

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Roger Webb, on April 5, 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: HB 636, 4/1/2019; HB 144, 4/1/2019; HB 630, 4/1/2019

07:59:54 Chair Webb

HEARING ON HB 636

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:01:08 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 636, Revise laws related to protested taxes.

[EXHIBIT\(tas71a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:08:01 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

08:08:43 Sen. Pomnichowski entered the hearing.

08:10:53 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns

08:12:01 Dan Whyte, Department of Revenue (DOR)

08:14:58 Elliot Crump, superintendent, Shelby Public Schools

08:18:55 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association

08:20:38 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana

08:22:21 Rocky Haralson, Montana County Treasurers Association

08:23:06 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties

Opponents' Testimony:

08:23:54 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

08:27:57 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:33:00 Sen. Barrett

08:36:19 Rep. Jones

08:36:25 Sen. Cohenour

08:40:55 Mr. Whyte, DOR

08:42:01 Sen. Cohenour

08:44:08 Mr. Melton, MTSBA

08:44:38 Sen. Gillespie

08:45:29 Mr. Olson, MPA

08:46:46 Sen. Barrett

08:48:41 Mr. Crump, Shelby Public Schools

08:48:52 Sen. Barrett

08:51:30 Mr. Melton

08:51:42 Sen. Tempel

08:53:26 Mr. Whyte

08:53:52 Chair Webb

08:53:59 Mr. Whyte

08:58:46 Sen. McClafferty

08:59:25 Mr. Whyte

09:01:19 Sen. Gillespie

09:02:09 Chair Webb

09:02:14 Mr. Melton

09:04:26 Sen. Richmond
09:06:50 Mr. Olson
09:07:44 Chair Webb
09:07:59 Mr. Olson

Closing by Sponsor:

09:08:36 Rep. Jones

09:15:43 Chair Webb

HEARING ON HB 144**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:16:37 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 144, Eliminate certain tax credits.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:18:28 Rose Bender, Montana Budget and Policy Center
09:19:25 Matt Elsaesser, Helena Recycling; 406 Recycling; Four Corners Recycling; Full Circle Recycling
09:21:04 Dustin Kalanick, Montana Preservation Alliance

EXHIBIT(tas71a02)

09:25:27 Julian Adler, Montana Public Interest Research Group
09:29:43 Brian Fadie, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
09:32:59 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union
09:33:59 Andrew Valainis, Montana Renewable Energy Association

Informational Testimony:

09:37:22 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:37:40 Sen. Phillips
09:37:54 Rep. Redfield
09:38:13 Sen. Barrett
09:41:37 Rep. Redfield
09:42:16 Sen. Barrett
09:45:26 Mr. Fadie, MEIC
09:45:31 Sen. Pomnichowski
09:48:05 Rep. Redfield

Closing by Sponsor:

09:48:18 Rep. Redfield

09:49:48 Chair Webb

HEARING ON HB 630**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:50:25 Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R), HD 45, presenting on behalf of Rep. Shane Morigeau (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HB 630, Exempt virtual currency from property taxation.

[EXHIBIT\(tas71a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:57:17 Sen. Barrett
10:00:33 Rep. Zolnikov
10:03:04 Sen. Cohenour
10:07:48 Rep. Zolnikov
10:09:11 Sen. Barrett
10:10:48 Rep. Zolnikov
10:10:54 Sen. Pomnichowski
10:15:11 Rep. Zolnikov
10:17:06 Sen. Phillips
10:18:37 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division
10:18:41 Sen. Phillips
10:18:52 Sen. Hoven
10:19:35 Sen. Barrett
10:21:11 Sen. Tempel
10:23:08 Rep. Zolnikov

Closing by Sponsor:

10:25:31 Rep. Zolnikov

10:26:22 Chair Webb

Committee Business:

10:26:44 Stephanie Morrison, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(tas71a04\)](#)

10:34:37 Sen. Phillips
10:35:22 Ms. Morrison, LFD
10:35:36 Sen. Phillips
10:36:01 Chair Webb
10:36:09 Sen. Barrett
10:37:51 Ms. Morrison
10:38:48 Chair Webb
10:38:57 Sen. Phillips
10:39:04 Chair Webb
10:39:49 Sen. Tempel

10:39:53 Chair Webb
10:40:16 Sen. Barrett
10:40:21 Chair Webb
10:41:23 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division
10:42:43 Chair Webb

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:43 AM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas71aad.pdf](#))