

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Roger Webb, on February 20, 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. Mike Phillips (D)  
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)  
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D); 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 16, 2/12/2019; HB 24, 2/12/2019; SB 241, 2/12/2019

08:02:46 Chair Webb

### **HEARING ON HB 16**

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

08:03:51 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 16, Establish affordable housing loan program.

08:06:11 Sen. Pomnichowski entered the hearing.

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

08:09:44 Maureen Rude, Montana Housing Coalition (MHC)

[EXHIBIT\(tas36a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas36a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas36a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas36a04\)](#)

08:17:36 Terry Cunningham, City of Bozeman

[EXHIBIT\(tas36a05\)](#)

08:21:01 Cyndy Andrus, City of Bozeman

08:22:45 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns

08:23:14 Lin Akey, Glacier Bank, Whitefish

08:24:13 John MacDonald, City of Missoula

08:25:01 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association

08:25:36 Jacob Kuntz, Habitat for Humanity

08:26:50 Joel Peden, Montana Centers for Independent Living

08:30:18 Greg Dorrington, City of Billings

08:30:49 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

08:31:36 Beki Brandborg, Montana Housing Coalition (MHC)

08:34:22 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors

08:34:54 Gina Lytle, self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Informational Testimony:**

08:37:53 Bruce Brensdal, Montana Board of Housing (BOH)

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

08:38:28 Sen. Barrett

08:39:33 Rep. Fern

08:41:02 Ms. Rude, MHC

08:42:10 Sen. Barrett

08:42:44 Ms. Rude

08:43:24 Mr. Brensdal, BOH

08:43:49 Sen. Cohenour

08:44:11 Mr. Brensdal

08:44:45 Sen. Tempel

08:45:02 Mr. Brensdal

08:45:39 Sen. Tempel

08:47:00 Ms. Brandborg, MHC  
08:47:42 Sen. Barrett  
08:49:45 Mr. Akey, Glacier Bank  
08:50:01 Sen. Gillespie  
08:50:26 Mr. Akey  
08:51:38 Chair Webb  
08:52:44 Ms. Brandborg  
08:53:00 Sen. Hoven  
08:54:37 Mr. Akey  
08:56:52 Chair Webb  
08:57:08 Ms. Andrus, City of Bozeman  
08:58:16 Sen. Hoven  
08:58:56 Rep. Fern  
09:01:17 Sen. Cohenour  
09:01:51 Ms. Andrus  
09:01:59 Sen. Gillespie

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:02:42 Rep. Fern

09:08:46 Chair Webb

**HEARING ON HB 24****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:09:27 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 24, Revise irrigation cost deduction for irrigated property.

**[EXHIBIT\(tas36a06\)](#)****Proponents' Testimony:**

09:13:03 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association  
09:13:51 Sen. Blasdel entered the hearing.  
09:14:57 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation  
09:16:09 Abigail St. Lawrence, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association  
09:16:38 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association  
09:20:21 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:21:32 Mitch Konen, self

**[EXHIBIT\(tas36a07\)](#)****Informational Testimony:**

09:26:22 Bryce Kaatz, Department of Revenue

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:26:48 Sen. Gillespie  
09:27:12 Rep. Redfield

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:27:44 Rep. Redfield

09:28:57 Chair Webb  
09:30:58 Brief Recess  
09:36:36 Reconvened

### HEARING ON SB 241

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

09:36:51 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 241, Allow increased resort tax for infrastructure.

[EXHIBIT\(tas36a08\)](#)

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

09:40:44 Dan Sabolsky, Town of West Yellowstone

[EXHIBIT\(tas36a09\)](#)

09:50:13 Erin Leonard, Town of Virginia City

09:53:24 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns

09:54:34 Shane Grube, Hebgen Basin Fire District

[EXHIBIT\(tas36a10\)](#)

09:57:23 Richard Parks, chairman, Gardiner Resort Area District

[EXHIBIT\(tas36a11\)](#)

10:00:41 Buck Taylor, Community Health Partners (CHP)

10:04:39 Jason Smith, Bozeman Health, Big Sky Medical Center

10:07:22 Glen Loomis, self

10:12:24 James Caniglia, City of Red Lodge

10:14:19 Steve Johnson, Big Sky Resort Area District

[EXHIBIT\(tas36a12\)](#)

10:21:17 Mary Sue Costello, West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce

10:22:43 Dr. Dustin Shipman, Big Sky School District Board of Trustees

10:24:44 Mike Sholes, self

10:26:11 Candace Strauss, Big Sky Chamber of Commerce

10:27:55 Kevin Germain, Big Sky Resort Area District

10:31:42 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association

10:33:16 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

10:35:03 Mark Taylor, Association of Montana Troopers

10:36:05 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association

10:36:32 Jessie Luther, West Yellowstone, Gallatin County, Big Sky Resort Area District

[EXHIBIT\(tas36a13\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:38:05 Sen. Pomnichowski  
10:40:46 Mr. Sabolsky, West Yellowstone  
10:40:49 Sen. Pomnichowski  
10:41:51 Mr. Parks, Gardiner  
10:44:02 Sen. Pomnichowski  
10:44:30 Sen. Welborn  
10:44:50 Sen. Hoven  
10:46:00 Mr. Sabolsky  
10:46:11 Sen. Hoven  
10:46:30 Sen. Tempel  
10:46:53 Sen. Welborn  
10:47:20 Ms. Luther, West Yellowstone, Gallatin County, Big Sky  
10:48:26 Sen. Tempel  
10:49:06 Mr. Buck Taylor, CHP  
10:49:10 Sen. Gillespie  
10:49:43 Sen. Welborn  
10:50:04 Sen. Hoven  
10:50:55 Sen. Welborn  
10:51:07 Sen. Hoven  
10:53:38 Mr. Sabolsky  
10:54:22 Chair Webb  
10:55:43 Mr. Sabolsky  
10:56:02 Sen. Cohenour  
10:56:36 Mr. Sabolsky

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:57:54 Sen. Welborn  
  
10:59:36 Chair Webb  
11:03:29 Sen Barrett  
11:03:33 Chair Webb

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:04 AM

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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**Additional Document:**

Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([tas36aad.pdf](#))**