

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Vice Chair Brian Hoven, on March 22, 2019 at 10:00 A.M., 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 489, 3/8/2019; SB 332, 3/8/2019

09:59:55 Chair Hoven

HEARING ON HB 489

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:00:55 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 489, Repeal certificate of public advantage.

[EXHIBIT\(tas59a01\)](#)

10:02:06 Sen. Pomnichowski entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:04:41 Kendall Cotton, Office of the Montana State Auditor, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:07:04 Sen. Phillips
10:07:18 Mr. Cotton, CSI
10:07:24 Sen. Barrett
10:10:51 Mr. Cotton
10:10:58 Sen. Gillespie
10:11:25 Mr. Cotton
10:12:23 Sen. Phillips
10:15:43 Rep. Regier

Closing by Sponsor:

10:16:05 Rep. Regier

10:16:27 Chair Hoven

HEARING ON SB 332

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:17:03 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 332, Revise taxes on sale or use of accommodations.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:19:29 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association (MLHA)

[EXHIBIT\(tas59a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas59a03\)](#)

10:25:56 Matt Sease, Hampton Inn Suites of Whitefish; Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association

[EXHIBIT\(tas59a04\)](#)

10:27:52 Shelli Mann, Boothill Inn

10:29:14 David O'Connor, Bucks T4 Lodge; Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association;
Big Sky Chamber of Commerce

10:30:44 Darryl James, Big Sky Resort Area District

10:31:42 Steve Wahrlich, self

[EXHIBIT\(tas59a05\)](#)

10:34:16 Ed Bartlett, Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce; Billings Area Chamber of
Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

10:35:21 Gene Walborn, Department of Revenue (DOR)

[EXHIBIT\(tas59a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas59a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas59a08\)](#)

10:55:31 Tom Ebzery, attorney, Travel Technology Association

10:58:26 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

10:59:14 Matthew Kiessling, Travel Technology Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:05:03 Sen. Barrett

11:06:20 Mr. Walborn, DOR

11:06:47 Chair Hoven

11:07:17 Sen. Webb

11:07:41 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

11:08:29 Sen. Barrett

11:09:12 Mr. Doggett, MLHA

11:10:51 Chair Hoven

11:12:16 Mr. Doggett

Closing by Sponsor:

11:12:56 Sen. Webb

11:13:47 Chair Hoven

11:13:18 Sen. Webb assumed the role of the Chair.

Committee Business:

11:15:40 Stephanie Morrison, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(tas59a09\)](#)

11:21:54 Sen. Hoven

11:27:00 Ms. Morrison, LFD

11:28:03 Chair Webb

11:28:32 Sen. Blasdel

11:28:37 Chair Webb

11:31:42 Mr. Coles, LSD

11:31:54 Sen. Pomnichowski
11:32:17 Mr. Coles
11:32:38 Chair Webb
11:33:33 Sen. Pomnichowski
11:33:44 Chair Webb

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:35 AM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas59aad.pdf](#))