

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on April 4, 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. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)

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: SB 170, 3/29/2019; SB 241, 3/29/2019

Executive Action: SB 152, SB 170, SB 241, SB 318

HEARING ON SB 170**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:02:08 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 170, Revise elderly homeowner/renter income tax credit.

[EXHIBIT\(tah70a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah70a02\)](#)

09:02:35 Rep. Marler entered the meeting.

09:02:45 Rep. Abbott entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:12:36 Fran Viereck, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

Opponents' Testimony:

09:15:08 Gene Walborn, Director, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

09:15:28 Rep. Zolnikov left the meeting.

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

09:17:06 Rep. Fern

09:17:41 Sen. Hoven

09:18:49 Rep. Fern

09:19:17 Sen. Hoven

09:19:34 Rep. White

09:21:07 Director Walborn, DOR

09:22:03 Rep. White

09:22:10 Director Walborn, DOR

09:22:22 Rep. Dunwell

09:23:11 Sen. Hoven

09:23:24 Rep. Dunwell

09:23:28 Sen. Hoven

Closing by Sponsor:

09:23:38 Sen. Hoven

09:25:28 Chair Redfield

09:25:37 Recessed

09:26:32 Reconvened

HEARING ON SB 241**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:26:37 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 241, Allow increased resort tax for infrastructure.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:29:29 Daniel Sabolsky, West Yellowstone

EXHIBIT(tah70a03)

09:37:10 Joe Skinner, Gallatin County Commissioner

09:39:30 Richard Parks, Gardiner Resort Area District

EXHIBIT(tah70a04)

09:42:35 Erin Leonard, Virginia City Town Council

09:45:21 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

09:46:31 Steve Johnson, Big Sky Resort Area District

EXHIBIT(tah70a05)

09:51:09 Shane Grube, Chief, Hebgen Basin Fire District

EXHIBIT(tah70a06)

09:58:20 Mary Sue Costello, West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce

10:01:06 Mike Scholz, Self

10:03:57 Candace Strauss, Big Sky Chamber of Commerce

10:05:28 Glen Loomis, Self

EXHIBIT(tah70a07)

10:12:06 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association (MLHA)

10:12:50 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

10:14:02 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association, Montana Restaurant Association

10:14:17 Ed Bartlett, Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce, Billings Area Chamber of Commerce

10:14:43 Mark Taylor, Association of Montana Troopers

EXHIBIT(tah70a08)

10:15:22 Brian Thompson, Montana Contractors' Association

10:15:45 Jessie Luther, Town of West Yellowstone, Big Sky Resort Area District

EXHIBIT(tah70a09)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:17:46 Rep. Fern

10:18:17 Jessie Luther, Town of West Yellowstone, Big Sky Resort Area District

10:18:45 Rep. White

10:19:48 Jessie Luther, Town of West Yellowstone, Big Sky Resort Area District

10:21:44 Rep. White

10:22:52 Chief Grube, Hebgen Basin Fire District

10:24:51 Rep. White

10:25:25 Chief Grube, Hebgen Basin Fire District

10:26:30 Rep. White

10:26:46 Vice Chair Beard

10:28:04 Sen. Welborn

10:28:40 Vice Chair Beard
10:28:49 Sen. Welborn
10:29:10 Vice Chair Beard
10:29:41 Jessie Luther, Town of West Yellowstone, Big Sky Resort Area District
10:30:39 Vice Chair Beard
10:31:28 Jessie Luther, Town of West Yellowstone, Big Sky Resort Area District
10:31:57 Vice Chair Beard
10:32:21 Jessie Luther, Town of West Yellowstone, Big Sky Resort Area District
10:33:21 Rep. R. Knudsen
10:34:53 Dan Sabolsky, West Yellowstone
10:36:41 Vice Chair Brown
10:37:24 Dan Sabolsky, West Yellowstone
10:37:58 Rep. Fern
10:39:11 Jessie Luther, Town of West Yellowstone, Big Sky Resort Area District
10:39:23 Mike Scholz, Self
10:40:17 Rep. Fern
10:40:53 Mike Scholz, Self
10:42:03 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
10:42:46 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association, Montana Restaurant Association
10:43:07 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
10:44:36 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association, Montana Restaurant Association
10:45:01 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen
10:45:38 Commissioner Skinner, Gallatin County
10:45:46 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen
10:46:09 Commissioner Skinner, Gallatin County
10:46:46 Rep. Dunwell
10:47:42 Kelly Lynch, MLCT

Closing by Sponsor:

10:48:40 Sen. Welborn

10:52:02 Chair Redfield
10:53:28 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
10:54:07 Rep. White
10:54:39 Chair Redfield

10:56:19 Recessed
11:19:22 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 152

11:19:30 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **SB 152 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

11:19:37 Rep. Welch
11:20:53 Rep. Fuller
11:21:32 Vice Chair Brown
11:22:58 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen

11:23:17 **Vote:** 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. Welch voting aye. Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz, and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

11:24:33 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **SB 152 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. Dunwell voting no. Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 170

11:24:53 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **SB 170 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

11:24:57 Chair Redfield

11:25:05 Megan Moore, LSD

11:25:27 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **SB 170 BE AMENDED**.

EXHIBIT(tah70a10)

Discussion:

11:26:00 Rep. Fern

11:26:36 Vice Chair Z. Brown

11:26:48 Megan Moore, LSD

11:26:57 Vice Chair Z. Brown

11:27:46 Rep. Fern

11:27:46 Without objection, Rep. Fern withdrew Be Amended motion.

11:28:02 Chair Redfield

11:28:08 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

11:29:11 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-13 by roll call vote with Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Fern, Rep. Marler, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway and Rep. B. Smith voting aye. Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

11:30:13 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **SB 170 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 241

11:30:36 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **SB 241 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

11:30:44 Rep. White

11:31:55 Rep. Welch

11:32:18 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

11:32:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. R. Knudsen voting no. Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy. Rep. Welch will carry the bill. (Note: At Chair's discretion, it was decided after the meeting that Rep. Shaw will carry the bill.)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 318

11:33:13 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **SB 318 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:33:32 **Motion:** Rep. White moved that **SB 318 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(tah70a11\)](#)

Discussion:

11:33:41 Rep. White
11:34:48 Rep. Fuller
11:35:06 Rep. Abbott
11:35:23 Rep. Marler
11:35:33 Vice Chair Beard

11:35:51 **Vote:** 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. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

11:36:51 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **SB 318 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:36:57 Rep. Dunwell
11:38:06 Rep. Marler
11:39:02 Rep. Fuller
11:39:53 Vice Chair Z. Brown
11:40:54 Rep. White
11:43:27 Rep. Marler
11:44:03 Rep. White

11:44:45 **Vote:** 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. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy. Rep. White will carry the bill.

11:45:48 Chair Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:46:17

Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah70aad.pdf](#))