56:16 Rep. White
09:56:34 Ken Fichtler, GOED
09:56:47 Rep. Smith
09:57:13 Ken Fichtler, GOED
09:57:39 Rep. Smith
09:57:47 Ken Fichtler, GOED
09:58:22 Rep. Fern
09:59:13 Jennifer Olson, DOC
10:01:05 Rep. Fern

10:01:33 Jennifer Olson, DOC
10:02:04 Vice Chair Beard
10:02:43 Jennifer Olson, DOC
10:03:14 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
10:03:36 Ross Keogh, Self
10:05:01 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
10:05:07 Ross Keogh, Self
10:05:38 Rep. Dunwell
10:06:33 Rep. Keogh
10:07:06 Lee Baerlocher, DOC
10:07:36 Ross Keogh, Self
10:08:18 Chair Redfield
10:08:48 Ross Keogh, Self
10:08:59 Chair Redfield
10:09:06 Ross Keogh, Self

Closing by Sponsor:

10:09:30 Rep. Connie Keogh (D), HD 91

10:11:36 Chair Redfield
10:12:41 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
10:13:43 Chair Redfield
10:14:12 Rep. Fern
10:15:10 Chair Redfield
10:15:21 Rep. Fern
10:16:31 Chair Redfield
10:17:12 Rep. Fern
10:17:40 Chair. Redfield
10:18:30 Rep. White
10:18:46 Megan Moore, LSD
10:18:53 Chair. Redfield
10:18:59 Rep. White
10:19:01 Chair. Redfield
10:20:55 Rep. White
10:21:00 Rep. Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

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Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah37aad.pdf](#))