

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Alan Redfield, on February 27, 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. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. John Fuller (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)  
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Wylie Galt (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (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 435, 2/21/2019

09:00:28 Chair Redfield

**HEARING ON HB 435**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:01:30 Rep. Laurie Bishop (D), HD 60, opened the hearing on HB 435, Provide for gateway local option tax.

[EXHIBIT\(tah42a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah42a02\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:08:51 Bill Berg, Park County Commissioner

09:16:41 Rep. Kassmier entered the meeting.

09:18:00 Darryl James, Montana Infrastructure Coalition (MIC)

09:21:21 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

09:24:19 Darryl Schliem, Bozeman Chamber of Commerce

09:27:56 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

09:34:43 Doug Russell, City of Kalispell

09:37:53 Ed Bartlett, Billings Chamber of Commerce

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:38:48 Brad Longcake, Montana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association (MPMCSA)

09:41:12 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:44:47 Rep. White

09:46:39 Rep. Bishop

09:47:04 Eric Bryson, MACo

09:47:27 Rep. White

09:48:05 Eric Bryson, MACo

09:48:18 Rep. White

09:49:57 Rep. Bishop

09:50:48 Rep. Dunwell

09:51:07 Rep. Bishop

09:51:12 Rep. Dunwell

09:51:52 Rep. Bishop

09:52:51 Rep. Dunwell

09:53:10 Brad Longcake, MPMCSA

09:53:15 Rep. Dunwell

09:53:57 Brad Longcake, MPMCSA

09:54:41 Rep. Fuller

09:55:27 Bob Story, MTA

09:55:43 Rep. Fuller

09:55:50 Bob Story, MTA

09:56:12 Rep. Zolnikov

09:57:14 Tim Burton, MLCT

09:57:42 Eric Bryson, MACo  
09:57:58 Rep. Zolnikov  
09:58:04 Eric Bryson, MACo  
09:58:22 Rep. Zolnikov  
09:59:29 Tim Burton, MLCT  
10:01:13 Rep. Zolnikov  
10:01:49 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
10:03:22 Rep. Bishop  
10:04:14 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
10:04:45 Rep. Bishop  
10:06:41 Rep. Fern  
10:07:43 Commissioner Berg, Park County  
10:10:16 Rep. Fern  
10:11:15 Commissioner Berg, Park County  
10:12:15 Rep. Marler  
10:13:05 Rep. Bishop  
10:13:10 Rep. Marler  
10:13:16 Rep. Bishop  
10:13:31 Rep. Marler  
10:13:56 Rep. Bishop  
10:14:31 Rep. Marler  
10:15:12 Vice Chair Beard  
10:16:13 Commissioner Berg, Park County  
10:16:57 Vice Chair Beard  
10:17:27 Rep. Bishop  
10:18:07 Vice Chair Beard  
10:18:28 Rep. Bishop  
10:18:55 Vice Chair Beard  
10:19:07 Eric Bryson, MACo  
10:19:45 Rep. White  
10:21:25 Rep. Bishop  
10:21:36 Eric Bryson, MACo  
10:22:08 Rep. White  
10:22:48 Chair Redfield  
10:23:00 Commissioner Berg, Park County  
10:23:07 Chair Redfield  
10:23:15 Commissioner Berg, Park County  
10:23:27 Chair Redfield  
10:23:50 Commissioner Berg, Park County  
10:25:14 Chair Redfield  
10:25:20 Commissioner Berg, Park County  
10:27:06 Chair Redfield  
10:27:25 Rep. Bishop  
10:29:10 Rep. Fern  
10:29:48 Commissioner Berg, Park County

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:31:29 Rep. Bishop  
  
10:35:33 Chair Redfield

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:36:43

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Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tah42aad.pdf](#))