

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Roger Webb, on January 23, 2019 at 8:00 AM, in Room 405  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Roger Webb, Chair (R)  
Sen. Dick Barrett, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Brian Hoven, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)  
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)  
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)  
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch  
Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary

**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 18, 1/14/2019; SR 2, 1/18/2019; SR 3, 1/18/2019  
Executive Action: SR 2, Be Adopted; SR 3, Be Adopted; SB 111, Do Pass;  
SB 96, BeTabled

07:59:37 Chair Webb

08:00:30 Sen Gillespie entered the hearing.

### **HEARING ON SR 2**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:00:47 Sen. Scott Sales (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on SR 2, Confirm Governor's appointee for State Tax Appeal Board.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

08:01:52 Dave McAlpin, Governor's appointee

[EXHIBIT\(tas13a01\)](#)

08:04:44 Robert Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:06:19 Sen. Barrett

08:07:02 Mr. McAlpin, appointee

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

08:08:01 Sen. Sales

### **HEARING ON SR 3**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:08:16 Sen. Scott Sales (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on SR 3, Confirm Governor's appointee for Director, Dept. of Revenue.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

08:09:18 Gene Walborn, Governor's appointee

08:12:25 Robert Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:14:02 Sen. Tempel

08:14:16 Mr. Walborn, appointee

08:15:06 Sen. Tempel

08:15:17 Sen. Hoven

08:16:04 Mr. Walborn

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

08:17:47 Sen. Sales

**HEARING ON SB 18****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:19:10 Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 18, Establish workforce housing tax credits.

**[EXHIBIT\(tas13a02\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:22:37 Andrea Davis, Homeward; Montana Housing Coalition (MHC)

**[EXHIBIT\(tas13a03\)](#)**

08:27:56 Louis Bosso, Sugar Creek Capital (SCC)

**[EXHIBIT\(tas13a04\)](#)**

08:33:01 Tyson O'Connell, Montana Housing Coalition (MHC)

**[EXHIBIT\(tas13a05\)](#)**

08:41:03 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center

**[EXHIBIT\(tas13a06\)](#)**

08:45:35 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association

08:46:34 Beki Brandborg, Echo Enterprises

08:48:15 Michael O'Neil, Helena Housing Authority (HHA)

08:51:32 Jacob Kuntz, Habitat for Humanity

08:56:06 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

08:57:44 Bob Kelly, Montana League of Cities and Towns

08:59:40 Mary Sheehy Moe, Great Falls City Commission

09:01:07 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

09:03:38 John MacDonald, City of Missoula

09:04:46 Ed Bartlett, Bozeman Chamber of Commerce and Billings Chamber of Commerce

09:05:26 Gene Leuwer, self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:08:00 Sen. Barrett

09:12:57 Mr. Bosso, SCC

09:13:45 Chair Webb

09:15:52 Mr. Bosso

09:16:18 Chair Webb

09:16:24 Mr. O'Connell, MHC

09:19:10 Sen. Barrett

09:19:49 Mr O'Connell

09:19:57 Sen. Barrett

09:22:39 Mr. Bosso

09:23:40 Sen. Barrett

09:23:58 Mr. O'Connell

09:25:46 Sen. Tempel  
09:26:12 Mr. O'Connell  
09:28:05 Sen. Tempel  
09:28:19 Ms. Davis, MHC  
09:30:49 Sen. Hoven  
09:31:04 Mr. Bosso  
09:32:30 Sen. Gillespie  
09:33:04 Mr. O'Neil, HHA  
09:35:05 Chair Webb  
09:36:19 Ms. Brandborg, Echo Enterprises  
09:36:29 Chair Webb  
09:37:24 Mr. Bosso  
09:38:13 Sen. Barrett  
09:38:50 Sen. MacDonald  
09:39:01 Chair Webb  
09:41:44 Mr. O'Connell

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:42:33 Sen. MacDonald  
  
09:44:44 Chair Webb  
09:44:39 Sen. Bennett

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 96**

09:45:29 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SB 96 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Cohenour, Sen. McClafferty, Sen. Phillips and Sen. Pomnichowski voting no. Sen. Thomas voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 2**

09:46:13 **Motion:** Sen. Barrett moved that **SR 2 BE ADOPTED**.

**Discussion:**

09:48:00 Sen. Cohenour  
  
09:48:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Thomas was excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 3**

09:48:48 **Motion:** Sen. Barrett moved that **SR 3 BE ADOPTED**.

**Discussion:**

09:49:04 Sen. Barrett  
  
09:49:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Thomas was excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 111**

**Discussion:**

09:49:31 Chair Webb

09:49:45 Stephanie Morrison, lead revenue analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division

09:52:41 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hoven moved that **SB 111 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Thomas was excused.

09:53:31 Chair Webb

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:54 AM

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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**Additional Documents**

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**EXHIBIT([tas13aad.pdf](#))**