

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Becky Beard, on April 5, 2019 at 9:00 AM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Becky Beard, Vice Chair (R)
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)

Members Excused: Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)
Rep. Zach Brown, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
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 69, 4/3/2019; SB 204, 4/3/2019; SB 266, 4/3/2019; SB 334, 4/3/2019

Executive Action: SB 69, SB 253, SB 334

HEARING ON SB 204**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:01:55 Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 204, Revise tax exemption laws for certain mobile homes.

[EXHIBIT\(tah71a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah71a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:05:12 Tyler Gernant, Missoula County

[EXHIBIT\(tah71a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah71a04\)](#)

09:11:58 Svein Newman, Self

[EXHIBIT\(tah71a05\)](#)

09:17:16 Sean Morrison, Self

09:17:29 Vice Chair Z. Brown entered the meeting.

09:18:09 Maureen Rude, Montana Housing Coalition, Neighborworks Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

09:20:39 Rocky Haralson, Montana County Treasures Association (MCTA)

[EXHIBIT\(tah71a06\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

09:24:25 Kory Hofland, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:27:02 Rep. White

09:28:34 Rocky Haralson, MCTA

09:29:57 Rep. White

09:30:20 Rocky Haralson, MCTA

09:30:47 Rep. White

09:31:58 Rocky Haralson, MCTA

09:33:14 Rep. White

09:33:22 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

09:33:50 Svein Newman, Self

09:35:49 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

09:36:12 Sen. MacDonald

09:38:27 Rep. Dunwell

09:39:25 Kory Hofland, DOR

09:40:02 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

09:40:28 Tyler Gernant, Missoula County

09:40:32 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

09:40:52 Tyler Gernant, Missoula County

09:41:21 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

09:41:47 Kory Hofland, DOR

09:42:16 Bryce Kaatz, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

09:43:02 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
09:43:11 Bryce Kaatz, DOR
09:43:39 Vice Chair Z. Brown
09:44:17 Kory Hofland, DOR
09:45:08 Vice Chair Z. Brown
09:45:23 Kory Hofland, DOR
09:46:12 Vice Chair Z. Brown
09:46:26 Rep. White
09:46:45 Kory Hofland, DOR
09:47:28 Rep. Abbott
09:48:01 Bryce Kaatz, DOR
09:49:00 Rep. Abbott
09:49:21 Bryce Kaatz, DOR
09:50:08 Rep. Fern
09:50:42 Rocky Haralson, MCTA
09:51:53 Rep. Fern
09:52:01 Rocky Haralson, MCTA
09:52:36 Rep. Marler
09:53:25 Svein Newman, Self

Closing by Sponsor:

09:55:01 Sen. MacDonald

09:57:48 Rep. Hertz and Rep. Kassmier entered the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 69

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:57:27 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 69, Provisional agricultural classification for certain property with trees/vines.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:00:06 Kory Hofland, DOR

Opponents' Testimony: None

10:01:22 Rep. Redfield entered the meeting.

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:02:01 Rep. Fern
10:02:49 Kory Hofland, DOR
10:03:42 Sen. Blasdel

Closing by Sponsor:

10:04:30 Sen. Blasdel

HEARING ON SB 266**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:05:45 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 266, Revise taxation to promote new business and economic activity.

[EXHIBIT\(tah71a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah71a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tah71a09\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

10:11:24 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Chamber of Commerce

10:15:31 Mark Taylor, Rocky Mountain Power

10:16:55 Aidan Myhre, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce

10:18:21 Jessie Luther, Idaho Forest Group

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:19:39 Rep. Fern

10:20:07 Sen. Blasdel

10:21:07 Rep. Fern

10:21:14 Sen. Blasdel

10:21:18 Rep. Fern

10:22:03 Sen. Blasdel

10:23:18 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

10:24:08 Sen. Blasdel

10:25:24 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

10:25:54 Sen. Blasdel

10:27:45 Rep. Dunwell

10:28:23 Sen. Blasdel

10:29:11 Rep. Dunwell

10:29:21 Sen. Blasdel

Closing by Sponsor:

10:29:51 Sen. Blasdel

HEARING ON SB 334**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:31:04 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 334, Revise mill levy authority for certain airports.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:34:55 Tom Ebzery, Montana Airport Managers

10:38:41 Lara Tait, Great Falls International Airport Authority (GFIAA)

10:40:30 Jeff Wadekamper, Helena Airport Authority

10:41:09 Aidan Myhre, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce

10:42:57 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:43:41 Rep. White
 10:44:34 Sen. Hoven
 10:44:56 Chair Beard
 10:45:53 Lara Tait, GFIAA
 10:47:03 Chair Beard
 10:47:07 Lara Tait, GFIAA
 10:47:25 Chair Beard
 10:47:48 Lara Tait, GFIAA

Closing by Sponsor:

10:48:05 Sen Hoven

 10:50:50 Rep. Redfield assumed the Chair

 10:50:25 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division, LSD

 10:51:32 Recessed
 11:16:50 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 69

11:17:07 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Beard moved that **SB 69 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy. Rep. Hertz will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 253

11:17:44 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **SB 253 BE CONCURRED IN**.

11:17:58 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **SB 253 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(tah71a10\)](#)

Discussion:

11:18:22 Megan Moore
 11:20:15 Vice Chair Z. Brown

11:20:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

11:21:07 **Motion:** Rep. Beard moved that **SB 253 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

11:21:19 Rep. Z. Brown

11:22:06 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Fern, Rep. Fuller, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway and Rep. White voting aye. Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

11:23:24 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **SB 253 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 334

11:23:38 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Beard moved that **SB 334 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt, Rep. Hertz and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy. Rep. Beard will carry the bill.

11:24:24 Chair Redfield

11:25:38 Rep. White

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:26:02

Chris Bushnell, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah71aad.pdf](#))