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MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Roger Webb, on April 10, 2019 at 9:00 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. 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 733, 4/3/2019; HB 656, 4/3/2019; HB 673, 4/3/2019

08:59:39 Chair Webb

09:01:06 Sen. McClafferty entered the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 733

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:00:52 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 733, Revise temporary exemption for certain tribal property.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:07:15 Gale Decker, commissioner, Lake County

[EXHIBIT\(tas75a01\)](#)

09:24:35 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony:

09:26:45 Shelly Fyant, Confederate Salish and Kootenai Tribes

09:34:27 Jordon Thompson, Confederate Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

09:36:45 Cinda Burd, Montana Native Vote

[EXHIBIT\(tas75a02\)](#)

09:39:28 Dan Wenner, Fort Peck Tribes (FPT)

[EXHIBIT\(tas75a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

09:47:40 Gordy Conn, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:48:01 Sen. Barrett

09:50:27 Mr. Thompson, CSKT

09:50:41 Sen. Barrett

09:51:12 Mr. Wenner, FPT

09:51:20 Sen. Phillips

09:55:28 Rep. Hertz

09:56:13 Chair Webb

09:57:04 Dan Whyte, Department of Revenue

09:57:41 Chair Webb

09:58:23 Mr. Decker, Lake County

09:59:43 Sen. Hoven

10:04:03 Mr. Decker

10:04:19 Sen. Richmond

10:04:55 Mr. Wenner

10:05:04 Sen. Richmond

10:05:55 Mr. Thompson

10:06:05 Sen. Barrett

10:06:39 Dave McAlpin, Montana Tax Appeal Board

10:06:53 Sen. Webb

10:09:32 Mr. Conn, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

10:10:02 Rep. Hertz

10:13:30 Chair Webb

HEARING ON HB 656**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:15:08 Rep. Joel Krautter (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 656, Generally revise oil and gas tax and distribution laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:17:53 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns

10:19:34 Rick Norby, mayor, City of Sidney

EXHIBIT(tas75a04)

10:22:15 Shane Gorder, Montana Association of Counties (MACo) ; Richland County Commission

10:23:08 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association

10:24:59 Shelby DeMars, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties

10:26:35 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties

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

10:27:10 Sen. Pomnichowski

10:27:55 Mr. Gorder, MACo

10:28:21 Sen. Pomnichowski

10:29:07 Rep. Krautter

10:30:15 Sen. Hoven

10:31:18 Mr. Norby, Sidney

Closing by Sponsor:

10:31:46 Rep. Krautter

10:32:58 Chair Webb

HEARING ON HB 673**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:33:29 Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 673, Constitutional amendment to prohibit or limit tax increases on appeal.

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

10:37:24 Dan Whyte, Department of Revenue

Informational Testimony:

10:41:27 Dave McAlpin, Montana Tax Appeal Board

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:41:53 Sen. Barrett

10:44:07 Rep. Zolnikov

10:44:58 Sen. Phillips

10:45:22 Rep. Zolnikov

10:45:52 Sen. Phillips

Closing by Sponsor:

10:46:05 Rep. Zolnikov

Committee Business:

10:47:10 Chair Webb

10:47:51 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division

[EXHIBIT\(tas75a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas75a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas75a07\)](#)

10:50:45 Chair Webb

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:52 AM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas75aad.pdf](#))