

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Vice Chair Hoven, on February 25, 2019 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 405
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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), Sen. Roger Webb, Chair (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 226, 2/19/2019; HB 232, 2/19/2019

09:01:33 Vice Chair Hoven assumed the role of the Chair.

HEARING ON HB 232

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:02:23 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 232, Revise assessment of taxes during condemnation proceedings.

[EXHIBIT\(tas40a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:12:53 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

09:14:25 John MacDonald, City of Missoula

09:20:49 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

09:26:09 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:27:50 Sen. Barrett
09:34:34 Rep. Mercer
09:35:50 Sen. Barrett
09:38:17 Ms. Lynch, MLCT
09:38:42 Sen. Cohenour
09:46:10 Rep. Mercer
09:46:24 Sen. Barrett
09:48:41 Ms. Lynch
09:48:59 Sen. Gillespie
09:49:33 Mr. Rittal, MACo
09:51:02 Sen. Gillespie
09:51:28 Rep. Mercer
09:53:17 Sen. Tempel
09:53:39 Mr. Rittal
09:54:12 Sen. Tempel
09:54:29 Chair Hoven
09:54:51 Rep. Mercer

Closing by Sponsor:

09:56:56 Rep. Mercer

HEARING ON HB 226

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:57:38 Rep. Brad Tschida (R), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 226, Exempt certain shooting ranges from property taxation.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:01:29 Dan Fuchs, Montana Shooting Sports Association
10:02:51 Garrett Bacon, self

Opponents' Testimony:

10:04:02 Dan Whyte, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Informational Testimony:

10:06:39 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:07:30 Sen. Cohenour
10:09:05 Mr. Whyte, DOR
10:09:44 Sen. Tempel
10:10:09 Rep. Tschida
10:11:05 Sen. Cohenour
10:13:52 Rep. Tschida
10:14:24 Sen. Barrett
10:14:36 Rep. Tschida
10:15:01 Chair Hoven
10:15:12 Rep. Tschida
10:16:03 Sen. Cohenour
10:18:35 Rep. Tschida
10:18:59 Sen. Barrett
10:19:20 Rep. Tschida
10:19:36 Sen. Barrett
10:22:16 Mr. Whyte
10:22:30 Sen. Phillips
10:22:56 Rep. Tschida

Closing by Sponsor:

10:23:37 Rep. Tschida

Committee Business:

10:26:13 Chair Hoven

[EXHIBIT\(tas40a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas40a03\)](#)

10:27:09 Sen. Barrett
10:27:48 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division
10:28:07 Chair Hoven
10:28:22 Sen. Barrett
10:28:45 Chair Hoven

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:28 AM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas40aad.pdf](#))