

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Roger Webb, on February 14, 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 148, 2/6/2019; SB 211, 2/11/2019

08:01:11 Chair Webb

HEARING ON HB 148

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:02:20 Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HB 148, Require 2/3 of legislature to enact a new tax or fee or a tax or fee increase.

[EXHIBIT\(tas31a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

08:06:14 Sandra Jones, mayor, City of Roundup

08:07:16 Sen. McClafferty entered the hearing.

08:07:26 Jane Amdahl, AARP Montana

08:12:05 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

08:18:52 John Williams, mayor, City of Colstrip

08:20:01 Dan Whyte, Department of Revenue

08:24:09 Rose Bender, Montana Budget and Policy Center

[EXHIBIT\(tas31a02\)](#)

08:26:43 Bob Kelly, Montana League of Cities and Towns

08:28:14 Bob Gilbert, City of Colstrip

08:32:25 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited

08:33:36 Sarah Howell, Montana Women Vote

08:35:14 Lauren Caldwell, Montana Federation of Public Employees

08:36:36 Garrett Lankford, Montana Human Rights Network

08:37:05 Darryl James, Montana Infrastructure Coalition

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:39:05 Sen. Barrett

08:45:58 Rep. Mandeville

08:46:16 Sen. Phillips

08:46:56 Rep. Mandeville

Closing by Sponsor:

08:47:57 Rep. Mandeville

08:51:40 Chair Webb turned the role of the Chair over to Vice Chair Hoven and left the hearing.

08:52:11 Chair Hoven

HEARING ON SB 211**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:52:29 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 211, Require holding period for certain property tax exemptions.

[EXHIBIT\(tas31a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:59:08 Larry Hendrickson, Liberty County

08:59:52 Mike Wendland, Hill County

Opponents' Testimony:

09:00:36 Liz Moore, Montana Nonprofit Association (MNA)

[EXHIBIT\(tas31a04\)](#)

09:07:31 Ed Bartlett, Montana Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs

09:09:50 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

09:13:27 Nanette Gilbertson, Humane Society of Western Montana

09:15:08 Maureen Rude, Neighbor Works Montana

09:18:58 Jacob Kuntz, Habitat for Humanity

09:22:53 Nikolas Griffith, Boyd Andrew

09:23:17 Sen. Blasdel entered the hearing.

09:24:05 Leesha Ford, Toby's House Crisis Nursery

[EXHIBIT\(tas31a05\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

09:28:46 Gordy Conn, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:29:06 Sen. Cohenour

09:29:58 Ms. Moore, MNA

09:31:02 Sen. Cohenour

09:33:54 Ms. Ford, Toby's House

09:34:54 Sen. Barrett

09:36:59 Mr. Olsen, MHA

09:37:54 Sen. Barrett

09:42:22 Sen. Tempel

09:43:04 Sen. Cohenour

09:43:57 Ms. Rude, Neighbor Works

09:46:02 Sen. Cohenour

09:48:20 Ms. Moore

09:49:30 Sen. Gillespie

09:50:33 Sen. Tempel

Closing by Sponsor:

09:51:39 Sen. Tempel

09:53:07 Chair Hoven

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:53 AM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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