

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Roger Webb, on April 9, 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. 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 130, 4/2/2019; HB 293, 4/2/2019, HB 723, 4/2/2019

08:00:41 Chair Webb

HEARING ON HB 130

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:02:50 Rep. John Fuller (R), HD 8, opened the hearing on HB 130, Revise income tax law to exempt military pensions.

08:04:11 Sen. Blasdel entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:04:36 Edward Sperry, American Legion

08:06:42 Sen. Pomnichowski entered the hearing.

08:13:20 Roger Hagan, American Legion; Montana National Guard Association

EXHIBIT(tas74a01)

08:15:32 Richard Klose, American Legion

08:16:37 Tom Johnson, Montana for Congress for VFW; VFW East Helena Post 10010

08:20:01 Michael Kardos, City of Livingston

08:24:28 Fran Viereck, AARP Montana

08:27:01 David Driver, American Legion

08:30:43 Justin Carpenter, American Legion

08:31:59 Steve Sem, self

EXHIBIT(tas74a02)

08:37:59 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

08:38:32 Raymond Read, American Legion

08:40:11 Greg Harbac, American Legion

08:44:20 Gary White, American Legion

08:45:38 Matt Bugland, American Legion

08:49:02 Darin Gaub, American Legion

Opponents' Testimony:

08:50:38 Gene Walborn, Department of Revenue

08:57:10 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

08:59:17 Rep. Fuller

09:02:35 Chair Webb

HEARING ON HB 293**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:05:25 Rep. Wylie Galt (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 293, Provide for film tax credits.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:06:17 Tyler Grutsch, Montana Video Production Rentals
09:11:28 Christopher Cronyn, film producer, production manager
09:16:27 Steve Grover, Montana Studios

EXHIBIT(tas74a03)

09:31:15 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association
09:32:43 Scott Boulanger, self
09:34:48 Jessie Luther, Motion Picture Association of America
09:36:12 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Chamber of Commerce
09:38:24 Rep. Bridget Smith, HD 31, self
09:42:09 Ed Bartlett, Billings Chamber of Commerce; Bozeman Chamber of Commerce
09:43:02 Sen. Sue Malek, SD 46, self
09:49:16 Brad Longcake, Bitterroot Gateway Development Group

Opponents' Testimony:

09:50:19 Gene Walborn, Department of Revenue

EXHIBIT(tas74a04)

09:55:54 David Herbst, Americans for Prosperity Montana

EXHIBIT(tas74a05)

09:59:08 Rose Bender, Montana Budget and Policy Center
09:59:40 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

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

10:01:46 Sen. Gillespie
10:02:49 Mr. Grover, Montana Studios
10:03:01 Sen. Barrett
10:03:19 Mr. Grover
10:03:45 Sen. Hoven
10:03:56 Mr. Grover

Closing by Sponsor:

10:04:43 Rep. Galt

10:05:16 Chair Webb

10:05:47 Brief Recess
10:15:45 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 723

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:16:10 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 723, Provide for review of income tax credits.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:24:04 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association
10:26:48 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center
10:29:51 Gene Walborn, Department of Revenue

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:30:36 Sen. Barrett
10:34:16 Rep. Fern
10:35:15 Sen. Phillips
10:37:52 Rep. Fern
10:39:39 Sen. Pomnichowski
10:43:24 Rep. Fern

Closing by Sponsor:

10:44:22 Rep. Fern

10:46:14 Chair Webb

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:46 AM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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