

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on April 3, 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. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Chris Bushnell, Committee Secretary
Megan Moore, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 318, 3/20/2019
Executive Action: SB 42, SB 111, SB 165, SB 178, SB 215

09:02:13 Chair Redfield
09:05:08 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
09:06:35 Recessed
09:29:42 Reconvened with Rep. Abbott and Rep. Marler present.

HEARING ON SB 318

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:29:53 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 318, Provide for pre-approval of property tax abatement for new or expanding industry.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:31:03 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
09:32:24 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
09:32:55 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)
09:33:23 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
09:33:42 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties
09:34:07 Jessie Luther, Idaho Forest Group
09:34:55 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association
09:35:32 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)

Opponents' Testimony:

Informational Testimony:

09:35:49 Lee Baerlocher, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:36:37 Rep. White
09:37:34 Alan Olson, MPA
09:38:00 Jason Rittal, MACo
09:38:33 Rep. White
09:39:26 Jason Rittal, MACo
09:40:34 Tim Burton, MLCT
09:41:44 Rep. White
09:42:50 Rep. Dunwell
09:43:39 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
09:44:23 Rep. Dunwell
09:44:25 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
09:44:51 Rep. Fern
09:45:51 Tim Burton, MLCT

09:46:32 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter entered the meeting.

09:47:01 Rep. Fern
09:47:38 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
09:48:13 Rep. Fuller
09:49:46 Tim Burton, MLCT
09:51:00 Rep. Marler
09:52:03 Jason Rittal, MACo

09:53:44 Rep. Dunwell
09:54:27 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
09:54:39 Rep. Dunwell
09:54:53 Lee Baerlocher, DOR
09:55:02 Rep. White
09:55:40 Jason Rittal

Closing by Sponsor:

09:56:13 Sen. Webb

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 42

09:57:41 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **SB 42 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

09:58:00 Megan Moore, LSD

09:59:04 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Beard moved that **SB 42 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(tah69a01)

09:59:34 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Beard moved that **SB 42 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion failed 7-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Marler and Rep. B. Smith voting aye. Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

10:00:49 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **SB 42 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 111

10:01:13 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **SB 111 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

10:01:29 Rep. White
10:01:47 Rep. Welch
10:03:37 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

10:04:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. Redfield voting no. Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy. Rep. Fern will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 165

10:05:34 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **SB 165 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

10:05:44 Vice Chair Brown
10:05:58 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

10:06:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy. Rep. Marler will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 178

10:07:07 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **SB 178 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:07:29 **Motion:** Rep. B. Smith moved that **SB 178 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(tah69a02)

Discussion:

10:07:47 Rep. Beard

10:08:04 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

10:08:37 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

10:08:53 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **SB 178 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:09:03 Rep. White

10:09:39 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

10:10:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy. Rep. Kassmier will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 215

10:10:26 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **SB 215 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

10:10:35 Rep. Brown

10:11:08 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

10:11:34 Rep. Dunwell

10:12:23 Rep. White

10:13:16 Rep. Brown

10:13:53 Chair Redfield

10:14:44 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-15 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown and Rep. Dunwell voting aye. Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

10:15:43 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **SB 215 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. Dunwell voting no. Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

10:16:11 Chair Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:16:34

Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah69aad.pdf](#))