

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Roger Webb, on February 12, 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: HB 200, 2/6/2019; HB 201, 2/6/2019; HB 213, 2/6/2019  
Executive Action: SB 142, Do Pass; SB 141, Be Tabled

08:01:04 Chair Webb

### HEARING ON HB 213

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:02:19 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 213, Revise the tax rate for certain oil production.

[EXHIBIT\(tas29a01\)](#)

08:04:28 Sen. Blasdel entered the hearing.

08:04:45 Sen. Pomnichowski entered the hearing.

#### Proponents' Testimony:

08:06:51 Patrick Montalban, Montalban Oil & Gas Operations (MOGO); National Stripper Well Association (NSWA)

[EXHIBIT\(tas29a02\)](#)

08:13:28 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association

08:13:49 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None

#### Informational Testimony:

08:14:22 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue

#### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:14:46 Sen. Barrett

08:15:55 Mr. Montalban, MOGO, NSWA

08:17:14 Sen. Gillespie

08:17:46 Mr. Montalban

08:18:53 Sen. Phillips

08:20:53 Mr. Montalban

08:21:41 Sen. Hovan

08:22:04 Mr. Montalban

08:23:44 Sen. Barrett

08:26:46 Mr. Montalban

#### Closing by Sponsor:

08:26:59 Rep. Jones

08:28:32 Chair Webb

### HEARING ON HB 201

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:29:00 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 201, Revising tax lien laws.

#### Proponents' Testimony:

08:31:23 Rocky Haralson, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

08:35:58 Ronda Wiggers, self

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

08:41:41 Sen. Barrett  
08:42:51 Ms. Wiggers, self  
08:44:23 Chair Webb  
08:44:45 Ms. Wiggers  
08:46:10 Chair Webb  
08:46:39 Rep. Dunwell  
08:47:02 Mr. Haralson, MCTA  
08:47:45 Chair Webb  
08:49:43 Mr. Haralson  
08:49:54 Ms. Wiggers

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:51:29 Rep. Dunwell

08:52:14 Chair Webb

**HEARING ON HB 200****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:52:36 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 200, Revising tax laws related to mobile homes, housetrailer, manufactured homes.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:53:49 Rocky Haralson, Montana County Treasurers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

08:55:53 Kory Hofland, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:56:25 Chair Webb  
08:58:31 Mr. Hofland, DOR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:58:45 Rep. Dunwell

08:59:05 Chair Webb

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 141**09:01:00 **Motion:** Sen. Barrett moved that **SB 141 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

- 09:01:18 Sen. Barrett  
09:03:53 Sen. Cohenour
- 09:05:02 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Cohenour, Sen. McClafferty, Sen. Phillips and Sen. Pomnichowski voting aye. Sen. Thomas voted by proxy.
- 09:05:59 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Barrett moved that **SB 141 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried 6-5 by voice vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Cohenour, Sen. McClafferty, Sen. Phillips and Sen. Pomnichowski voting no. Sen. Thomas was excused.
- 09:06:27 Sen. Phillips

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 142**

- 09:06:41 **Motion:** Sen. Barrett moved that **SB 142 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

- 09:07:09 Sen. Barrett  
09:08:46 Sen. Hoven  
09:09:29 Sen. Barrett
- 09:11:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Richmond, Sen. Thomas and Sen. R. Webb voting no. Sen. Thomas voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

- 09:12:33 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
09:13:11 Sen. Barrett  
09:13:35 Sen. Phillips  
09:15:17 Chair Webb  
09:15:22 Sen. Cohenour  
09:15:59 Sen. Barrett  
09:16:11 Mr. Coles, LSD  
09:16:36 Sen. Pomnichowski  
09:17:30 Sen. Phillips  
09:18:30 Sen. Hoven  
09:18:50 Mr. Coles  
09:19:50 Sen. Phillips  
09:20:12 Sen. Pomnichowski  
09:20:27 Chair Webb

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:20 AM

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tas29aad.pdf](#))