

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Roger Webb, on February 7, 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 178, 1/29/2019
Executive Action: HB 72, Be Concurred In; HB 84, Be Concurred In; HB 88, Be Concurred In; SB 152, Do Pass; SB 165, Do Pass As Amended

08:02:16 Chair Webb

Revenue Review:

08:03:26 Stephanie Morrison, lead revenue analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

EXHIBIT(tas25a01)

08:04:13 Sen. Pomnichowski entered the hearing.

08:17:59 Sen. Hoven

08:18:08 Ms. Morrison, LFD

08:18:26 Chair Webb

HEARING ON SB 178

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:18:55 Sen. Tom Jacobson (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 178, Exempt hemp processing equipment from taxation.

EXHIBIT(tas25a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:22:55 Chris Christiaens, self

08:30:30 Sam Belanger, Rockwell - Hindman Holdings (RHH)

08:35:31 Kirby Hancock, self

08:37:01 John Porterfield, Hemp Holding Company (HHC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

08:41:18 Kory Hofland, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:41:48 Sen. Phillips

08:44:34 Mr. Porterfield, HHC

08:45:00 Sen. Phillips

08:46:21 Mr. Hancock

08:46:26 Sen. Tempel

08:46:54 Sen. Jacobson

08:47:20 Sen. Barrett

08:47:27 Sen. Tempel

08:47:38 Sen. Jacobson

08:47:45 Sen. Pomnichowski

08:49:08 Mr. Belanger, RHH

08:52:30 Sen. Hoven

08:53:24 Mr. Christiaens, self

08:58:12 Sen. Barrett

08:58:42 Mr. Hancock

08:58:52 Chair Webb

08:58:59 Mr. Hancock

09:00:38 Sen. Gillespie

09:01:19 Mr. Christiaens

09:03:41 Sen. Hoven

09:03:54 Mr. Christiaens

Closing by Sponsor:

09:04:34 Sen. Jacobson

09:06:43 Chair Webb

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 72

09:07:36 **Motion:** Sen. Barrett moved that **HB 72 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

09:08:07 Sen. Barrett

09:08:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Thomas was excused. Sen. Barrett will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 84

09:09:04 **Motion:** Sen. Barrett moved that **HB 84 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

09:09:22 Sen. Barrett

09:10:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Thomas was excused. Sen. Barrett will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 88

09:10:50 **Motion:** Sen. Barrett moved that **HB 88 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

09:10:59 Sen. Barrett

09:12:20 Chair Webb

09:12:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Thomas was excused. Sen. Cohenour will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 152

09:13:05 **Motion:** Sen. Barrett moved that **SB 152 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:13:17 Sen. Barrett

09:15:27 Sen. Tempel

09:16:49 Sen. Cohenour

09:18:29 Sen. Hoven

09:19:01 Sen. Gillespie

09:20:33 Sen. Barrett

09:21:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Gillespie, Sen. Tempel and Sen. R. Webb voting no. Sen. Thomas voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 165

09:23:17 **Motion:** Sen. Barrett moved that **SB 165 DO PASS.**

09:23:32 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 165 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(tas25a03)

Discussion:

09:24:19 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

09:25:38 Chair Webb turned the role of the Chair over to Vice Chair Hoven and left the hearing.

09:28:44 Chair Hoven

09:28:50 Sen. Barrett

09:31:06 Mr. Coles, LSD

09:31:58 Sen. Pomnichowski

09:33:12 Sen. Phillips

09:33:19 Sen. Cohenour

09:33:56 Sen. Barrett

09:34:22 Sen. Cohenour

09:34:46 Sen. Tempel

09:35:35 Mr. Coles

09:35:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Thomas and Sen. R. Webb were excused.

09:35:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Barrett moved that **SB 165 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Thomas and Sen. R. Webb were excused.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:37 AM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas25aad.pdf](#))