

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Roger Webb, on March 13, 2019 at 9:00 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 386, 3/8/2019; SB 321, 3/8/2019; SB 266, 3/8/2019

08:59:54 Chair Webb

### **HEARING ON HB 386**

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

09:01:06 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 386, Revising the procedure for cancelling delinquent taxes on commercial property.

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

09:02:05 Sen. Richmond entered the hearing.

09:03:14 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

09:04:15 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

09:05:23 Rep. Hertz

### **HEARING ON SB 321**

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

09:05:47 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 321, Revise laws pertaining to targeted economic development districts.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

09:12:33 Bill Bronson, Great Falls City Commission

09:21:01 Kristen Rosa, Butte-Silver Bow

09:24:44 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns

09:30:15 Sen. Cohenour entered the hearing.

09:31:40 Karen Byrnes, Butte-Silver Bow

#### **Informational Testimony:**

09:35:01 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction

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

09:35:42 Sen. Barrett

09:38:12 Sen. Hoven

09:38:48 Sen. Tempel

09:39:07 Sen. Hoven

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:41:11 Sen. Hoven

**HEARING ON SB 266****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:45:43 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 266, Revise taxation to promote new business and economic activity.

[EXHIBIT\(tas51a01\)](#)**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:50:14 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)  
09:53:39 Darrell Holzer, Building and Construction Trades Unions  
09:56:33 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association  
09:57:34 Mark Taylor, Rocky Mountain Power  
09:59:00 Shane Scanlon, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce  
10:00:09 Jessie Luther, Idaho Forrest Group  
10:01:39 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association  
10:02:43 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana  
10:03:35 Elaine Taylor, Montana Beverage Association  
10:04:06 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce

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

10:05:07 Sen. Barrett  
10:08:48 Sen. Blasdel  
10:09:56 Sen. Barrett  
10:15:15 Mr. Mahlum, MCC  
10:16:50 Sen. Phillips  
10:18:35 Sen. Blasdel  
10:18:44 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
10:19:21 Sen. Phillips  
10:21:16 Sen. Blasdel  
10:21:21 Sen. Hoven  
10:22:31 Sen. Blasdel  
10:22:39 Mr. Coles, LSD  
10:23:56 Sen. Hoven  
10:24:42 Sen. Barrett  
10:27:34 Sen. Pomnichowski  
10:28:26 Sen. Blasdel  
10:28:51 Sen. Pomnichowski  
10:29:38 Sen. Hoven  
10:30:38 Sen. Blasdel

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:30:56 Sen. Blasdel

10:32:49 Chair Webb

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:34 AM

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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**Additional Document:**

Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tas51aad.pdf](#))