

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Roger Webb, on March 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. 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. Mark Blasdel (R); 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: SB 318, 3/11/2019; HB 292, 3/8/2019

08:01:03 Chair Webb

HEARING ON HB 292

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:01:12 Rep. Barry Usher (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 292, Extend funding to Coal Board.

[EXHIBIT\(tas52a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas52a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:04:33 Sandra Jones, City of Roundup; Montana League of Cities and Towns

[EXHIBIT\(tas52a03\)](#)

08:07:19 Doug Martens, Rosebud County Commission

[EXHIBIT\(tas52a04\)](#)

08:07:32 Sen. Pomnichowski entered the hearing.

08:08:43 Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council

08:09:45 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties

08:10:26 Bob Gilbert, City of Colstrip; Rosebud County; Musselshell County

08:12:00 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties; Montana Economic Developers Association

08:12:46 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of City and Towns

08:13:28 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:13:53 Sen. Hoven

08:14:43 Rep. Usher

08:14:57 Sen. Phillips

08:15:26 Rep. Usher

08:15:56 Sen. Phillips

08:16:11 Sen. Barrett

08:16:31 Rep. Usher

08:16:48 Sen. Gillespie

08:17:03 Rep. Usher

Closing by Sponsor:

08:17:16 Rep. Usher

08:19:42 Sen. Hoven left the hearing.

08:19:44 Vice Chair Barrett assumed the role of the Chair.

HEARING ON SB 318**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:20:06 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 318, Provide for pre-approval of property tax abatement for new or expanding industry.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:21:28 Joe Briggs, Cascade County Commission

EXHIBIT(tas52a05)

08:24:38 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association
08:26:11 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties
08:26:47 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
08:27:08 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties
08:27:55 Dan Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce
08:28:45 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association
08:29:14 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce
08:29:34 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association
08:29:54 Aimee Grmoljez, CHS, Inc.
08:31:02 Mark Taylor, Idaho Forrest Group

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

08:31:39 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:32:07 Sen. Cohenour
08:32:32 Ms. Grmoljez, CHS
08:33:32 Sen. Phillips
08:34:54 Sen. Webb
08:35:03 Chair Barrett
08:35:12 Mr. Baerlocher, DOR
08:35:35 Sen. Pomnichowski
08:36:52 Mr. Burton, MLCT
08:37:18 Sen. Pomnichowski
08:39:06 Mr. Baerlocher
08:39:18 Chair Barrett
08:42:09 Mr. Briggs, Cascade County
08:42:17 Sen. Tempel
08:42:45 Mr. Briggs

Closing by Sponsor:

08:43:28 Sen. Webb

08:43:55 Chair Barrett

08:44:17 Sen. McClafferty entered the hearing.

08:44:53 Sen. Webb resumed the role of the Chair.

Committee Business:

08:45:19 Sen. Phillips
08:45:32 Chair Webb
08:51:40 Sen. Pomnichowski
08:51:44 Chair Webb
08:53:23 Sen. Tempel
08:53:28 Chair Webb
08:54:05 Stephanie Morrison, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
08:55:02 Sen. Barrett
08:55:07 Ms. Morrison, LFD
08:55:40 Chair Webb
08:56:01 Sen. Phillips
08:56:43 Chair Webb

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:57 AM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas52aad.pdf](#))