

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on April 2, 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. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (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. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Zach Brown, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (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:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 35, 3/20/2019; SB 215, 3/20/2019
Executive Action: HJ 35

09:01:38 Chair Redfield
09:02:09 Vice Chair Beard assumed the Chair.
09:02:12 Vice Chair Z. Brown entered the meeting.

HEARING ON HJ 35

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:02:37 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HJ 35, Interim study of state and local tax policy.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:04:26 Darryl James, Montana Infrastructure Coalition (MIC)
09:05:59 Shane Gorder, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
09:07:10 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
09:08:50 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association (MLHA)
09:10:40 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)
09:12:29 Aimee Grmoljez, Cities of Billings and Bozeman, Crowley Fleck
09:14:57 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

EXHIBIT(tah68a01)

09:17:29 Jon Metropoulos, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties (MAOGCC)
09:18:02 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association (MTA)
09:19:12 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association, (MPA)
09:20:27 Ed Bartlett, Bozeman Chamber of Commerce, Billings Chamber of Commerce
09:21:05 Liane Taylor, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
09:21:33 Alan Lloyd, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants

EXHIBIT(tah68a02)

09:22:30 Liv Stavick, Montana Farm Bureau (MFB)
09:23:00 Jay Skoog, American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)
09:24:16 Bob Story, Montana Retail Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:24:52 Vice Chair Z. Brown
09:26:13 Darryl James, MIC
09:29:47 Rep. Fuller
09:30:22 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC
09:31:39 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
09:32:40 Geoff Feiss, MTA
09:33:53 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings, Bozeman, Crowley Fleck
09:35:48 Vice Chair Z. Brown
09:36:29 Rep. Redfield
09:37:26 Rep. Dunwell
09:38:11 Rep. Redfield

09:38:24 Rep. Dunwell
09:38:38 Rep. Redfield
09:38:47 Rep. Dunwell
09:39:14 Rep. Redfield
09:39:50 Rep. White
09:40:49 Rep. Redfield
09:41:25 Rep. White
09:43:33 Rep. Redfield
09:44:20 Rep. White
09:44:49 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
09:45:26 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC
09:46:29 Chair Beard
09:47:07 Jay Skoog, ACEC
09:48:14 Chair Beard
09:48:28 Jay Skoog, ACEC
09:49:08 Chair Beard
09:49:44 Jay Skoog, ACEC
09:50:39 Chair Beard
09:51:01 Jay Skoog, ACEC
09:51:07 Rep. Fern

Closing by Sponsor:

09:52:02 Rep. Redfield

09:52:45 Rep. Redfield resumed the Chair.

HEARING ON SB 215**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:53:06 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 215, Revising the legislature's revenue estimating process.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:55:31 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC
09:58:47 Bob Story, MTA

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:03:32 Rep. White
10:04:08 Sen. Webb
10:04:39 Rep. White
10:05:12 Sen. Webb
10:06:06 Rep. Fern
10:07:17 Bob Story, MTA
10:10:11 Rep. Hertz
10:10:57 Sen. Webb
10:12:14 Rep. Hertz

10:12:53 Sen. Webb

Closing by Sponsor:

10:13:36 Sen. Webb

10:15:06 Chair Redfield

10:15:42 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

10:15:48 Chair Redfield

10:16:21 Rep. Welch

10:16:39 Rep. White

10:16:50 Chair Redfield

10:17:00 Megan Moore, LSD

10:17:29 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

10:17:45 Megan Moore, LSD

10:18:15 Chair Redfield

10:18:58 Rep. White

10:19:10 Chair Redfield

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 35

10:19:20 **Motion:** Rep. White moved that **HJ 35 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:19:27 Vice Chair Z. Brown

10:20:12 Chair Redfield

10:20:38 Rep. Fern

10:21:43 Rep. White

10:22:46 Vice Chair Beard

10:23:12 Vice Chair Brown

10:24:04 Rep. Dunwell

10:25:06 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

10:25:28 Chair Redfield

10:25:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:26:13

Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah68aad.pdf](#))