

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Roger Webb, on January 31, 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 152, 1/22/2019

07:58:46 Chair Webb

### HEARING ON SB 152

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:00:37 Sen. Dick Barrett (D), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 152, Repeal sunset on 6-mill university levy.

[EXHIBIT\(tas19a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas19a02\)](#)

08:01:34 Sen. Pomnichowski entered the hearing.

08:04:37 Sen. Blasdel entered the hearing.

08:04:58 Chair Webb turned the role of the Chair over to Vice Chair Hoven.

#### Proponents' Testimony:

08:16:25 Clayton Christian, Montana University System (MUS)

08:18:39 Carl Nystuen

08:20:36 Lauren Caldwell, Montana Federation of Public Employees

08:24:14 Tom Livers, Governor's Office

08:25:47 Cathy Burwell, Helena Chamber of Commerce

08:26:19 Micheal Toppen, Montana Public Interest Research Group

08:27:15 Rose Bender, Montana Budget and Policy Center

08:27:42 Rachel Huff-Doria, Forward Montana

08:28:58 Sam Forstag, Montana Associated Students

08:29:21 Chair Hoven turned the role of the Chair over to Sen. Blasdel.

08:30:46 Carl Anderson, Montana Public Interest Research Group

08:32:04 Kelly Armington, Montana Public Interest Research Group

08:33:10 Aiden Myhre, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce

08:33:38 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

08:34:22 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union

08:35:02 Geneva Zoltek, Associated Students of Montana State University

08:35:40 Brenna Love, Associated Students of the University of Montana

08:36:29 Kevin McRae, Montana University System

[EXHIBIT\(tas19a03\)](#)

#### Opponents' Testimony:

08:37:42 Patrick Webb, Americans for Prosperity

Informational Testimony: None

#### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:38:35 Sen. Phillips

08:39:53 Mr. Christian, MUS

08:40:39 Sen. Tempel

08:40:57 Mr. Christian

#### Closing by Sponsor:

08:41:38 Sen. Barrett

08:45:15 Chair Blasdel

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 8:46 AM

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([tas19aad.pdf](#))**