

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Becky Beard, on January 6, 2021 at 8:30 AM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Becky Beard, Chair (R)
Rep. Dave Fern, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Tom Welch, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Larry Brewster (R)
Rep. Alice Buckley (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Mark Thane (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Kim Abbott (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Megan Moore, Legislative Branch
Jennifer Murphy, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Kathy Sangray, 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: Organizational meeting.

08:34:04 Chair Beard
08:34:20 Patrick Flaherty, House Sergeant at Arms Staff

EXHIBIT(tah03a01)

08:37:56 Rep. Dunwell
08:38:35 Chair Beard

Introductions:

08:39:06 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
08:39:41 Kathy Sangray, Taxation Committee Clerk
08:40:53 Phoebe Williams, Committee Clerk Supervisor
08:41:15 Brooke Sangray, Committee Clerk
08:41:18 Chair Beard
08:41:52 Rep. Dunwell
08:42:22 Rep. Marler
08:43:39 Rep. Hinkle
08:44:04 Rep. Kerns
08:44:12 Rep. R. Knudsen
08:44:29 Rep. Brewster
08:44:48 Rep. Trebas
08:45:06 Rep. Thane
08:45:16 Rep. Kassmier
08:45:28 Rep. Mitchell
08:45:40 Rep. Malone
08:46:14 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
08:46:34 Rep. Buckley
08:46:52 Rep. Fielder
08:47:25 Vice Chair Fern
08:48:02 Vice Chair Welch
08:48:30 Chair Beard
08:50:13 Megan Moore, LSD
08:52:07 Kathy Sangray, Taxation Committee Clerk
08:53:11 Jennifer Murphy, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)
08:55:08 Megan Moore, LSD

EXHIBIT(tah03a02)

08:59:23 Rep. Trebas
09:00:00 Megan Moore, LSD
09:00:40 Rep. Fielder
09:01:35 Rep. Dunwell

09:02:52 **Motion:** Rep. Dunwell moved that **THE RULES AND PROCEDURES INCLUDE THE REQUIREMENT THAT MASKS BE REQUIRED TO BE WORN BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS, THE PUBLIC AND NEWS MEDIA DURING THE MEETINGS.**

Discussion:

09:03:17 Chair Beard
09:03:38 Vice Chair Fern

- 09:04:58 Megan Moore, LSD
09:05:10 Rep. R. Knudsen
09:05:35 Rep. Dunwell
- 09:06:35 **Vote:** Motion failed by voice vote.
- 09:06:50 Rep. Dunwell
- 09:06:55 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Beard moved that **THE RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE TAXATION COMMITTEE BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried unanimously.
- 09:07:26 Rep. Malone
09:07:47 Megan Moore, LSD
09:08:16 Rep. Buckley
09:08:41 Megan Moore, LSD
09:09:28 Rep. Trebas
09:10:13 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
09:10:59 Megan Moore, LSD
09:12:57 Rep. Kerns
09:13:15 Megan Moore, LSD
- 09:13:48 **Motion:** Rep. Kerns moved that **THE RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE TAXATION COMMITTEE INCLUDE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THOSE TESTIFYING IDENTIFY THEIR STATE OF RESIDENCE.**
- Discussion:**
- 09:13:53 Chair Beard
09:14:01 Megan Moore, LSD
- 09:14:29 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Beard moved that **THE RULES AND PROCEDURES BE ADOPTED INCLUDING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THOSE TESTIFYING IDENTIFY THEIR STATE OF RESIDENCE.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 09:15:06 **Motion:** Rep. Dunwell moved that **THE RULES AND PROCEDURES INCLUDE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE CHAIR RECOGNIZE THOSE TESTIFYING REMOTELY AND IN-PERSON BY TAKING TURNS, 5 AT A TIME.**
- Discussion:**
- 09:16:33 Chair Beard
09:18:23 Rep. Marler
09:19:15 Megan Moore, LSD
09:19:50 Rep. Marler
09:19:59 Chair Beard
- 09:20:08 **Motion:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **A SECOND VOTE BE TAKEN TO CLARIFY THAT THE PREVIOUS VOTE ADOPTED THE RULES AND PROCEDURES AND INCLUDED THE REQUIREMENT THAT THOSE TESTIFYING IDENTIFY THEIR STATE OF RESIDENCE.**

Discussion:

09:20:25 Chair Beard
09:20:30 Rep. Fielder
09:21:21 Chair Beard

09:21:31 **Motion:** Rep. Dunwell moved the AMENDMENT that **PEOPLE TRAVELING TO HELENA TO TESTIFY BE GIVEN PRIORITY AND THEN AFTER THAT, ROTATE BETWEEN THOSE TESTIFYING REMOTELY AND IN-PERSON.**

Discussion:

09:22:27 Chair Beard
09:22:31 Rep. Brewster
09:23:22 Rep. Marler
09:23:31 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
09:24:45 Rep. R. Knudsen
09:24:56 Chair Beard

09:25:00 Without objection, Rep. Dunwell withdrew the BE AMENDED motion.

