

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Alan Redfield, on March 15, 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. Wylie Galt (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (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. Joshua Kassmier (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)  
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:**

Executive Action: HB 293; HB 385; HB 401; HB 403; HB 404; HB 435; HB 507  
SB 207; SB 217

09:05:12 Chair Redfield  
09:06:16 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

[EXHIBIT\(tah53a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah53a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah53a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah53a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah53a05\)](#)

09:11:27 Recessed  
09:56:54 Reconvened

09:57:09 Rep Zolnikov and Rep. Kassmier entered the meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 293**

09:57:40 **Motion:** Rep. Galt moved that **HB 293 DO PASS.**

09:57:51 **Motion:** Rep. Galt moved that **HB 293 BE AMENDED.**  
**(See Exhibit 1)**

#### **Discussion:**

09:57:59 Rep. Fern

09:58:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. White voted by proxy.

09:58:58 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 293 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

#### **Discussion:**

09:59:09 Rep. Marler  
09:59:30 Rep. Dunwell  
10:00:48 Vice Chair Z. Brown  
10:01:02 Megan Moore, LSD  
10:01:13 Rep. Galt  
10:01:42 Rep. Smith  
10:02:00 Rep. Galt  
10:02:34 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
10:03:23 Rep. Smith

10:03:57 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Beard, Rep. Brown, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Redfield, Rep. Welch and Rep. White voting no. Rep. White voted by proxy.

### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 385**

10:05:09 **Motion:** Rep. Galt moved that **HB 385 DO PASS.**

10:05:14 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Galt moved that **HB 385 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. White voted by proxy.

**(See Exhibit 2)**

10:06:25 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 385 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

10:06:46 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 385 BE AMENDED**.  
(See Exhibit 3)

**Discussion:**

10:06:47 Rep. Fern  
10:08:04 Megan Moore, LSD  
10:08:33 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
10:09:31 Rep. Marler  
10:09:34 Chair Redfield

10:09:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. White voted by proxy.

10:10:00 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 385 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

**Discussion:**

10:10:01 Rep. Marler  
10:10:47 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter  
10:11:05 Rep. Fern  
10:11:55 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
10:12:06 Rep. Galt

10:12:51 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Marler, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway and Rep. Welch voting no. Rep. White voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 403**

10:14:09 Megan Moore, LSD

10:14:22 **Motion:** Rep. Fuller moved to **RECONSIDER THE MOTION TO AMEND HB 403** from March 19, 2019.

**Discussion:**

10:14:34 Rep. Zolnikov  
10:16:35 Rep. Fern  
10:17:11 Rep. Zolnikov  
10:18:07 Megan Moore, LSD  
10:18:28 Rep. Welch  
10:19:22 Rep. Hertz  
10:19:50 Rep. Zolnikov  
10:20:09 Rep. Hertz

10:20:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Marler, Rep. B. Smith and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. White voted by proxy.

10:21:37 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 403 DO PASS WITH NO AMENDMENT**.

**Discussion:**

- 10:21:46 Rep. Zolnikov
- 10:22:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Marler, Rep. B. Smith and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. White voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 404**

- 10:24:07 **Motion:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **HB 404 DO PASS AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED** on March 19, 2019.

**Discussion:**

- 10:24:30 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
- 10:25:15 Vice Chair Z. Brown
- 10:25:35 Chair Redfield
- 10:25:47 Rep. Kassmier
- 10:26:03 Vice Chair Z. Brown
- 10:27:20 Rep. Dunwell
- 10:28:28 Rep. Fern
- 10:29:00 Rep. Kassmier
- 10:29:31 Rep. Fern
- 10:29:52 Rep. Kassmier
- 10:29:56 Rep. Fuller
- 10:31:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter and Rep. Marler voting no. Rep. White voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 435**

- 10:32:07 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 435 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

- 10:32:13 Rep. Fern
- 10:33:23 Rep. Marler
- 10:33:53 Chair Redfield
- 10:35:30 **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. White voted by proxy.
- 10:36:20 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 435 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. White voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 507**

- 10:36:43 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 507 DO PASS.** Motion carried 12-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Marler and Rep. B. Smith voting no. Rep. White voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 401**

10:38:04 Rep. Hertz

10:38:26 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hertz moved that **HB 401 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. White voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 207**

10:38:47 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Beard moved that **SB 207 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. White voted by proxy. Rep. Brown will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 217**

10:39:36 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **HB 217 BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**

10:39:45 Rep. Marler

10:40:14 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Marler, Rep. B. Smith and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. White voted by proxy. Rep. Fuller will carry the bill.

10:41:09 Chair Redfield

10:41:40 Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Zolnikov left the meeting.

10:42:45 Megan Moore, LSD

**EXHIBIT**(tah53a06)

10:44:09 Chair Redfield

10:44:49 Megan Moore, LSD

10:45:29 Rep. Fern

10:46:47 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **LC TAX3 BE INTRODUCED**.

10:47:02 Vice Chair Z. Brown

10:49:20 Chair Redfield

10:51:44 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

10:53:16 Chair Redfield

10:53:35 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

10:56:37 Megan Moore, LSD

10:57:27 Rep. Dunwell

10:57:34 Chair Redfield

10:58:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz, Rep. White and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

10:58:30 Chair Redfield

10:58:43 Rep. Fern  
11:00:27 Megan Moore, LSD  
11:02:07 Rep. Fern  
11:03:09 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter  
11:03:23 Megan Moore, LSD  
11:04:22 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter  
11:04:32 Megan Moore, LSD  
11:04:43 Rep. Fern  
11:05:14 Chair Redfield  
11:05:20 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
11:05:39 Megan Moore, LSD  
11:06:54 Chair Redfield  
11:06:58 Megan Moore, LSD

11:07:08 **Motion:** Rep Fuller moved that **LC TAX1 BE INTRODUCED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(tah53a07)

11:07:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz, Rep. White and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

11:07:49 Megan Moore, LSD  
11:08:00 Chair Redfield

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:08:26

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Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tah53aad.pdf](#))