09:25:30 Chair Beard
09:25:35 Rep. Trebas
09:26:10 Megan Moore, LSD
09:26:42 Chair Beard
09:27:05 Megan Moore, LSD
09:27:26 Jennifer Murphy, RMC

09:27:39 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Beard moved that **THE RULES AND PROCEDURES BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:27:45 Chair Beard
09:35:05 Vice Chair Fern
09:35:59 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
09:36:20 Megan Moore, LSD
09:36:36 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
09:36:52 Chair Beard
09:37:09 Sheldon-Galloway
09:37:57 Rep. Brewster
09:38:10 Chair Beard

Discussion of upcoming training:

09:38:48 Megan Moore, LDS
09:39:59 Chair Beard
09:40:45 Rep. Trebas
09:41:16 Megan Moore, LDS
09:41:52 Chair Beard

09:42:05 Recessed
09:56:02 Reconvened

09:56:15 Chair Beard

09:56:18 Vice Chair Welch

09:59:14 Chair Beard

Department of Revenue Biennial Report:

09:59:30 Chair Beard

09:59:43 Meeting joined by members of Senate Taxation Committee

09:59:50 Megan Moore, LDS

10:00:00 Brendan Beatty, Director of Department of Revenue (DOR)

10:02:11 Ed Caplis, Department of Revenue (DOR)

EXHIBIT(tah03a03)

10:13:15 Chair Beard

10:13:26 Ed Caplis, DOR

10:24:28 Rep. Dunwell

10:25:05 Ed Caplis, DOR

10:33:59 Rep. Kerns

10:34:55 Rep. Fielder

10:35:11 Ed Caplis, DOR

10:36:42 Rep. Trebas

10:37:15 Ed Caplis, DOR

10:37:26 Rep. Malone

10:37:48 Rep. Dunwell

10:38:46 Ed Caplis, DOR

10:38:51 Finn McMichael, DOR

10:40:26 Aaron McNay, DOR

10:41:15 Ed Caplis, DOR

11:00:08 Rep. Dunwell

11:00:15 Ed Caplis, DOR

11:07:50 Vice Chair Fern

11:08:46 Ed Caplis, DOR

11:11:20 Megan Moore, LSD

11:11:30 Ed Caplis, DOR

11:12:48 Chair Beard

11:13:14 Recessed

11:17:12 Reconvened

Introduction of Lobbyists and Interested Parties:

11:17:12 Chair Beard

11:18:21 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association

11:19:04 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association

11:19:50 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

11:21:23 Melissa Lewis, Molson Coors; Charter Spectrum; One Oak; Puget Sound Energy, and Montana Health Co-op.

11:24:19 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center

11:26:49 Chris Puyear, Montana Housing Coalition

11:28:46 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)

11:30:21 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MonTax)

11:32:14 Stewart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association; Montana Land Title Association

11:34:30 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecom Association

11:36:46 Rebecca Meyers, Montana County Treasurers Association and Missoula County

11:37:51 Kate Cholewa, Montana Cannabis Information Association (MTCIA)

11:41:08 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

11:42:30 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

11:43:41 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

11:45:05 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

11:46:27 Allen Lloyd, Montana Society of CPAs

11:47:38 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

11:48:46 Jessie Luther, Anheiser Busch; Talon Montana,

11:50:34 Rose Bender, Montana Budget and Policy Center

11:51:29 Tom Ebzery, Exxon Mobil; XTO Energy; Avista Corp; Portland General Electric; Montana Airport Mangers; and Century Link

11:54:11 Aimee Grmoljez, Crowley Fleck

11:55:29 Mike Green, Crowly Fleck

11:55:58 Aimee Grmoljez, Avista, MDU; NextEra Energy; City of Billings; Montana Bankers Association; CHS Refiner; Pipeline Conoco Phillips; Ash Grove Cement; Helena Sand and Gravel; Verizon; Montana Nonprofit Association.

11:57:00 Darryl James, Montana Infrastructure Coalition

11:58:48 Chair Beard

11:59:37 Vice Chair Fern

11:59:44 Vice Chair Welch

12:00:08 Chair Beard

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00:14

Kathy Sangray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah03aad.pdf](#))